

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of January 24, 2008

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD
Bret Tyler, WSCD
Becky Maholland, WSCD
Jim Shaffer, WSCD
Ray Newcomb, WSCD
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Jim Arden, Consultant
Andrew Knust, Kennedy/Jenks
Danielle Henserson, Washoe County/Flood Project
Kevin, US Army Corp of Engineers
Bill Rosenthal, Hidden Meadows HOA
Harry Pacini, Hidden Meadows HOA

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Chairman Ernie Nielsen called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- Bret made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2007 WSCD Board meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Jim made a motion to move the Hidden Meadows item up in the agenda. Ray seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- No comments.

3. External Agency Reports:

- A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist
- Jim Gifford stated that the last day to sign-up for the EQIP Program would be February 15, 2008. It is open to agriculture producers only.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- No comments.

4. District Projects

- A. Hidden Meadows: update from Jim Arden
- Jim Arden met with the Hidden Meadows HOA reps.

- Harry and Bill from the Hidden Meadows HOA met with Naomi Duerr and discussed the insect problem at the ponds. The expense to the association was \$12,500 for insect control.
- Jim also talked to Paul Urban and WSCD has good support by staff and elected officials concerning Hidden Meadows.
- Andi, Jim Arden and Jim Shaffer met with Richard Gephart and Kevin with the Army Corps of Engineers. Kevin and Richard suggested WSCD opening an escrow account and putting \$30,000 Airport Mitigation funds in that account. Funds would go towards Hidden Meadows rehabilitation. City of Reno currently has \$150,000 available for flood control.
- Bureau of Reclamation has funds for Waters of the Desert that would help put water back into Pyramid Lake.
- Ray made a motion for Andi to open up an escrow account for the \$30,000 from the Airport Authority, and send a letter with the account number on it to the Army Corps of Engineers. Jim Seconded and the motion passed.
- Next phase is to find sources of funding.
- FPCC meeting on February 8 at the Washoe County Commission Chambers
- Bret made a motion to form a subcommittee for Hidden Meadows and Steamboat Creek, where Ray, Andy and Bret would be committee members. Andy seconded and the motion passed.
 - This committee will tap into sources to get additional funds and expand on the Hidden Meadows/Steamboat Creek project.
- Andi will now coordinate Hidden Meadows meetings instead of Jim Arden.
 - Split Jim's time up between Andi and Jim.
 - Ray made a motion for concentrating on one item from agenda per month to keep on task and have shorter Board meetings. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
 - Bret made a motion to give Jim Arden another 20 hours. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - Andi to coordinate a Hidden Meadows committee meeting before February WSCD Board meeting.
- B. Steamboat Creek
 - No comments.
- C. Washoe and Storey County Reviews
 - WSCD to continue to think of new ideas/suggestions to add to reviews that can better the environment and how people think about the environment.
 - Two reviews for Washoe County, no reviews for Storey County.
 - Bret made a motion for Andi to write a draft ordinance for stormwater and send to Dean Haymore and Vince Angle. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- D. Jumbo Grade/Andrew Lane
 - No comment.
- E. Storey Weed Abatement Team
 - No comment.
- 5. Internal District Reports
 - A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer

- Andy made a motion to approve the treasurer's report for December 2007. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Bret made a motion to continue budget for February WSCD Board meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Andi to look up AB137, and ask Sandi about AB 137.
- Andi to put \$5,000 in Jumbo Grade, and see how many years are left in the contract.
- Andi to look up Workman's Comp. contract and contact them.
- Andi to talk to Sandi about FICA and determine how much we owe.
- Andi to look up insurance and issue a letter to the AG office.
 - Are Board Member s covered and what does the money go towards?

2. Revenue including office space/rent

- WSCD is all paid up.
- Jim made a motion to buy paint supplies for the WSCD office. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

3. Authorize payment of expenses

- Bret made a motion to authorize payment of expenses. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

B. General Correspondence – Secretary

- No comments

C. Personnel

- Bret made a motion to form a personnel committee that will discuss insurance and job description. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - Andy, Ray and Ernie will be on the committee.
- Andi and Becky to research and gather resources to consider.
- Andi to scan personnel manual and send out.

6. Old Business:

A. Issues associated with District web-page.

- Andi needs to learn how to post WSCD agendas and minutes on the web-page.

B. Report regarding national conference – Committee

- People are still signing up, the tour will be on Feb. 13 from 1:00-6:00 pm.
- Andi, Andy and Bret are working on the tours.

7. New Business:

A. Possible WSCD project for improving Chalk Creek watershed.

- No comment

B. Discussion and approval for paying NACD dues.

- Ray made a motion to pay \$775 or 1% of WSCD budget to NACD. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Andi to call and see what WSCD needs to pay to be members, \$775 or 1%?

- C. Review WSCD committee structure.
 - WSCD form a storm water committee, and work with the City of Reno and their ordinance process/projects.
- D. Storm water policy issues: Proposed Reno Ordinance, Discussion, Potential Committee and possible action.
 - No comment.

8. Staff/Consultants Items:

- A. Announcements
- B. Report on activities since last meeting
- C. District direction on future staff activities.
 - No comments.

9. Supervisors Items:

- A. Announcements
 - Ray talked to Dr. Miller at UNR and says that he is willing to help WSCD any way that he can.
 - There is LID working in front of the new Student Union. There are pavers that are designed for water infiltration. The grass area is designed to take on any extra water.
 - Will WSCD be able to review any plans for UNR?
 - There will be an Environmental Committee meeting at UNR on February 12 at 1:30 in the Applied Research Building.
- B. Review of activities not otherwise included in agenda items.
 - No comment.
- C. Board membership review vacancy of cities appointed member and potential recommendations.
 - No comments.

10. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to have the next Board Meeting on February 28, 2008 at **4:30** at the WSCD Office. Andy seconded and the motion passed.

11. Adjourn

Andy made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board Meeting at 6:55 p.m. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

Board personnel/Member tasks to complete before January 24, 2008 Meeting:

- Andi to send out an email to Board members tasks she has been working on.
- Andi to send out completed reviews to Board Members.
- Andi to look up AB137, and ask Sandi about AB 137.
- Andi to put \$5,000 in Jumbo Grade, and see how many years are left in the contract.
- Andi to look up Workman's Comp. contract and contact them.
- Andi to talk to Sandi about FICA and determine how much we owe.
- Andi to look up insurance and issue a letter to the AG office.
- Andi to talk to Lynda Nelson and Sue about getting weed data GPS points.
- Andi to send out rough draft agendas 2 weeks in advance of board meetings.
- Andi to scan personnel manual and send out.