

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of January 28, 2009

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice Chairman
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Supervisor
Ray Newcomb, WSCD Supervisor
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Suzy Johnson, Jeff Codega Planning and Design
Ed Dawson, Jeff Codega Planning and Design
Sandi Gotta, NV Division of Conservation Districts
Austin Osborne, Storey County
Jim Gifford, NRCS
Jim Arden, WSCD Consultant
Austin Chavez

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Vice-Chairman Bret Tyler called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Jim made a motion to move item 5 D to Public comments in the agenda. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Ray made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2008 WSCD Board meeting. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- Austin Chavez and his father thanked WSCD for the Board's support for sending him to Nevada Youth Range Camp.

3. External Agency Reports:

A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist

- NRCS has a new State Conservationist for Nevada, Bruce Peterson. Bruce is very supportive of Conservation Districts.
- Jim is still working on EQIP contracts, and Trina Johnson will be in the field office.
- There is a new limit for any grants up to \$2,000.00 annually.
- Jim will provide Andi copies of conservation applicants for review.

- Need an MOU from Jim describing how Districts interact with USDA.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- Governors budget was a 6% pay cut to state employees, and 27% was originally asked to cut.
 - Funding to Districts was cut to \$4,200 from \$5,000.
 - NACD will be held in New Orleans on January 31, 2009.
 - Stimulus package is including energy and conservation.
 - There is a pilot project in Storey County in the Virginia Range where guzzlers will be installed.
 - There will also be a Commission Meeting at UNR on March 12 from 10:00-4:00.
4. District Projects:
- A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews
- Andi completed three review for Washoe County and none for Storey County
 - [Andi to talk to Community Development to make sure WSCD is getting all the plans for Washoe County.](#)
- B. Update on Selmi Drive Project.
- Contractors doing work must show that they have insurance and also sign a contract.
 - Continue to use a separate insurance policy and hold harmless agreement.
- C. Update by Hidden Meadows workgroup.
- Jim and Andi met with Kevin Roukey on December 16, 2008.
 - WSCD should take an equity role in the Hidden Meadows project. District to allocate funds for Hidden Meadows.
 - WSCD to have Jim Arden and Schlumberger Water Services take the lead and have Kevin Roukey present proposed project to the Corp.
- D. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project.
- First flow contained more bacteria and pollutant material.
 - There is a new swale design with a new basin and no sump.
 - There is also a grant for Wetlands 5 and 6 that is leftover from the Army Corps asking Hoeden Homes to release their liability and provide the District with \$15,000.
 - Wetland 16 in south Meadows Property Owner Association met to remediate the wetlands, which is owned by the Normans.
5. Proposed District Projects:
- A. Discussion and approval regarding Double Diamonds Wetlands 5 and 6.
- There is a new application for Crane Ditch. The Army corps has released Schoeder Homes to release their liability and provide the District with \$15,000.
 - Removal of residents out of the flood areas adjacent to Wetland 16.
 - There is also a remedial notion plan to remediate Wetland 16.

6. Storey County Issues:

- A. Discussion of goat and weed issues: noxious weeds in Virginia City and surrounding areas including Storey County Weed Action Committee.
 - Andi and Bret plan on going to all the schools in Storey County and giving a noxious weeds presentation and hand out Weed Warriors coloring books to students.
 - Possible service/learning projects for weeds and pinyon pine during the summer.
- B. Update on the Pinyon Pine Forest Restoration Issue.
 - Homeowners at the Virginia Highlands look forward to revegetation funding for pinyon pine beetle damage.
 - US Forest Service is the lead agency and plans to use several approaches when encountering damage to pinyon pine trees.
- C. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.
 - The second workshop for the Planning Commission and all communities in Storey County will be held on February 5. Items being discussed include: windmills, private and public noise, and light policy for lighting on private properties and maximum and minimum lumens allowed.

7. Internal District Reports

- A. Fiscal
 - 1. Report – Treasurer
 - [Andi to look up the WSCD Fiscal Policy and email to the Board.](#)
 - 2. Revenue including office space/rent
 - WSCD is all paid up.
 - 3. Authorize payment of expenses.
 - 4. Review Budget
 - 5. Audit Report
- B. General Correspondence – Secretary
 - Action items for February WSCD agenda:
 - 1. Appoint a WSCD treasurer.
 - 2. Appoint a new WSCD Board member
 - 3. Form a new accounting plan for WSCD.

9. New Business:

- A. Discussion and approval of purchasing a new desktop computer for WSCD using AB 629 funds.
 - Authorize Andi to look a specifications for new computers and bring specs to February WSCD Board meeting.
 - Bret made a motion to look at computers through grant funding for non-profits. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

- B. Discussion and approval of donating AB 629 funds to geocashers conducting a road clean-up.
 - The geocashers have a strategy to GPS noxious weed locations along Long Valley Creek.
- C. Discussion and approval of allowing Andi to work 40 hours per week when writing proposals and applying for grant funds.
 - Open ended motion allowing Andi to allocate 8 hours per week to researching grants through June 2009 and then re-evaluate. Meet with project chair persons for each project.
- D. Discussion and approval of sending Andi to Nevada Weed Management Association Annual Meeting March 2-3, 2009 in Reno, Nevada. Cost is \$130.
 - Becky made a motion to send Andi and Bret to the Nevada Weed Management Association Annual Meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

10. Staff/Consultants Items:

- A. Announcements.
- B. Report on activities since last meeting.
- C. District direction on future staff activities.

11. Supervisors Items:

- A. Announcements
- B. Review of activities not otherwise included in agenda items.

12. Next District Meeting:

- Next WSCD Board meeting will be held on February 25, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office.
- Agenda items:
 - Appoint a WSCD treasurer.
 - Appoint a new WSCD Board member
 - Form a new accounting plan for WSCD.

13. Adjourn

Becky made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 7:45 pm. Ray seconded and the motion passed.