

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of July 23, 2008

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer
Ray Newcomb, WSCD Supervisor
Andy Flagg, WSCD Supervisor
Jim Arden, WSCD Consultant
Ed Biggs, USDA, NRCS
Suzy Johnson, Jeff Codega Planning and Design

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Chairman Ernie Nielsen called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Andy made a motion to move item 6 D to Public comments in the agenda. Ray seconded and the motion passed.
- Andy made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2008 WSCD Board meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- Suzy Johnson, concerning the Steamboat Creek Project, would be very interested in working towards the goals of the project
- Bret will be securing the \$5,000 from Storey county for Planning Projects
- [Andi to determine how WSCD can incorporate air quality in planning reviews.](#)

3. External Agency Reports:

- A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist
- The new 2008 Farm Bill was approved and there is an aggressive public relations process.
 - Ed provided a handbook on the new Farm Bill as well as a handout on the Conservation Program.
 - Must be a farmer to qualify for the WHIP program, and horses are included.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- Sandi was not able to attend.

4. District Projects

A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews

- Andi completed no reviews for Washoe and Storey Counties.
- WSCD will receive \$5,000 from Storey County for Planning Reviews completed.
- WSCD will receive \$12,500 from Washoe County for Planning Reviews completed.
- Storey County passed a new water ordinance stating that the developer must obtain a water right on the land.

5. Internal District Reports

A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer

- No report.
- ###### 2. Revenue including office space/rent
- WSCD is all paid up.
- ###### 3. Authorize payment of expenses.
- Jim made a motion to authorize the payment of expenses for August 2008. Bret seconded and the motion passed.

B. General Correspondence – Secretary

- **Andy and Andi will put together the 2008-2009 Financial Report, and it was noted that WSCD did not note any interest accrued.**
- Last year it was determined that WSCD did not report State monies which came to \$35,000.
- The State will conduct free audits if WSCD is put on the waiting list.
- There is a catch basin design that will reduce public health issues. A working group met to produce a sumplless basin with a mini-vault collection at the low point.
- **Andi to follow up with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Airport Authority in regards to the \$30,000 mitigation money.**

C. Board membership review vacancy of Cities appointed member and potential recommendations.

- Skill sets:
 - Grant writing with part funding for staff, corporate representative possibly from a government agency or IGT, representation from the School District, public relations, VP of a corporation, environmental projects.
- Weakness:
 - Contacts and projects.
- **Andy and Andi will work together on potential recommendations.**
- **Ray will provide a draft of potential appointee.**

D. Steamboat Creek report by Steamboat Creek and Noxious Weed sub-committee.

- **Bret is currently working on the noxious weed committee along with Andi.**
- Ray provided documentation for Steamboat Creek Restoration Project regarding revitalization of Steamboat Creek, the support of the original notice for the project, the fundamental, quality and cost requirements.
- Need to explore the options of funding and the stake holders involved.

- Determine TMWAR and other major stake holders for the project in order to move forward.
- Jim Arden would be the lead in meeting with the stake holders along with the Conservation Committee.

6. Old Business:

A. Issues and progress made with Selmi Drive Project.

- Washoe County has a drainage easement from Sun Villa Estates for the Parkview Terrace B Project.
- Ernie will work on a contract between Washoe County and WSCD as well as a scope of services agreement.
- Ernie will contact Andi regarding the scope of the landscape design.
- WSCD needs a document from Sun Villa Estates stating that we have access to water and access for construction.

7. New Business:

A. Presentation by Suzy Johnson in regards to the Curti Ranch Crane Ditch clean-up project. –Action

- Suzy will resubmit the Crane ditch Proposal to the Truckee River Fund Group, and Suzy provided a handout to the WSCD Board.

B. Discussion and approval of Andy Flagg becoming the new WSCD Treasurer.

- Jim Shaffer made a motion and nominated Andy Flagg as the new WSCD Treasurer. Ray seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements

- The Board approved the increase in mileage of 58.5 cents per mile.
- Jim Arden contacted the Hidden Meadows HOA about the aerators being installed in the ponds. There was no access being allowed by Jess Arndell. There are still on-going contract negotiations between the Hidden Meadows HOA and Arndell.
- The HOA would like to collaborate with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine who would be a good partner in obtaining ownership of the ponds at Hidden Meadows.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

C. District direction on future staff activities.

9. Supervisors Items:

A. Announcements

B. Review of activities not otherwise included in agenda items.

C. Board membership review vacancy of cities appointed member and potential recommendations.

- Ray and Ernie will talk to Greg Dennis from the City of Reno to determine what each of the stakeholders want/need in regards to Steamboat Creek. Ernie will also email out a list of stakeholders.
- Compliments to Ray for fixing the WSCD phone.

10. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to have the next Board Meeting on **August 27, 2008 at 4:30** at the WSCD Office. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Agenda items:
 - Board Vacancy as an action item.
 - Crane Ditch clean-up progress report by Suzy Johnson.

11. Adjourn

Ernie made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jim seconded and the motion passed unanimously.