

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of June 24, 2009

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer
Austin Osborne, Storey County
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Sand Gotta, Division of Conservation Districts
Matt Vitale, Schlumberger
Suzy Johnson, Somacon
Matt Setty, JBR
Janna Engdahl, Clark Conservation District (Washington State)
Lynn Engdahl, Clark Conservation District (Washington State)

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. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Austin made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 22, 2009 WSCD Board meeting with appropriate changes. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Austin made a motion to move item 6 B after Public Comments. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- There were no Public Comments.

3. External Agency Reports:

- A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist
 - Item continued for July WSCD Board meeting.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
 - The \$4,200 from the State may be increased due to two Conservation Districts who are not in compliance.
 - The State Conservation Commission meeting will be held on July 28, 2009 at 10:00 am.

4. District Projects:

- A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews

- Andi received one review from Washoe County for July. There were no reviews from Storey County.
 - Pat Whitten will pay WSCD review support payments in quarters.
- B. Update on Selmi Drive Project.
- Three women from the Selmi Drive area have a mosquito complaint.
 - Need to get the contractor to hold Lee Nowak and Jon Coleman harmless.
 - Construction will begin in August.
- C. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project.
- Jensen Pre-Cast is working on the drain inlet which will be a sumplex catch-basin. The area around the drain will be graded to allow for better drainage as well as revegetated according to US Army Corps specifications.
 - Contracts are no longer valid with Jeff Codega Planning/Design because he went bankrupt.
- D. Update on Hidden Meadows ponds by Hidden Meadows Subcommittee.
- The subcommittee had two meetings with regards to Hidden Meadows. One meeting was with Matt Setty from JBR and the other meeting was with US Army Corps and Garth Oskol from RTC.
 - It was decided that it would be best to hold off on the Shlumberger and Huffman and Carpenter proposals because US Army Corps recommended the \$30,000 from the Airport Authority be used as project funds as opposed to being used for design pieces.
 - US Army Corps is in favor of setting up an in lieu mitigation bank to create funds for projects at Hidden Meadows and along Steamboat Creek.
 - [Andi to draft a letter of intent to RTC board as well as attend RTC board meetings.](#)
 - If the SE Connector project is approved and moves forward, it may be best for WSCD to hold off on doing any work at the Hidden Meadows ponds so that projects do not conflict with each other.
 - Jim made a motion to temporarily suspend all Hidden Meadows contracts until WSCD hears more about RTC's project proposals with respect to the SE Connector project. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
5. Proposed District Projects:
- A. Update on Double Diamond Wetlands 5, 6 and 16 as well as have Suzy Johnson answer any remaining questions pertaining to South Meadows Watershed Management proposal.
- Kristine Hansen from the US Army Corps and Suzy Johnson are in the process of setting up a stakeholder meeting for Double Diamond homeowners.
 - Suzy's role is to be a fund-raiser and someone who does work on the ground.
 - Wetland 16: the A-channel will be rehabilitated and the front 40 acres will be developed. Reno City Council is in support of this project, but still need US Army Corps approval for the project to move forward.
 - WSCD's role is to use in lieu fees to rehabilitate Wetland 16 and maintain and monitor all restoration work. Need to talk to Kristine about increasing our in lieu fee amount and updating our contract.

- Andi to attend all informal meetings involving Suzy and US Army Corps.

6. Storey County Issues:

A. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.

- Noxious weeds were sprayed twice in Six Mile Canyon.
- Austin is working on updating the sign ordinance which should take about nine months, and also bringing the Storey County Master Plan up-to-date to include the industrial park.

B. Discussion and approval for signing Interlocal Contract # 2009-

03 between Carson Water Subconservancy District, Storey County, and Washoe-Storey and Dayton Valley Conservation Districts.

- This is the letter that will be sent to John Ensign opposing SB 787 which is an amendment to the Clean Water Act.
- Austin made a motion to continue this item and discuss further at the August WSCD board meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

7. Internal District Issues

A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer -Action
 2. Authorize payment of expenses -Action
- Andi to re-send the WSCD Fiscal Policy to Board members
 - Jim made a motion to pay for standard monthly expenses. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
 - [Andi to look around for banks or credit unions offering high interest rates.](#)

8. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

- Andi handed out her July 2009 Staff Report to the Board.

9. Supervisors Items:

A. Announcements

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

- Keep Jim Gifford involved with WSCD and invite Bruce Peterson, NRCS State Conservationist, to an upcoming board meeting.
- Look into WHPP funding to see if it can be used for restoration work at wetlands 5, 6, and 16.
- Austin is now on the Carson Water Sub-Conservancy District Board and they have available stimulus funds for noxious weed eradication.

10. Next District Meeting:

- Austin made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on August 26, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

11. Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 6:55 pm. Austin seconded and the motion passed.