

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of May 26, 2008

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Ray Newcomb, WSCD Supervisor
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Jim Arden, Consultant
Sandi Gotta, NV Division of Conservation Districts
Ed Biggs, USDA, NRCS
Debra Hoffman, USDA, NRCS
Gloria Montero, Weed Warriors
Rachelle Roa
Ben Chavez
Austin Hawes-Chavez

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Chairman Ernie Nielsen called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:55 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Jim made a motion to move items 9A and 9C to Public comments in the agenda. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
- Bret made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2008 WSCD Board meeting. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- No comments.

3. External Agency Reports:

A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist

- Ron Davidson is the new acting State Conservationist for NRCS.
- The Farm Bill was vetoed and then overwritten. The new rules will be out in 90 days. The NACD web-site has a Farm Bill summary, and participants for the 2009 Farm Bill must be signed up by June 27, 2009.
- In March, NRCS finished up the EQIP and WHPP contracts. Washoe county received \$112,000 for EQIP and \$4,000 in WHPP funds.

- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
 - There is a NRCS grant fund opportunity for addressing resource concerns on private grazing lands. The applications are due by June 12, 2008, and there is \$200,000 available nationwide.
 - There have been State budget cuts of 6% and that number is expected to rise in future years.
 - Pam Wilcox’s last day is June 23, 2008. Invite and send her an agenda to the June 18, 2008 WSCD Board meeting.
- 4. District Projects
 - A. Hidden Meadows: update from Jim Arden
 - Andi to get the Hidden Meadows sub-committee together before the June Board meeting. Jim Arden will be in Arizona.
 - Andi to contact the Airport Authority and set up a meeting with Kevin Roukey, Jim Arden, and Richard Gephart.
 - WSCD to look into getting some of the \$6 million from the Desert and Terminal Lakes funding for future projects.
 - Possible sources for matching funds: RTC for wetland mitigation, Flood Control Coalition, NDEP, 319 H Grant funds, and Question 1 money.
 - Ernie will call Katie from the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission.
 - B. Washoe and Storey County Reviews
 - Andi completed one review for Washoe County.
- 5. Internal District Reports
 - A. Fiscal
 - 1. Report – Treasurer
 - Bret made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report for April 2008. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - 2. Revenue including office space/rent
 - WSCD is all paid up.
 - 3. Authorize payment of expenses.
 - Becky made a motion to authorize the payment of expenses for June 2008. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - B. General Correspondence – Secretary
 - Andi will continue to attend the monthly Interlocal Stormwater Committee Meetings and see how WSCD can be involved with LID in Washoe County. Andi to also make a summary of the meetings she attends and send out to Board members.
 - C. Conservation District Annual Work Plan 2007-2008 – Supervisors
 - Discussion and approval of WSCD Budget for FY 08-09.
 - Discussion and approval of WSCD Annual Workplan for FY 08-09.
 - Bret made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Budget, with changes and make sure that it is balanced. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - Jim made a motion to adopt the 2008-2009 WSCD Annual Workplan with proposed amendments. Bret seconded and the motion passed.

- Amendments to annual workplan include: redo Hidden Meadows Project paragraph, cross out Confluence Project paragraph, Ray will redo the Steamboat Creek paragraph and email to Andi, take out grad student and 2005-2006.
- Andi to make adjustments to the 2008-2008 Annual Workplan and Budget and send out to Sandi and Board members.

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.
 - Andi to call Tom Stille from Interpretive Gardens for the reveg specs for the project.
 - WSCD needs a document from Sun Villa Estates stating that we have access to water and access for construction.
 - Bret made a motion to have Jim and Ernie be in the Parkview Terrace sub-committee. Ray seconded and the motion passed.

7. New Business:

- A. Discussion and approval of sending 1 or 2 students to the Nevada Youth Range Camp in June.
- Bret made a motion to send Mario Reza and Austin Hawes-Chavez to the Range Camp for the week of June 15-21, 2008, and pay \$300 for both of their camping fees. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- B. Discussion and approval of adopting the revised WSCD Employment Manual.
- Bret made a motion to adopt the Employment Manual with amendments. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - Andi to get the WSCD personnel committee together before the June WSCD Board meeting.
- C. Presentation by the Gloria the Goat Lady.
- Goats are ideal for the eradication of noxious weeds because they are browsers and not grazers
 - They are great soil conservers, as compared to cattle.
 - Seed control: goats eat the seeds and leaves first, and when leaves are stripped the plant becomes vulnerable.
 - They have a precise grazing technique
 - There is a clean health certificate for each goat.
- D. Discussion and approval for applying for NRCS grant funds.
- Andi will write a grant for grazing goats at Swan Lake and talk to Lynda Nelson about it.
 - Jim made a motion for Andi to submit an application for the NRCS funds. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

8. Staff/Consultants Items:

- A. Announcements
- B. Report on activities since last meeting.
- C. District direction on future staff activities.
 - [Andi to visit more schools for education of kids and noxious weeds.](#)
 - [Andi to email out completed monthly tasks.](#)

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.
 - There will be a staff person to discuss the Storey County Master Plan with WSCD at the June 2008 Board meeting.
 - WSCD Board and staff needs to have another working meeting with Dan Kaffer, possibly in June. [Remind Becky to talk to Dan.](#)

10. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to have the next Board Meeting on **June 18, 2008 at 4:30** at the WSCD Office. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Agenda items:
 - Suzy Johnson to give a presentation about Curti Ranch Project.
 - Move Board Vacancy item to Internal District Issues in agenda.

11. Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Becky seconded and the motion passed.