

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of May 27, 2009

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman

Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman

Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary

Becky Maholland, WSCD Supervisor

Austin Osborne, Storey County

Andi Kemmerer, WSCD

Suzy Johnson, WSCD Consultant

Jim Arden, WSCD Consultant

Sandi Gotta, NV Division of Conservation Districts

Matt Vitale, Schlumberger Water Services

Kevin Roukey, Huffman and Carpenter, Inc.

Dan Kaffer, USDA

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Vice-Chairman Bret Tyler 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.
- Austin made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2009 WSCD Board meeting with appropriate changes. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Becky made a motion to move items 5 D and 6 A and B after External Agency Reports. Austin 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

- The local workgroup meeting was held on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the WSCD office.
 - Jim Gifford will type up the meeting minutes and Andi will forward to the WSCD Board.

B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta

- The next Commission meeting will be held June 10, 2009 on the 4th floor conference room in Sandi's office.
- Still working on the Conservation District project DVD that is going to the Nevada legislation.

- The \$5,000 grants from the state have been reduced to \$4,200 for the next two years.
- The State has released a new handbook for CD supervisors, and Sandi will get one to Austin.

4. District Projects:

A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews

- Andi received one review from Washoe County for April. There were no reviews from Storey County.
- Pat Whitton may pay will pay WSCD review support payments in quarters.

B. Update on Selmi Drive Project.

- Ernie must draft a letter that will hold Lee Novak, land owner/developer, harmless. Ernie will also write an agreement letter for Tom Stille, who is doing landscaping for the project.
- Construction will begin in August.

C. Update by Hidden Meadows workgroup.

- Item tabled for June WSCD Board meeting.

D. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project.

- Still waiting for the results of the percolation test, then construction of new drain inserts can start.
- Signed a contract with James Edwards Engineering to work with Jensen Precast to develop LID drain inserts.
- Currently testing in the actual swales as well as the current conditions in the drains.

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.

- See below.

B. Hidden Meadows restoration proposal and presentation by Jim Arden of Schlumberger Water Services.

- Jim Arden retired form Schlumberger Water Services and Matt Vitale is taking over where Jim left off.
- Kevin Roukey is now working for Huffman and Carpenter, Inc.
- The original Steamboat Creek Restoration Plan written by Kennedy/Jenks must be updated to include increased Boron and Mercury levels in the soils of Steamboat Creek, hydrology also needs to be better understood.
- Mercury contaminated soils must be disposed of on a site approved by the NDEP.
 - Must also determine the impacts of moving Mercury contaminated soil.
 - Andi to do a literature search on methylmercury and do a FOI request for Mercury studies done by the USACE.

- Contributors may also have additional data, i.e. Sewer Treatment Plant, Flood Project, NDOT, etc.
- Must make a plan that lays out what first needs to be done as well as identify key issues that need to be dealt with in order to move forward with the project.
- Proposed deliverables: floodplain credits, riparian habitat, streambank stability, and education.
- Suzy will add more details to her Steamboat Watershed Preservancy Foundation proposal.
- Jim made a motion to accept the Steamboat Watershed Preservancy Foundation proposal and to move forward with the above said approach. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Austin made a motion to invite Kevin Roukey, Suzy Johnson, Matt Vitale and Jim Arden to the June WSCD Board meeting and allow these people to put forward their updated project proposals. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
- Bret made a motion stating that WSCD is willing to commit the \$30,000 Airport Mitigation funds contingent upon further review of submitted proposals and given they provide adequate information to the Board by June 17, 2009. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

6. Storey County Issues:

- A. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.
 - Parts of the Wind Energy is on hold because of questions on wind and sound.
 - Dark Skies plan was passed, and Austin may ask WSCD for assistance with BMPs and erosion control.
- B. Review and approve Memorandum of Understanding between WSCD, Dayton Valley Conservation District, Carson Water Subconservancy, and Storey County for weed mitigation program.
 - NDF Crews will be contracted with to spray noxious weeds in Storey County's Six and Seven Mile Canyons for 8 consecutive days, 3 times per year. Project will be followed up with re-seeding.
 - Austin made a motion to move forward with the MOU between WSCD, Dayton Valley Conservation District, Carson Water Subconservancy, and Storey County weed mitigation program. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
 - Dan Kaffer suggested putting together a conservation tour along the Truckee River and inviting Nevada Senators to hopefully get some noxious weeds eradication funding.
 - Dan offered to email Andi previously written grant samples for Steamboat Creek noxious weed removal and bank stabilization.

7. New Business

- A. Discussion and approval for reimbursing Bret Tyler \$70 for materials used to construct Capital City Farm Days presentation.

- Austin made a motion to reimbursing Bret Tyler \$70 for materials used to construct Capital City Farm Days presentation. Becky seconded, Bret abstained and the motion passed.
- B. Discussion and approval of sending Austin Hawes and Ryan Evans to 2009 Nevada Youth Range Camp.
 - Bret made a motion to send Austin Hawes and Ryan Evans to 2009 Nevada Youth Range Camp. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

8. Internal District Reports

A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer

- Austin made a motion to approve the April Treasurer’s report. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

2. Revenue including office space/rent

- WSCD is all paid up.

B. Conservation District Annual Work Plan 2008-2009 – Action

- Discussion and approval of WSCD Budget for FY 2009-2010.

- Jim made a motion to approve the WSCD Budget for FY 2009-2010 with changes. Becky seconded and the motion passed

- Discussion and approval of WSCD Annual Workplan for FY 2009-2010.

- Bret made a motion to approve WSCD Annual Workplan for FY 2009-2010 with changes. Austin seconded and the motion passed.

8. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

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

9. Supervisors Items:

A. Announcements

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

10. Next District Meeting:

- Austin made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on June 24, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- Agenda items:
 1. Update on Hidden Meadows restoration proposal and presentation by Jim Arden, Kevin Roukey, and Matt Vitale
 2. Discussion and approval for signing Interlocal Contract # 2009-03 between Carson Water Subconservancy District, Storey County, and Washoe-Storey and Dayton Valley Conservation Districts.
 3. Next steps for moving forward with perennial pepperweed control around the

Hidden Meadows Ponds

11. Adjourn

Austin made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 7:10 pm. Becky seconded and the motion passed.