

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of May 26, 2010

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Suzy Johnson, Somacon
Jean Stone, NDEP
Lynell Garfield, City of Reno
Sandi Gotta, NV Division of Conservation Districts

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Vice-Chairman Bret Tyler called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Jim Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2010 WSCD Board meeting with changes. Becky Maholland seconded and the motion passed. Bret abstained.
- Jim made a motion to move item 5 A and 8 B to the end of New Business. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

2. Public Comments:

- There will be a joint city council meeting in July between the cities of Reno and Sparks. And will contact the city of Sparks to get Lynell Garfield on the agenda.

3. External Agency Reports:

- A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist
 - Item tabled for the June WSCD Board meeting.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
 - The State has been asked to do more budget cuts, each District will now be getting \$4,000 for FY 20101-2011.
 - There will be a State Conservation Commission meeting in Carson City on June 10 at 10:00 a.m.

4. District Projects:

A. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project, Phase 2.

- The U.S. Army corps of engineers will not be taking jurisdiction over the Crane ditch, so we will not need to fill out a 404 Permit or a Working in Waterways permit.
- There will be a meeting with the City of Reno to discuss the Crane Ditch and its maintenance plan. Still need to submit a 100% plan to Community Development.
- The maintenance of Crane Ditch for the first 5 years will be done by community volunteers as well as homeowners.
- Suzy also gave a Crane Ditch tour to Jerry Purdy from the Truckee River Fund Board. He encouraged her and WSCD to apply for more funds in the fall of 2010.
- Ernie will work on a contract between WSCD and Suzy Johnson for work on the Crane Ditch.

7. Storey County Issues:

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

- Item tabled for June WSCD Board meeting.

B. Determination of a tentative timeline for Long Valley Creek weed abatement.

- Item tabled for June WSCD Board meeting.

8. Internal District Issues:

A. Fiscal

1. Report – Treasurer

- Ernie will look into finding a pro-bono accountant to help with the WSCD finances.
- Jim made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for April 2010. Bret seconded and the motion passed.

B. Update on Washoe and Storey County review contracts. –Action

- Andi to look into setting up a fee for site visits that will include reveg, hours and mileage. Add as an action item on the June 2010 WSCD Agenda.
- There were no reviews for Washoe or Storey County for the month of May 2010.

C. Conservation District Annual Work Plan 2010-2011. - Action

- Begin development of WSCD Budget for FY 2010-2011 with Board participation and input for proposed new projects.
- Begin development of WSCD Annual Workplan for FY 2010-2011 with Board participation and input for proposed and continuing new projects.
- Bret made a motion to accept the 2010 – 2011 Annual Workplan and Budget with proposed changes. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

9. New Business:

A. Discussion and approval for final draft submission of In-Lieu Fee Prospectus to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. –Action

- Bret made a motion to submit the final draft ILF Prospectus with set fees and recommended changes to the U.S. Army corps of Engineers. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- B. Discussion and approval for signing a contract between Suzy Johnson (Somacon) and WSCD. –Action
 - Ernie will write a contract for Suzy outlining her duties for the remainder of the Crane Ditch Project.
- C. Fill out Conservation District Project Priorities Questionnaire. –Action
 - Andi will send the Board’s responses to Sandi as soon as possible.
 - The State wants to compile all of Nevada’s Conservation District’s projects into a central database. When money becomes available it will be easier to decide where the funding should go.
- D. Determination of an appropriate fee for site visit(s) for reveg on new projects. –Action
 - Andi to look into setting up a fee for site visits that will include reveg, hours and mileage. Add as an action item on the June 2010 WSCD Agenda.
 - Bret made a motion to empower Andi and Jim Shaffer to work on a reveg and monitoring plan for site visits. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
- E. Discussion and approval of proposal to be submitted to Washoe County Parks for tree inventory. –Action
 - Jim made a motion to submit the tree inventory proposal to Washoe County Parks. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

10. Staff/Consultants Items:

- A. Announcements.
- B. Report on activities since last meeting.
 - Andi handed out her May 2010 Staff Report to the Board.

11. Supervisors Items:

- A. Announcements
 - There were no announcements.
- B. Review of activities not otherwise included in agenda items.
 - Andi and Bret will update the WSCD website and add The Steamboat Creek Plan.
- C. Agenda items for June 2010:
 1. Approval of contract between Suzy Johnson and WSCD.
 2. WSCD Board to sign conservation plan for a local landowner.
 3. Determination of a tentative timeline for Long Valley Creek weed abatement.
 4. Conservation District Draft Financial Report for 2010-2011.

12. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on June 23, 2010 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

13. Adjourn

- Bret made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 6:15 pm. Jim seconded and the motion passed.