

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of November 18, 2009

Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer
Andi Kemmerer, WSCD
Suzy Johnson, Somacon
Jim Gifford, NRCS
Ashley Santti, Wood Rodgers
Mark Gookin, Wood Rodgers
Sandi Gotta, NV Division of Conservation Districts
Kristine Hansen, USACE
Garth Oksol, Washoe RTC
Vince Griffith, Double Diamond

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 October 28, 2009 WSCD Board meeting. Bret seconded and the motion passed. Becky abstained from the motion.

2. Public Comments:

- Garth Oksol from Washoe RTC reported that the Washoe RTC's Board will be meeting Friday November 20. Andi will write a letter of support for the SE Connector project and get it to Garth before Friday.

3. External Agency Reports:

A. USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist

- The EQIP deadline is November 27, 2009.
- There is a new Conservation Plan in Warm Springs Valley that needs to be signed by Ernie. The plan involves improving wildlife habitat and habitat for pollinators as well as putting in a well and new irrigation system.

- Bret made a motion to approve the Conservation Plan for Warm Springs Valley. Becky seconded and the motion passed.
 - Jim reported that the NRCS State Technical meeting took place in November and there will be \$5 million available for EQIP projects in 2010. \$150,000 will go to each local workgroup that applies and is approved.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- Sandi gave an update on the NvACD Commission meeting. The Commission came up with a new 5-year plan that changed direction and new priority needs were determined. There will be a database of new projects that Conservation Districts would like to accomplish, but don't have the funding to do so. The Commission will be asking CDs for ready-to-go projects and funding amounts.
 - Andi will scan the Nevada Law worksheets and email to Kristine Hansen and Board members.
 - There will also be a supervisor training to promote partnerships for statewide outreach and marketing. Sandi will get the details to WSCD before the next Board meeting.
 - Bret will put together an email of highlights from the 2009 NvACD meeting. Bret will also meet with Dean Haymore to discuss Storey County issues.
4. District Projects:
- A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews
- Received one project from Washoe County, WSCD grant support funding was cut from the Washoe County Planning budget. Andi will set up a meeting with Dan St. John and Roger Pelham to let them know that WSCD is providing them a service and will continue to do so.
- B. Update by Suzy Johnson on the Crane Ditch project, Phase 2.
- WSCD and Suzy were awarded the grant for their proposal to NDEP for Phase 2 Crane Ditch funding.
 - Andi and Suzy will be working on finalizing Phase 1 of the Crane Ditch Project and moving into Phase 2.
 - There will be a reimbursable funding source and a formal contract with NDEP, which will be put together after thanksgiving. Jean Stone with NDEP will be the contact for the project.
 - Andi to amend the WSCD Work Plan to include volunteer time.
5. Proposed District Projects:
- A. Update by Suzy Johnson on Double Diamond Wetlands 5, 6 and 16.
- The Steamboat Creek Restoration Plan needs to be updated. Andi and Suzy will put together a proposal to update the plan.
 - Vince Griffith stated that they will soon be laying out the plans for Wetland 16 to improve the conditions at Double Diamond. The City of Reno is on board and things are moving forward. The ultimate goal at Wetland 16 is to improve the levee and remove the residents from the floodplain.

- The USACE is willing to meet with Vince Griffith and Roger Norman to further discuss work to be done in the Double Diamond area and Steamboat Creek Corridor.
6. Storey County Issues:
- A. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.
 - Austin is currently working on noxious weed management in Six and Seven Mile Canyons and in the Long Valley Creek area.
 - Becky will set up a site tour of Long Valley Creek with WSCD and NRCS.
7. New Business:
- A. Board membership review of WSCD Board vacancy and Cities appointed member as well as potential recommendations.
 - Austin will ask John Moseley or Scott Carey from PLPT if they are interested in becoming a WSCD Board member.
 - WSCD still needs a City's appointed position.
 - Jim Shaffer will talk to Lynda Nelsen from Washoe County Parks regarding her interest to serve on the WSCD Board as well as talk to Lynell about becoming the City's appointment.
8. Internal District Issues:
- A. Fiscal
 1. Report – Treasurer -Action
 2. Authorize payment of expenses -Action
 - Bret made a motion to approve the October 2009 Treasurer's Report. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
 - B. Status update of Nationwide 27 Permit and In-Lieu fee Program with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 - Kristine Hansen stated that there will be an IRT meeting on Thursday December 17, at 1:00 at the USACE office in Reno. The IRT will decide if they will move forward with the In-Lieu Fee for WSCD. There will need to be a separate meeting to discuss the Steamboat Creek Project and corridor.
9. Staff/Consultants Items:
- A. Announcements.
 - B. Report on activities since last meeting.
 - Andi handed out her November 2009 Staff Report to the Board.
 - Andi to talk to The Nature Conservancy to contract with them mapping noxious weeds. Andi and Becky will meet with Patti Bakker.
 - Andi to send Ernie The Truckee Meadows Weed Coordinating Group Action Plan.

10. Supervisors Items:

A. 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 January 2010:

1. Elected position vacancy.
2. Cities appointed position.
3. Adjustment to WSCD budget.
4. Contractor for Crane Ditch project
5. Increase in Andi's time and salary.
6. Adjustments to WSCD Fiscal Policy.
7. Standing items: Nationwide 27 Permit and In-Lieu fee program.

11. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on December 16, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

12. Adjourn

- Bret made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 6:05 pm. Becky seconded and the motion passed.