

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of October 28, 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
Trina Johnson, NRCS

1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Chairman Ernie Nielsen 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.
- Bret made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2009 WSCD Board meeting. Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- Jim made a motion to move items 5 and 6 after Public Comments. Bret 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
- There will be a local workgroup meeting on November 10, 2009 at 2:00 at the WSCD office. Jim Gifford will send out an agenda to the Board for the meeting.
- B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta
- Item continued for November WSCD Board meeting.

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 Pellam 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.
- Due to the Washoe County Planning budget cut, Suzy determined three new funding mechanisms for WSCD.
 1. Hours compensated for work completed at Wetland 16.
 2. In-Lieu fee funding from Army Corps and mitigation banking along the Steamboat Creek.
 3. NDEP 319 (H) Phase 2 Crane Ditch funding.
 - Suzy Johnson and Andi submitted the Phase 2 Crane Ditch proposal to NDEP and will be presenting on November 6 at 9:30.
 - Jim made a motion to authorize WSCD and Suzy Johnson to move forward with Phase 2 of the Crane Ditch proposal and presentation to NDEP. Bret seconded and the motion passed.

5. Proposed District Projects:

- A. Update by Suzy Johnson on Double Diamond Wetlands 5, 6 and 16.
- All of Wetland 16 is wrapped up in an Army Corps meeting that is happening in December; the Corps is busy trying to get everything in order for work to commence. Andi, the Hidden Meadows subcommittee and Suzy Johnson will attend the meeting.

6. Storey County Issues:

- A. Review progress made with the Storey County Master Plan.
- Austin will be completing the Master Plan by January 2010 and the sign ordinance update is about 98% complete.
 - Andi to send grant support invoice to Pat Whitten.

7. New Business:

- A. Discussion and approval for paying \$345 for Austin Osborne, Bret Tyler and Andi Kemmerer to attend the NvACD Annual Meeting in Fallon, NV (\$210.00 will be reimbursed by Storey County and a \$30 donation from WSCD).
- Jim made a motion for WSCD to pay\$345 for Austin Osborne, Bret Tyler and Andi Kemmerer to attend the NvACD Annual Meeting in Fallon, NV. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
- B. 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 September 2009 Treasurer's Report. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

9. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

- Andi handed out her October 2009 Staff Report to the Board.
- Andi to talk to Terri Svetich to see if WSCD can play a role in the Interlocal Stormwater Committee activities.
- 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:

1. Elected position vacancy.
2. Cities appointed position.
3. Adjustment to WSCD budget.
4. Adjustments to WSCD Fiscal Policy.
5. 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 November 18, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Jim seconded and the motion passed.

12. Adjourn

- Jim made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 7:00 pm. Bret seconded and the motion passed.