

## Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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Board of Supervisors Meeting

Minutes of September 23, 2009

### Present:

Ernie Nielsen, WSCD Chairman  
Bret Tyler, WSCD Vice-Chairman  
Jim Shaffer, WSCD Secretary  
Becky Maholland, WSCD Treasurer  
Austin Osborne, WSCD Chairman  
Suzy Johnson, WSCD Consultant  
Kristine Hansen, USACE  
Carola Smith  
Paula Fisher  
Jim Gifford, NRCS  
John Mosley, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT)  
Scott Carey, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT)

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### 1. Call the Meeting to Order

- Chairman Ernie Nielsen called the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. It was determined that there was a quorum.
- Austin made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2009 WSCD Board meeting. 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

- Jim Gifford presented the NRCS Conservation Plan for WSCD Board approval.
- Jim Shaffer made a motion to approve the Conservation Plan at Winnemucca Ranch. Austin seconded and the motion passed.

#### B. Division of Conservation Services – Sandi Gotta

- Item continued for October WSCD Board meeting.

### 4. District Projects:

#### A. Washoe and Storey County Reviews

- There were no projects for Washoe or Storey Counties.

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

- The percolation tests are complete and the landscape proposal will be completed at the beginning of 2010.
- Suzy provided a written report to Andi as well as Tracy Turner from the Truckee River Fund committee.
- Suzy is also working with Kyle West from City of Reno and Vern Kloss regarding the landscape design from Sage Design. The contract is for \$2,500.00.
- Suzy's contract is for \$2,000.00.
- The Interlocal Stormwater Committee will approve the contract with Sage Design and for Suzy Johnson with Somacon.

C. Update on Hidden Meadows ponds by Hidden Meadows Subcommittee.

- Kristine Hansen stated that RTC will contract with USACE for the SE Connector project. There will be impacts at Steamboat Creek where the Corps will require mitigation. RTC asked for the in-lieu fee from the Corps through the Washoe-Storey Conservation District. RTC will have to start the re-application process.
- Suzy stated that the in-lieu fee is instrumental for the entire Steamboat Creek watershed.

5. Proposed District Projects:

A. Update by Suzy Johnson on Double Diamond Wetlands 5, 6 and 16.

- Kristine Hansen stated that the project will stay in Reno and there will only be one permit. The permit will not be modified in any way and stands "as is".
- Kristine also met with the South Meadows Business Association regarding maintenance of the wetlands and is on hold because they are currently discharging.

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.
- Reno Engineering Corporation is consulting for the wind ordinance.

7. New Business:

A. Board membership review of WSCD Board vacancy and Cities appointed member as well as potential recommendations.

- Austin and Andi attended the PLPT Interdisciplinary Team meeting and they would like to participate in WSCD Board meetings.
- WSCD still needs a City's appointed position.
- Austin made a motion to ask Lynell Garfield from the City of Reno for her Board appointment. Bret seconded and the motion passed.
- 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
  - Ernie handed out the draft Financial Policy.
  - Bret made a motion to continue the Treasurer’s Report for the October WSCD Board meeting. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

B. Discussion and approval of FY 2008-2009 WSCD Annual Report and Final Financial Report.

- Austin made the motion to approve the FY 2008-2009 Final Financial Report. Bret seconded and the motion passed.

9. Staff/Consultants Items:

A. Announcements.

B. Report on activities since last meeting.

- Andi handed out her September 2009 Staff Report to the Board and they approved the MOU between WSCD and the Nevada Land Conservancy.

10. Supervisors Items:

A. Announcements

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

- The Selmi Channel Project will be completed by the Washoe County District Health through approved permitting by USACE.

11. Next District Meeting:

- Bret made a motion to hold the next WSCD Board meeting on October 28, 2009 at 4:30 in the WSCD office. Becky seconded and the motion passed.

12. Adjourn

Becky made a motion to adjourn the WSCD Board meeting at 6:30 pm. Bret seconded and the motion passed.