

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 18, 2016, 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Directors present:

Karen Abowd, Vice Chairman
Brad Bonkowski
Carl Erquiaga
Ray Fierro, Treasurer
Don Jardine
Doug Johnson
Austin Osborne, Storey County representative
Barry Penzel
Chuck Roberts
Fred Stodieck

Directors not present:

Don Frensdorff
Greg Lynn, Chairman
Mary Rawson
Ernie Schank

Staff present:

George Benesch, Legal Counsel
Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager
Edwin James, General Manager
Toni Leffler, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
Debbie Neddenriep, Environmental Specialist

Also present: none

In Chairman Lynn's absence, Vice Chair Abowd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in Room #3137 of the Nevada Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV. The CWSD/Alpine County Joint Powers Board was convened. Roll call was taken and a quorum was determined to be present. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Director Johnson.

Item #5 - Approval of Agenda. *Director Penzel made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.*

Item #6 - Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2016. *Director Bonkowski made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on April 20, 2016. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board, with Directors Rawson and Roberts abstaining for not having been present at that meeting..*

Item #7 - Public Comment - None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #8 - Approval of Treasurer's Report for April 2016. -

Item #9 - Payment of Bills for April 2016.

Director Fierro made the motion to approve the consent agenda, including items #8-9. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

****END OF CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #10 - PUBLIC HEARING - The Carson Water Subconservancy District will hold a Public Hearing on its FY 2016-17 Tentative Budget. Director Abowd opened the public hearing. There was no public nor board comment, so the Public Hearing was closed.

Item #11 - Discussion for possible action regarding rejection, modification, or adoption of the FY 2016-17 Final Budget. Mr. James explained that there were a few proposal changes to the budget was modified on p. 38 of the Board package. On the interest accounts, the interest was increased because of increasing State Local Government Investment Pool interest rates. Employee Benefits decreased by 7,500 with the decrease in family benefits. Lost Lakes expenses increased \$2,500 because of repairs and dam fees. Preliminary Planning was reduced by \$11,000 so that we have maintain the 4% of the total budget for the ending balance.

Mr. James noted that the highlighted underlined items represent changes. In the Acquisition/Construction Fund, one of the CDs recently matured, and staff closed the CD and is moving it to the Investment Pool for better interest. Under construction projects, Lyon County asked for \$25,000, but they were not able to get Community Development Block (CDB) grant. The Floodplain Management Fund had only changes to interest.

Director Fierro made the motion to accept the FY 2016-17 Final Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #12 - Discussion for possible action regarding awarding the Virginia/Rocky Stream Bank Stabilization Project Design to Cardno. Mr. James explained about the modified Scope of Work. There were only a few slight changes. On p. 2, the Washoe Tribe asked for hard copies of the data in Task 1.2, on p. 3 task 2.3, the Tribe wanted a limited entry permit, and Douglas County staff wanted to see the breakdown on p. 10 Exhibit D. This is for the design of the Virginia/Rocky Stream Bank Stabilization Project to a 90% design. The Tribe will be taking it to final design and complete the construction project since it's on Tribal property.

Director Bonkowski asked what happens if the Tribe doesn't get the funding to finish the design and construction. Mr. James responded that the Tribe is eligible for more funding than CWSD, and we have helped them locate funding, possibly Q1. Our agreement with NDEP is only for design.

Director Abowd asked who holds the Tribe accountable for getting the job done correctly. Mr. James responded that the project will require permits from NDEP and ACOE, who will have to approve the Tribe's design before it goes forward. We need to make sure it is in line with our Stewardship Plan.

Director Stodieck asked the total proposed for the entire project. Mr. James explained that it is now two projects which could cost between \$250,000 - \$400,000.

Director Bonkowski made the motion to authorize the General Manager to sign the agreement with Cardno to conduct the design of the Virginia/Rocky Stream Bank Stabilization Project. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #13 - Discussion regarding an update on the Environmental Educational Round Table meeting and the proposed communication plan. Brenda Hunt explained about the Watershed Literacy Action Plan. The Environmental Education Round Table was to discuss the next steps from that plan, the change we would like to create through this plan. We are in progress now with those tasks in the draft Communications and Marketing Plan. It follows the survey done last June. The Environmental Education Round Table was to share information and get buy in. We also have a Spanish version of the physical watershed map and an update to on-line interactive map and timeline.

Ms. Hunt shared some key findings from Watershed Literacy Survey including that 67% of population didn't know they lived in watershed. Watershed health was important to people but they didn't think they had any impact on it. The Draft Marketing Plan looks at demographics, key audiences, key messages, evaluation process. There were over 50 environmental educators at Round Table. Mark Duda, the Executive Director of Responsive Management presented findings from survey. Participants at the workshop talked about how to use messages and tag lines, what they are using now, and what they want to use in the future.

The top messages topics included:

1. Reducing runoff from property can improve water quality.
2. The Carson River and its watershed is the source of drinking water.
3. Inform residents that they live in watershed.
4. Yard and land maintenance affect the Carson River and watershed.
5. Connect residents' health and quality of life to health of their watershed.
6. Educate residents on the importance of reducing polluted runoff.
7. Protect water quality and avoid wasting water.
8. Proper disposal of used oil and hazardous materials

The most needed topic message to improve watershed health was connecting residents' health and quality of life to the health of the river and watershed. The Carson River and watershed is the source of drinking water.

The next step is to create a campaign. Following the round table some of the new partners in attendance are joining the CRC Education Working Group. The draft Spanish translation of the watershed map and timeline is being revised with the hope to have the map printed by the end of June.

Staff will present the online interactive map to the Board when it is all populated and done. RDM Infinity who did our website, has finished working on the platform, so all staff has to do it populate it. Staff now has complete content control.

Director Fierro asked whether we will provide feedback to the telephone survey participants. Ms. Hunt explained that the survey was an anonymous survey and we don't have participant phone numbers. Director Fierro asked how many people came to Round Table. Ms. Hunt responded that there were 48 participants.

Director Fierro asked what the plan is to get the Spanish translation of the map out to the Spanish community once it is finished. Ms. Hunt responded that staff will get it out to the United Latino Community and churches. We also have contacts in Douglas County. We will research exactly where the maps will go, but we are developing relationships with the Latino community, as well as in schools.

Director Stodieck suggested that a good platform for informing kids might be the Douglas County Farm Day events are held three or four times a year involving a lot of kids.

Ms. Hunt also mentioned an organization called HECHO (Hispanics Enjoying Camping Hunting in the Outdoors).

No action was required on this item; receive and file.

Item #14 - Staff Reports

General Manager - Mr. James reported: 1) A group of about 35 people recently did a float trip down the upper Carson River. Shane Fryer put together a video which was shown to the Board. Everyone had a good time and this was a good opportunity to network and address river issues. Diverse group including folks from USFS and county Supervisors. 2) Mr. James has been going to all the counties and talking about projects for potential Q1 funding. He will be coming up with a list of projects and bring it back to CWSD Board, which serves as the coordinating committee for the Carson River Watershed. Recommendations will then be made to the State. The State does not have any staff to work on this, we will push to move it forward. The Carson River Corridor has \$3.5 million in Q1 funding left. 3) The Board will be starting with summer field trips and staff will be contacting Board members for ideas. 4) Mr. James has been talking with Board members. One suggestion is to have a Water Summit in January or February of 2017 and invite legislators to come before the next session starts.

Ms. Hunt reported: 1) The "Get on the Bus" tour will be on June 6-7, 2016. 2) Staff is also considering a Heenan Lake tour soon if anyone wants to go.

Legal –Mr. Benesch had nothing in particular to report.

Correspondence – As handed out at the meeting.

Item #15 - Directors' Reports

Director Johnson had pictures from the float trip which he showed to the Board.

Director Jardine commented that two Alpine County Supervisors were in Sacramento today lobbying for reduced rates for Lost Lakes. 2) Thanked Mr. James for coming to the last Alpine County Supervisors' meeting to give a water report. 3) The Pony Express ride will be leaving Sacramento on June 15 and going through Hope Valley, Genoa, and Carson City as it makes its way east.

Director Osborne reported that Storey County is getting closer to completion of its Master Plan. 2) Continuing to work on properties to replace parts of the Marlette to Virginia City pipeline. 3) Storey County has been active in coordinating the noxious weed abatement program, for which Storey County has funds budgeted and is looking for other funding.

None of the other directors had anything specific to report.

Item #16 - Public Comment. None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Penzel made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Stodieck. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Leffler
Secretary