

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
May 15, 2019, 6:30 P.M.

Minutes

Vice Chairman Thaler called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at River Fork Ranch, 399 Genoa Lane in Minden. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Brad Bonkowski, Treasurer
Don Frensdorff, Director
Stacey Giomi, Director
Ken Gray, Director
Jack Jacobs, Director
Barry Penzel, Director
Ernie Schank, Director
Fred Stodieck, Director
Steve Thaler, Vice Chairman
Mike Workman, Director

Others present:

Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Manager
Mark Gookin, Public
David Griffith, Committee Member
Edwin James, General Manager
Don Jardine, Committee Member
Lori Leonard, Public
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II
Austin Osborne, Committee Member
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
Rich Wilkinson, Public

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chairman Thaler.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Manager, announced that our AmeriCorps Watershed Technician, Justin Bedocs will be leaving us in early June. He was hired by Nevada Division of Water Resources as a Well Supervisor. Justin did a great job for CWSD and he will be missed, but we're happy to see him move forward in his career within the Carson Watershed!

Director Thaler thanked Mr. James for coordinating the Carson River Float as our field trip for the Board this afternoon.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda. Vice Chairman Thaler announced that after completing the Consent Agenda we would be moving the order of our presentations to: Item #10, Item #15, Item #11 and then back to numerical order on the agenda.

Director Gray made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019.

Director Penzel made the motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item # 7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April 2019.

Item # 8 - For Possible Action: Payment of Bills for April 2019.

Item # 9 - For Possible Action: Approval to name Catrina Schambra as Secretary to the Board.

Director Schank made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Item #10 –CVCD Presentation: Rich Wilkinson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Carson Valley Conservation District (CVCD) and their river projects, including before and after pictures.

CVCD Priorities are channel clearing, snagging and maintenance; river restoration; bioengineering; education outreach; NDOT stormwater, and erosion mitigation from rightaway; floodplain rehabilitation; noxious weed treatment; assisting agriculture and assisting NRCS with programs.

CVCD Projects:

- Channel clearing, snagging and maintenance at HWY 88 Bridge: removed 8,136 cubic yards of flood debris. Manually cut, burned and removed 2 large woody debris piles.
- Channel clearing and snagging at Lutheran Bridge: Removed 8,448 cubic yards of flood debris. Manually cut, burned and removed 18 large woody debris piles.
- Channel clearing, snagging & maintenance Cradelbaugh Slough. Removed 2,250 cubic yards of sediment. Manually cut and chipped 8 tons of dead willows and trees. Reseeded 1 acre of disturbed ground. Installed filtration waddles near mouth of river.

Educational Outreach: Work with River Wranglers on annual Carson River workdays; Assist NRCS with Ag in the classroom; Present to Douglas County Commissioners; Present to Douglas County Planning Commission; Work with Douglas High School FFA; and Establishing a paid student intern position from Douglas High School.

River Restoration & Bioengineering:

- Cradelbaugh Riverbank Project: Landowner lost additional 25 feet of bank last year. Still waiting on Corp. permit; Project length extended 50 feet. Landowner fence hanging over Carson River.
- Bioengineering: Willow poles, Willow bundles, Willow mattress, Willow fascines; Juniper tree revetments, COIR fabric, reseeding and noxious weeds & floodplain rehabilitation.

Operational Issues: Limited or inconsistent funding; Very slow turnaround on requests for permits; Additional regulatory permit requirements; Bids exceeding engineering estimates, Funding opportunities occur at different times during the year.

Mr. Wilkinson thanked CWSD for its support. No action was taken.

Item #15 – Cardno Presentation: Presentation by Mark Gookin, Cardno Engineering regarding the Voltaire Flood Remapping Study. He showed technical renderings of the various stages of their remapping study and explained the importance of the update for engineering projects and flood awareness in our area.

No action was taken.

Item #11 – River Fork/Nature Conservancy Presentation: A presentation by Lori Leonard, The Nature Conservancy of River Fork Ranch. Lori presented a gallery of pictures illustrating the beauty of the River Fork Ranch and its importance to the Watershed. She is new to the area and excited to be part of the growth of NCR and River Fork Ranch involvement in local projects for the Carson River Watershed community.

No action was taken.

Item #12 – For Discussion Only: Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Final Budget – Mr. James explained the timing of our Board meetings and the scheduled Public Hearing for our Tentative 2019-20 Budget on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 8:30am. After the public hearing, the Board will approve the final budget. Mr. James asked is any Board Member had questions regarding the final budget. There were no questions.

No action was taken.

Item #13 – For Possible Action: Approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding with Alpine County to allow CWSD to receive funds from Alpine County and for CWSD to compensate the Alpine County representatives for their participation in attending CWSD meetings, meals and other expenses, in accordance with the CWSD’s policy for compensating CWSD’s Directors.

Director Gray made the motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Alpine County as presented, with the correction of a minor typo. The motion was seconded by Director Schank and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #14 – For Possible Action: Discussion regarding the 2019 Nevada Legislative Session. Mr. James gave a brief report of the status of the bills in this legislative session which were listed in detail in the Board Agenda package. He went over specific bills.

No action was taken.

Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

General Manager - Mr. James reported on the following:

- The June Board Meeting will be in Churchill County with a tour of the HydroElectric Plant guided by Director Schank.
- Rob Loveberg is finishing up the Flood Ordinances and they will be sent to each county in the next few months.
- Working on MAS 10 FEMA Funding.

Debbie Neddenriep reported that she is working with the Silver Jackets on an alluvial fan mapping of Carson City and Douglas County, south of Indian Hills. May provide Lidar potential study. FEMA MAS 10 also included outreach and education.

Legal – None

Correspondence - None

Item #17 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports

Churchill County – Director Schank asks about the possibility of putting on a grant writing workshop. Mr. James mentioned that CWSD has been very successful in getting grants. Example: the BOR/Smart Grant is apparently hard to get, yet we have received it several times. Staff will work with our partners to get grants.

Item #18 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County.

Committee Member Griffith reports the Superfund Site/Leviathan water in pond is fine. There was a concern they might overflow, but the state got there and started treating, so no overflow occurred.

Don Jardine reports on the LAMP Program which may require monitoring of septic tanks that are located on small parcels. He is looking forward to the Douglas High School 50-year reunion.

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County. – USDA grant/loan for new sewer system for Gold Hill.

Item #20– For Discussion Only: Public Comment – Debbie Neddenriep reports Alpine County Well Measuring (CASGEM/CWSD) Monitoring Plan since 2010. The plan has now been accepted by California.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Thaler adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra
Secretary to the Board