

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
January 15, 2020, 6:30 pm

Minutes

Chairman Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm in the Bonanza Room, Carson City Community Center at 851 E. William Street. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Brad Bonkowski, Treasurer
Carl Erquiaga, Chairman
Stacey Giomi, Director
Ken Gray, Director
Jack Jacobs, Director
Barry Penzel, Director
Ernie Schank, Director
Larry Walsh, Director
Mike Workman, Director

Absent CWSD Directors: Ernie Schank and Fred Stodieck.

Roll call of the Caron River Watershed Committee was taken which included CWSD Directors and Committee Member Don Jardine.

Absent CWSD Committee Members: *David Griffith and Austin Osborne.*

CWSD Staff present:

Shane Fryer, CWSD Watershed Program Specialist
Brenda Hunt, CWSD Watershed Program Manager
Edwin James, CWSD General Manager
Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD Water Resource Specialist II
Catrina Schambra, CWSD Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board

Others present:

Dan Greytak, Public	Francisca Mendive, CVCD
Dan Kaffer, River Wranglers	Yvonne Reilly, Public
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney	George Wilkinson, Public
Ed Kleiner, Comstock Seed	Richard Wilkinson, CVCD
Dawn McGill, Public	Riley Wilkinson, Public
	Valerie Wilkinson, Public

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Erquiaga.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Mr. James asked to take a moment to recognize Director Brad Bonkowski and thank him for his service to CWSD. He presented him with an engraved pen to commemorate his five years of service as both a Director and the Treasurer of the CWSD Board of Directors.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Thaler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of Dec. 18, 2019

Director Bonkowski made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of Dec. 18, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

Item # 8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2019

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

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

Item # 9 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of the Carson Valley Conservation District on the Cradlebaugh River Restoration Project

Richard Wilkinson and Francie Mendive presented an overview of the Cradlebaugh project that is just days away from completion. They showed pictures showing the erosion and 38 feet of bank that was lost, then gave a pictorial guide of the project addressing the damage. There was discussion of the permits required with the county and tribal entities and time it took to get past these hurdles. The landowner was great to work with, even though he lost bank in the project. Mr. Wilkinson explained the extensive clearing and snagging work that was done and weed treatments. He reported over 700 acres were reseeded so far this year. He thanked CWSD for its patience in getting this project to completion, but it turned out great in the end. He is very happy and proud of the results.

No action was taken.

Item # 10 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of the 2020 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award to Richard Wilkinson

Chairman Erquiaga presented the 2020 Andy Aldax award to Richard Wilkinson with many friends, colleagues and family members in attendance for the occasion. Mr. Wilkinson recognized the many people who have helped him in his career and thanked CWSD for their continued support and guidance. Several audience members spoke to honor his many years of service and dedication to the Carson River Watershed.

No action was taken.

Item # 11 - For Possible Action: Approval of the new CWSD Overview Video

The new CWSD Overview Video was shown to the Board and guests. After viewing, Mr. James thanked staff members Brenda Hunt, Debbie Neddenriep and Shane Fryer for a job well done. They put in lots of hours and hard work to make it happen.

Director Giomi said he thought it would be good to show new County Commissioners and all County Board Members, so they know what CWSD is and what we do.

Director Gray made a motion to approve the new CWSD Video as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #12 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –

Mr. James reported on the following:

- The Legislative Committee will be meeting on January 31 to discuss proposing legislation that would make Carson River Committee Members official CWSD Directors.
- The Finance Committee will meet in February to review funding requests for FY 2020-21.
- The FEMA Charter meeting re: MAS 11 Projects is set for February 5.
- The Administrative Committee will meet in March to discuss a new motto for CWSD.
- NDEP has contacted Shane regarding his Drone use. They are discussing a proposal to include this in the future.
- Karen Abowd’s beloved son, Eric passed away last week. His memorial service will be February 1 at 2pm at Carson High School. Karen was a CWSD Director for many years. We send our deepest sympathy to her and her family for their tragic loss.

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- The CRC Forum has been set for March 10-11, 2020 at WNC. Please save the date!
- She has the latest newsletter for Directors to share with their local boards.
- She has distributed a handout to update the Board on our outreach efforts and social media presence. We even have nation coverage! It is very exciting to get our message out there. So far, eight Water Purveyors have distributed our “I AM CARSON RIVER” stickers in their utility billing to their customers!

Legal – None

Correspondence – None

No action was taken.

Item #13– For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –

Director Gray said he thinks that since Shane has his FAA107 license for his Drone use, we ought to look into supporting his efforts in this area.

No action was taken.

Item #14 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –

Committee Member Jardine reported he was just reappointed for another 4-year term with Alpine County. He thanked CWSD for their continued support.

No action was taken.

Item #15 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County – None

No action was taken.

Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Erquiaga adjourned the meeting at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board