

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 21, 2020

**Draft Minutes**

***The CWSD October 21, 2020 Board of Directors meeting was held via Zoom Videoconference and teleconference due to Governor Sisolak's statewide Emergency Directive in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.***

Director Thaler called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

**CWSD Directors present:**

Stacey Giomi, Director  
Ken Gray, Director  
Jack Jacobs, Director  
Barry Penzel, Director  
Ernie Schank, Director  
Steve Thaler, Director  
Larry Walsh, Director  
Mike Workman, Director

**Absent Directors:** Brad Bonkowski, Carl Erquiaga & Fred Stodieck.

Roll call of the Caron River Watershed Committee was taken which included CWSD Directors and Committee Members Kathy Canfield and David Griffith.

**CWSD Staff present:**

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

*The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Thaler.*

**Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment** – None

**Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda**

*Director Thaler proposed moving items 9-12 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Director Schank made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Director Walsh and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of Sept. 16, 2020**

*Director Jacobs made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\***

**Item #7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer's Report for September 2020**

**Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for September 2020**

*Director Schank made a motion to approve Consent Agenda (items 7 & 8 only) as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.*

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

**Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of Contract #2020-15 CARDNO - Clear Creek Floodplain Restudy and Remap in an amount not to exceed \$161,360.**

**Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of Contract #2020-16 JE FULLER - Ruhenstroth ADMP Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$89,284.**

**Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of Contract #2020-17 NHC - Smelter Creek LOMR study in an amount not to exceed \$59,930.**

**Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of Contract #2020-18 HDR - Emergency Response Modeling Project for the Carson Valley in an amount not to exceed \$44,683.**

Items 9-12 were moved from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Director Thaler read items 9-12 into the record. Mr. James reported an issue has been brought up by our current auditor regarding FEMA MAS contractor selections and CWSD's procurement procedures. The process of moving forward with these agreements will be on hold until the issue is resolved.

*Director Giomi made a motion to approve the General Manager signing Contracts #2020-15, #2020-16, #2020-17 & #2020-18 as presented, contingent on approval from FEMA to proceed. The motion was seconded by Director Penzel and unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item#13 - For Discussion Only: Update on the Carson River Watershed Webinar Workshop**

Mr. James reported on CWSD's first Webinar, which was a great success given the participation and great reviews received. There were 113 registrations, 16 speakers/panelists and the CWSD staff participating in the 8-hour workshop.

Director Workman and Director Jacobs were among the attendees and commented that they really enjoyed the chat feature and Q & A. Director Jacobs thought it was really well done and has great educational value for the public. He will encourage Douglas County Planning to view the presentations. Outstanding job kudos to all involved!

Committee Member Griffith was able to attend two of the presentations and thought they were very good, too.

Director Thaler gave kudos to the staff and is looking for to the links being sent to the Board for viewing on the website and on YouTube.

*No action taken.*

**Item#14 - For Discussion Only: Update on the 2020 Water Year**

Mr. James gave a slide presentation on the 2020 Water Year to the Board.

*No action taken.*

**Item #15 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –**

Mr. James reported on the following:

- Updated on the Single Audit which currently in progress. The report will be presented at the November 18 meeting.
- He released 130AF water at Lost Lakes. The access road is getting worse every year. He is still looking into moving the water right, but it is a 3-4-year process. He will keep the Board advised.

Brenda Hunt reported on the following:

- Staff received a notices today that CWSD has been selected by GREENevada, greenUP!, and the Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce, to be the recipient of a **2020 Golden Pinecone Award!** CWSD is being recognized our “outstanding work towards sustainability.” CWSD will receive a Golden Pinecone Award under the Safeguard Water Resources / Ecosystem Preservation category. The Golden Pinecone awards have been an environmentalists' tradition in Northern Nevada since 1988. There were over 60 nominations this year — it is an honor and a prestige to be nominated and selected for this award. There will be a virtual celebration during the Golden Pinecone Ceremony on December 3rd, from 10:30-12:30.

**Legal –**

Patrick King reported on the following:

- The Walker Lake court case that has been before the Nevada Supreme Court has concluded and the position adopted was an opinion consistent with our Amicus Brief. He is very proud and happy with this decision. The Nevada Supreme Court (NVSC) is the highest court in Nevada. The Ninth Circuit now needs to dismiss the lawsuit based on this NVSC decision. Public Trust is being followed. All waters in Nevada (Public Water Rights) are owned by the people of Nevada. This is a good decision for us!

**Correspondence –** Hobart Dam Grant support letter. (Handout posted.)

*No action was taken.*

**Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –**

- Director Penzel announced he received the CWSD letter for January Director appointments.
- Director Jacobs announced he has decided to sell his farm and move closer to the grandkids. He will be around for another year and then the family is moving.
- Director Gray mentioned that there is a person living in an RV next to the river and is dumping his raw sewage into the river. He has been involved in reporting it to code enforcement and is seeking criminal charges.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #17 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –**

- Committee Member Griffith reported that hazardous algal blooms have been bad this year. It keeps getting worse. This will sicken or kill dogs, so he warns everyone to be careful with their pets around the river.
- Sewage dumping is a national problem, especially now.

*No action was taken.*

**Item #18– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County –**

- Kathy Canfield reported the Storey County Water Tank Replacement and Gold Hill Treatment projects are still moving forward.
- At the November Boarding meeting Storey County will be addressing ways to implement the Dayton ADMP.

*No action was taken.*

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Thaler adjourned the meeting at 7:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra,*

Secretary to the Board

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