

**CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
November 18, 2013, 9:00 A.M.**

Meeting Minutes

Directors Present:

Karen Abowd, Carson City
Ray Fierro, Lyon County
Don Frensdorff, Douglas County
Mary Rawson, Alpine County
Ernie Schank, Churchill County (by teleconference)

Staff Present:

Ed James, General Manager
Toni Leffler, Administrative Assistant

Others Present: none

Director Abowd called the meeting of the Administrative Committee to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Conference Room of Carson Water Subconservancy, 777 East William Street, Suite 110, Carson City, Nevada. A quorum of the Administrative Committee was present.

Item #2 - Public comment - None

Item #3 - Discussion for possible action regarding approval of the Administrative Committee minutes from May 29, 2013. *Director Fierro made a motion to approve the Administrative Committee minutes from May 29, 2013. Director Rawson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Administrative Committee, with Director Schank abstaining for not being a regular member of the Administrative Committee and not being present at that meeting.*

Item #4 - Discussion for possible action regarding nominations for the 2014 Andy Aldax Award candidates. Mr. James noted that every year we accept nominations for the Andy Aldax Award and gave a little history of the creation of the award. This year we received two nominations: the Carson City Open Space Program by Lynn Zonge of Resource Concepts, Inc. (RCI) and Judy Wickwire in Alpine County by Sarah Green of Alpine Watershed Group. Mr. James verbally nominated Moody and Genie Azad during the meeting.

Director Schank noted that he doesn't like the idea of giving the award to a group but instead basing it on individual achievements. He did like idea of nominating the Azads since they have done a lot with the watershed.

Director Fierro asked if CWSD makes one or more awards per year. Mr. James responded that the Andy Aldax Award is the only one given by CWSD and is only once a year.

Director Abowd noted that it is important to recognize volunteerism above paid work since the efforts of a volunteer are not for reward or compensation. Mr. James noted that both Moody and

Genie put in a lot of volunteer time above what was paid for. Genie's expertise and effort was what pulled the Watershed Plan together.

Director Rawson noted that Judy Wickwire is involved in volunteering her time toward many projects with many entities. In researching Ms. Wickwire's qualifications to receive this award, Director Rawson called several people to learn of their experiences with and knowledge about Ms. Wickwire. Director Rawson learned that Ms. Wickwire is very forthright and volunteers for a variety of projects rather than picking and choosing favorites. Director Rawson noted that the Committee needs more information about all the candidates to make a fair choice. Director Schank asked that Mr. James submit a written nomination for the Azads with details about their volunteer efforts.

Director Schank made the motion that the Administrative Committee recommend that the nominations for both Judy Wickwire and the Azads be forwarded to the Board for consideration and selection by the broader group. Director Fierro seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Administrative Committee.

Item #5 - Public comment. Director Fierro asked if we do certificates of appreciation for people who are recognized outside of the Andy Aldax Award. He explained that he is familiar with a system of giving certificates of appreciation or commendation as acknowledgement of more people's efforts; then receipt of those certificates might lead to nomination for the greater award. Director Schank noted that another group with which he is associated gives certificates of appreciation by the President of their group. He suggested that perhaps CWSD could give similar awards at Christmas banquet annually.

Director Schank asked for an update on the Lost Lakes dam situation. Mr. James reported that Shane Fryer of the Alpine Watershed Group had volunteered to dive into the five to six feet of cold water left in the reservoir to help clear the gate so the water could drain. Debbie Neddenriep went to Lost Lakes the following week with Director Stodieck and several hired workers to repair the gate and finish clearing the sediment. He said that Director Stodieck had recognized that the gate had not been installed correctly and, using his experience as a farmer, made several suggestions for improving the dam and outlet. Director James proposed inviting Shane Fryer and his wife to the Christmas dinner as a way of thanking him for his help.

There being no further business to come before the Administrative Committee, Director Fierro made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Rawson, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Leffler
Secretary