

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
 CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
 December 13, 2017, 6:30 P.M.
 Minutes

In Chairman Abowd's absence, Vice Chairman Erquiaga called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:38 p.m. in Room 202 of the NAI Alliance offices, 1000 N. Division St., Carson City, NV. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Brad Bonkowski
 Carl Erquiaga, Vice Chairman
 Doug Johnson
 Barry Penzel
 Ernie Schank
 Steve Thaler

Directors not present:

Karen Abowd, Chairman
 Don Frensdorff
 Ken Gray
 Chuck Roberts
 Fred Stodieck

Staff present:

George Benesch, Legal Counsel
 Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Technician
 Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager
 Edwin James, General Manager
 Toni Leffler, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
 Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II

Also present:

David Griffith, Alpine County
 Don Jardine, Alpine County
 Austin Osborne, Storey County

Call to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Erquiaga

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda. *Director Schank made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Thaler and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.*

Item #6 – For Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes from October 18 and November 15, 2017. Mr. James noted that there was a delay in recording the beginning of the October meeting, so approval of the October 18 Minutes needs to be ratified this month, as well as approval of the Minutes from the November 15 meeting: *Director Penzel made the motion to ratify approval of the Minutes of the October 18 Board meeting as amended and approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2017, Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Bonkowski and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #7 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for October and November 2017.

Item #8 – For Possible Action: Payment of Bills for October and November 2017.

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval to extend the Interlocal Agreement #2015-1 between CWSD and River Wranglers to conduct the Carson River Watershed Environmental Education Program.

Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2017-17 between CWSD and River Wranglers to conduct the Carson River Watershed Environmental Education Program in the amount of \$46,900.

Item #11 – For Possible Action: Approval for the General Manager to attend the 2018 NWRA Annual Conference in Las Vegas on February 26, March 1, 2018.

Item #12 – For Possible Action: Approval of the revised FY 2016-17 CWSD Audit.

There was no public comment. *Director Penzel made the motion to approve Items #7-12 of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Thaler and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.*

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RECESS TO CONVENE AS
THE CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Item #13 – Roll Call – Director Erquiaga convened the Carson River Watershed Committee and a roll call was taken.

Committee Members present:

- CWSD Directors as presented in roll call above
- David Griffith, Alpine County
- Don Jardine, Alpine County

Committee Members not present:

Karen Abowd
 Don Frensdorff
 Ken Gray
 Chuck Roberts
 Fred Stodieck

Item #14 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – Director Schank asked if David Griffith and Don Jardine should be addressed as Supervisors. Mr. James noted that they could be and mentioned that staff is working with Storey County to reach an understanding so they can participate as a Carson River Watershed Committee Member.

Item #15 – For Possible Recommendation: Approval of the proposed CWSD Carson River Watershed Committee Policy. Mr. James explained that on p. 37 of the Board packet is the policy which was left out of the November meeting.

Committee Member Thaler made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend CWSD Board approval of the CWSD Carson River Watershed Committee Policy. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Jardine and unanimously approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #16 – For Possible Recommendation: Selection of a candidate to receive the 2018 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award. Mr. James explained that the Administrative Committee had reviewed all the nominees for the 2018 Andy Aldax Award and recommended award to Dr. Steve Lewis. All four candidates were very worthy candidates, but Dr. Lewis has been very active in the watershed.

Committee Member Schank made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend that the CWSD Board approve Steve Lewis to receive the 2018 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #17 – For Possible Recommendation: Selection of CWSD Committee Members for 2018.

Mr. James explained that none of the CWSD Directors requested to change their committee assignments for 2018. Therefore, the Administrative Committee recommended that the committee membership for 2018 stay the same as for 2017:

- Administrative Committee – Directors Abowd, Erquiaga, Frensdorff, Griffith, and Roberts.
- Finance Committee – Directors Bonkowski, Gray, Jardine, Thaler, and Schank.
- Legislative Committee – Directors Abowd, Johnson, Osborne, Roberts, Schank, and Thaler.
- Regional Water System & Flood Committee – Directors Bonkowski, Erquiaga, Gray, Jardine, Osborne, Penzel, and Stodieck.

Committee Member Schank made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend that the CWSD Board approve the 2018 CWSD Committee assignments as listed above. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Bonkowski and unanimously approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #18 – For Possible Recommendation: Authorize CWSD staff to pursue EPA/NDEP Clean Water Act Section 208 Planning funding.

Brenda Hunt explained that on p. 154, the Governor appointed CWSD as the 208 Planning Entity for the Carson River. Every three years we receive \$40,000 which must be used for planning, not for a project. In 2015, CWSD did the Low Impact Development (LID) Study. We are proposing to continue this process with this year's money. Staff has talked with county staff members who agree that it would be a good idea to look at everyone's ordinances and identify any conflicts with LID procedures. The scope of work to hire a contractor is attached. CWSD staff will administer the grant.

Mr. James noted that no CWSD funding is used for studies, which was the directive of the Board. Mr. Penzel suggested a study of what to do with Lost Lakes. Mr. Schank suggested educating people to not put crankcase oil in the sewer/stormwater systems. Ms. Hunt noted that we may be able to deal with that in our Watershed Literacy Campaign. Mr. Penzel mentioned that separators on most of the large commercial parking lots are not being checked, and we need investigate having people do that.

Mr. Griffith asked what the different jurisdictions do to handle storm runoff. Ms. Hunt responded that most discharge to the river. Mr. Penzel noted that in the 2014-15 floods, the runoff never made it to the river in Douglas County. Mr. Schank mentioned that in Churchill County it is not supposed to go into the river but ends up in Stillwater. Ms. Hunt noted that we are trying to recreate what would have happened naturally to put water back into the surrounding landscaping. Mr. Bonkowski mentioned a meeting with Lyon County for Carson City to help come up with stormwater/sewer systems. One possibility is to come up with small systems and create flood mapping in the Fortune Drive area. CWSD may be able to help the counties with mapping issues when they are working on ordinances.

Committee Member Thaler made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend that CWSD authorize CWSD staff to pursue EPA/NDEP Clean Water Act Section 208 Planning funding. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Penzel and unanimously approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #19 – Discussion Only: Public Comment. None.

**ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE
CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Item #20 – For Possible Action: Approval of the proposed CWSD Carson River Watershed Committee Policy. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item #15. There was no further Board or public comment.

Item #21 – For Possible Action: Selection of a candidate to receive the 2017 Andy Aldax Carson River Watershed Award. This item was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item #16. There was no further Board or public comment.

Item #22 – For Possible Action: Selection of CWSD Committee Members for 2018. This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item #17 and action is postponed to the January 2018 CWSD Board meeting. There was no further Board or public comment.

Item #23 – For Possible Action: Authorize CWSD staff to pursue EPA/NDEP Clean Water Act Section 208 Planning funding. This topic was discussed earlier in the meeting under Item #18. There was no further Board or public comment.

Director Bonkowski made the motion that Items #20-23 be approved in one motion. Director Schank seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.

Item #24 – Discussion Only: Staff Reports

General Manager - Mr. James reported:

- He has been going to water purveyor boards to give the water picture presentation. It has been very well received.
- The Water Summit will be held on January 30, 2018. Presenters include the State Engineer, USGS, NDEP, and DRI. Director Schank asked that the agenda be emailed to the Board.

Director Penzel asked whether the USGS studies about groundwater quantity are still current. Mr. James responded that USGS continues to gather data. The State Engineer gave a presentation to Silver Springs about over allocation of water rights for the basin. Mr. Benesch mentioned that the USGS restudied Dayton Valley and came up with an increase in perennial yield. Mr. James noted that every groundwater basin is overallocated but not over-pumped.

Director Schank complimented Mr. James on the presentation he gave to the TCID Board and Churchill County. He thinks it is valuable information to get out to the public, like service clubs. Director Erquiaga suggested putting it on Facebook.

Brenda Hunt reported:

- Eagles & Ag is scheduled for January 25-28, 2018, and encouraged everyone to buy tickets.

Legal –Mr. Benesch had nothing specific to report.

Item #25- Discussion Only: Directors' Reports

Director Schank thanked staff for putting on the Board Christmas dinner tonight. He asked if CWSD is up to date on the use of Facebook since that is where so many get their information or misinformation. Perhaps we need to use it more fully to talk about the proper disposal of oil and other things that concern us. Mr. James responded that Ms. Neddenriep and Mr. Fryer try to keep up with our Facebook page. Mr. Fryer noted that he works on updating Facebook twice a week. Director Bonkowski suggested boosting posts to directed audience for \$15-20/mo. Director Johnson suggested having someone to watch the comments, which tend to be negative, and be careful about responses. Supervisor Griffith suggested using Twitter with press releases because reporters use Twitter.

Director Bonkowski reported that in Carson City: 1) BLM wants to dedicate checkerboarded parcels within the residential area, but there is little information about water quality along Hot Springs Road. Carson City would use the land to sell and dedicate the funds for Open Space. Carson City declined because there was too little data to determine whether additional wells would have an impact on the current residents. 2) Carson City is considering modifying its rate fee for storm water. Instead of using a flat rate, they may set up a system which will give people credit for improvements they do on their land.

Director Thaler commented that this is the best Board he has sat on, and staff is doing an excellent job.

Director Penzel commented that he is trying to get Douglas County staff and County Manager to talk about what the primary directives are that the county wants to achieve next year. He thinks this is something CWSD should consider.

Item #26 – Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County. Supervisor Jardine thanked Mr. James for his presentation to Alpine County.

Item #27 – Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County. Austin Osborne thanked Mr. James for meeting with Storey County and JE Fuller about the Dayton Area Drainage Master Plan. He also reported that Storey County is still working on updating their sewer system.

Item #28 – Discussion Only: Public Comment. Ms. Neddenriep thanked Director Bonkowski and his staff for providing the room for our Board dinner and meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Schank made the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Leffler
Secretary