

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
June 20, 2018, 6:30 P.M.
Minutes

Chairman Abowd called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Douglas County Commission Chambers, 1616 Eighth St., Minden, NV. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Karen Abowd, Chairman
Brad Bonkowski
Carl Erquiaga, Vice Chairman
Don Frensdorff
Ken Gray
Doug Johnson
Ernie Schank
Fred Stodieck
Steve Thaler

Directors not present:

Barry Penzel
Chuck Roberts

Staff present:

Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager
Edwin James, General Manager
Patrick King, Legal Counsel
Toni Leffler, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II

Also present:

David Griffith, Alpine County
Jack Jacobs, Jacobs Family Berry Farm
Don Jardine, Alpine County
Austin Osborne, Storey County

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Abowd.

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 May 16, 2018. Director Abowd noted that, even though the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting and Public Hearing of the FY 2018-19 Tentative Budget on May 22 were included in the Board package, the Board would not be able to act on them at this meeting because they were not included in the agenda. They will be included on the July 18 agenda for approval. Mr. Griffith noted a correction on page 8, line 2 of the May 16 meeting minutes to reflect that “Mr. Gray commented that we can’t let the threat...” *Director Schank made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Board meeting on May 16, 2018, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Director Erquiaga and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board, with Directors Frensdorff, Johnson, and Thaler abstaining for not having been at that meeting.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #7 – For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for May 2018.

Item #8 – For Possible Action: Payment of Bills for May 2018.

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2018-8 with River Wranglers for Conserve Carson River Work Days and Vegetation Management.

Item #10 – For Possible Action: Approval of Interlocal Agreement #2018-9 with Alpine Watershed Group for Upper Carson River Watershed Programs.

Director Schank made the motion to approve Items #7-10 of the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the CWSD Board.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

RECESS TO CONVENE AS THE CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE

Item #11 – Roll Call – Director Abowd convened the Carson River Watershed Committee and a roll call was taken.

Committee Members present:

CWSD Directors as present in roll call above
David Griffith, Alpine County
Don Jardine, Alpine County
Austin Osborne, Storey County

Committee Members not present:

Chuck Roberts
Barry Penzel

Item #12 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #13 – For Possible Recommendation: Approval to submit for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant to develop the Carson River Watershed Water Market (Exchange/Transfer) Program. Mr. James explained that this item came before the Board in May, at which time staff was directed to put a grant proposal together. In the 2017 Strategic Planning Session it was listed as a priority to identify storage sites and \$50,000 was subsequently set aside for that purpose. When the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) grant came up, staff saw this as an opportunity to expand the project from just identifying storage sites to determining what water might be available to store.

On page 59 of the Board package, the budget includes staff and stakeholders time for total match of \$105,835, which added to the \$95,000 from BOR would be enough to examine both potential storage sites and water resources. CWSD has received seven letters of support, including from the State Engineer, TCID, water purveyors, and Vidler Water Company.

The Federal Water Master would actively participate in the planning process. The Town of Minden has dedicated staff to participate even though they didn't send a letter of support. We can still move ahead with the \$50,000 CWSD set aside but will have a better product with the BOR money.

Committee Member Thaler made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend CWSD Board approval to submit for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant to develop the Carson River Watershed Water Market (Exchange/Transfer) Program. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Gray and approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #14 – For Possible Recommendation: Approval of Resolution #2018-1 authorizing application to the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant to fund the Carson River Watershed Water Market (Exchange/Transfer) Program.

Mr. James explained that a Resolution is one of the requirements of the grant. Mr. Griffith suggested a couple of corrections. The third paragraph should begin: "WHEREAS, in 1989, after the Reclamation abandoned..." In the eighth paragraph which begins "NOW, THEREFORE..." the enumeration on the second line should read: "1) the Board of Directors has reviewed and supports the grant application..."

Committee Member Gray made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend CWSD Board approval of Resolution #2018-1 authorizing application to the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant to fund the Carson River Watershed Water Market (Exchange/Transfer) Program, as amended. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #15 – For Possible Recommendation: Approval to change CWSD office space from Suites #102 and #103 to Suite #111 with accompanying rent increase. Mr. James explained that the owner of our building approached staff with the possibility of CWSD exchanging offices as our next-door neighbor was moving. Staff is quite cramped in the current offices across the hall, so this would be very helpful. It will cost about \$9,000/yr. more and moving costs. Director Bonkowski asked whether Mr. James asked the owner to pay for moving costs and

suggested that the motion be contingent upon including moving costs. Mr. Osborne suggested putting a door between suites.

Committee Member Bonkowski made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend CWSD Board approval to change CWSD office space from Suites #102 and #103 to #111 with accompanying rent increase subject to the landlord agreeing to pay the moving costs. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Johnson and unanimously approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #16 – For Possible Recommendation: Approval to submit a grant application for FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner funds. Mr. James explained that typically the grant applications for FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) funds is due in August, but this year our application has to be done by June 30. The list on page 97 of the Board package is an accumulation of projects and studies that the counties have asked us to pursue. The \$650,000 that we plan to apply for is more than we typically receive and will cover staff time.

Mr. Osborne asked whether the Dayton Valley South Side Area Drainage Master Plan (ADMP) would impact the Dayton Valley North Side ADMP. Mr. James responded that the South Side ADMP was always part of the plan, but there were not funds to do it at the same time as the North Side ADMP. Mr. Gray noted that there was more damage on the south side of the valley after the two 2017 floods.

Committee Member Gray made the motion that the Carson River Watershed Committee recommend CWSD Board approve submission of a grant application for FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner funds. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Osborne and unanimously approved by the Carson River Watershed Committee.

Item #17 – Discussion Only: Public Comment. None.

**ADJOURN TO RECONVENE AS THE
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Item #18 – For Possible Action: Approval to submit for the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant to develop the Carson River Watershed Water Market (Exchange/Transfer) Program.

Item #19 – For Possible Action: Approval of Resolution #2018-1 authorizing application to the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grant to fund the Carson River Watershed Water Market (Exchange/Transfer) Program.

Item #20 – For Possible Action: Approval to change CWSD office space from Suites #102 and #103 to Suite #111 with accompanying rent increase.

Item #21 – For Possible Action: Approval to submit a grant application for FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner funds. Items #18-21 were discussed earlier in the meeting

under Agenda Items #13-16, respectively. There were no further Board or public comments, so all four items were taken in one motion.

Director Schank made the motion to approve Items #18-21. The motion was seconded by Director Thaler and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #22– Discussion Only: Staff Reports

General Manager – Mr. James deferred his report to staff.

Watershed Program Manager – Ms. Hunt reported:

- On Friday, June 22, 2018, the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Carson River Coalition (CRC) will be at River Fork Ranch. The evening entertainment will include a juggling act by Caleb Kondor, comment from Tom Baker who was Sen. Bryan’s staffer in the early days of the CRC, CRC history from John Cobourn, a summary of accomplishments from Mr. James, future anticipations from Ms. Hunt, a meal, and contra dancing to the Sierra Sweethearts.
- Staff has been working with NEON Agency on the Watershed Literacy Campaign filming interviews for the video. Hopefully the video can be shown to the Board within the next couple of months.

Water Resource Specialist II – Ms. Neddenriep reported:

- CWSD supports Environmental Education largely through River Wranglers. Thank-you posters and letters from the elementary school in Lyon County were passed around.

Item #23- Discussion Only: Directors’ Reports –

Director Abowd thanked Director Stodieck for the tour of the riverbank on his land and thanked staff for arranging dinner at Francisco’s.

There were no other Directors’ reports.

Item #24 – Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County.

Supervisor Griffith reported:

- On the west side of the Sierras is the Mountain County Resource Organization who had a symposium last month which included all water agency with a focus on forest health and water quality and quantity. Slowly the message is going through to the people in western and southern California cities that their water comes from the mountains and it needs protection.

Supervisor Jardine had nothing to report:

Item #25 – Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County. Committee Member Osborne reported:

- The Virginia City sewer project has 173 connections now, six miles of new pipe, and is about 75% completed. The upper end of town was full of surprises during the upgrade. The project includes archeologists on site at all times so all historical finds are well

documented. As an example, they have found underground cisterns which were used for fire suppression.

- Storey County is out to bid on work to be done from Five Mile Reservoir to the water treatment plant.
- The next phase is the sewer upgrade in the Gold Hill area within the next year. The county is determining what system will be best and expandable with growth. There is a group wanting to make the Gold Hill Café a resort.
- The USGS is doing a water study of groundwater patterns to help deal with water supply in the Virginia Highlands.

Item #26 – Discussion Only: Public Comment. Director Johnson welcomed and congratulated Mr. King for joining CWSD.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Stodieck made the motion to adjourn, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Leffler
Secretary