

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
January 20, 2021

Minutes

The CWSD January 20, 2021 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.

Catrina Schambra 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
David Nelson, Director
Pete Olsen, Director
Lisa Schuette, Director
Fred Stodieck, Director
Mike Workman, Director

Absent Directors: John Engels, Mark Gardner, and Ernie Schank

Roll call of the Carson River Watershed Committee was taken which included CWSD Directors and Committee Members present: Kathy Canfield, David Griffith, and January Riddle.

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Jim Atkinson, Public
Phyllis Atkinson, Andy Aldax Award Recipient
Georgette Bummer, Public
Tina Carlsen, Public
Linda Conlin, River Wranglers
Meg Evans, Public
Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Specialist
Jessica Garcia, Reporter - Nevada Appeal
Rob Holley, Dayton Valley Conservation District
Holly Holwager, Public
Adrienne Hoskins, Public
Brenda Hunt, Watershed Program Manager
Edwin James, General Manager
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resource Specialist II
Darcy Phillips, River Wranglers
Kevin Piper, Public
Catrina Schambra, Administrative Assistant/Secretary to the Board
Katie Smith, Watershed Technician – AmeriCorps

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Catrina Schambra.

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

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Gray made a motion to approve the agenda with Item 9 tabled until February meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

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

Item #7 – For Possible Action: Selection of CWSD Officers for 2021 & 2022

Mr. James explained the policy of selecting officers of the Board. Based on the requirements for each position and their willingness to serve in the role for a 2-year term the following Directors are proposed as officers effective January 2021 – December 2022:

- Stacey Giomi, Chairman
- Ken Gray, Vice Chairman
- Ernie Schank, Treasurer
- Catrina Schambra, Secretary to the Board

Director Jacobs made a motion to approve the proposed officers as presented for 2021-2022. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #8 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of 2021 Andy Aldax Award

Chairman Giomi presented the 2020 Andy Aldax award to Phyllis Atkinson with many friends, colleagues, and family members in attendance for the occasion. Ms. Atkinson thanked CWSD for giving her this award for doing what she so loves to do. She is a retired Carson City Teacher who still volunteers to help River Wranglers as often as she can. Several audience members spoke to honor her many years of service and dedication to the Carson River Watershed and its students.

No action was taken.

Item #9 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of Board Service Recognition to Steve Thaler

Item #9 TABLED until February 17, 2021 meeting.

Item #10 - For Discussion Only: Introduction of Board Members and CWSD Staff

This is the first meeting for new CWSD Directors David Nelson, Pete Olsen, and Lisa Schuette; and Committee Member January Riddle. All in attendance took a few minutes to introduce themselves to others in the group.

No action was taken.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for December 2020

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for December 2020

Item #13 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Addendum to Agreement Number with HDR to increase the MAS 4 Model and Mapping Update Project contract in the amount of \$4,406.

Item #14 - Approval of Time Extension to Interlocal Contract #2019-12: DVCD Bank Stabilization/Channel Restoration Upstream from Dayton Bridge

Director Workman made a motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Item #15 - For Discussion Only: Presentation by Rob Holley regarding DVCD River Projects

Rob Holley gave an update to the Board on Dayton Valley Conservation District and status of their projects in the watershed. DVCD is currently evaluating their 30 ongoing projects inventory. Mr. Holley provided pictures and explained the progress of several that are funded by CWSD and discussed his goals for the future.

No action was taken.

Item #16 - For Discussion Only: Update on the NV State Parks Recreational Trail Grant application

Shane Fryer gave a report on the grant CWSD applied for to upgrade and extend the aquatic trail. CWSD applied for a grant of \$150,000 and was awarded \$90,000 toward the project. Mr. Fryer showed an animated video showing the original plan. The scope of work will need to be adjusted due to the grant award. The Mexican Dam portage and improving signage along the trail will be the focus. The video showed why focusing on the Mexican Dam is an important priority as a safety issue. There was also discussion on the importance of working with landowners in this project and how that has been progressing. This is an exciting improvement that will enhance safety in the recreational use of the river. Chairman Giomi commented the Carson City Prison Hill trail through Silver Saddle plan will tie nicely into this project. Mr. Fryer expects to apply again for the funds to complete the original plan in the future.

No action was taken.

Item #17 - For Discussion Only: Discussion on the upcoming virtual “Watershed Wednesdays” program

Brenda Hunt gave an update on the progress of the planning for the 2021 CRC Watershed Forum: Watershed Wednesdays. There will be a series of workshops held each Wednesday in March. There are 5 Wednesdays and each one will have a different theme for the workshop. They will be (1) Outreach & Education; (2) Recreation; (3) Floodplain Protection; (4) Climate Resilience;

and (5) Floodplain Management. Each Wednesday will start at 9am with premiers and presentations that will be viewed via the CWSD YouTube channel and will be followed with a Zoom meeting Q&A session with all attendees and presenters. Each session will end by noon. Ms. Hunt explained each area of focus. She is pleased with the list of presenters who have signed on to the project and is looking forward to a really great event.

No action was taken.

Item #18 – For Possible Action: Selection of CWSD Committee Members for 2021 & 2022

Mr. James explained the 4 committees and their purpose for the new Board members. They are listed below with those who volunteered to serve on each:

1. **Administration Committee** - Directors Giomi, Gray, Griffith, Nelson, Olsen, and Stodieck. - This committee deals with personnel issues, contracts, policies, and other administrative issues.
2. **Finance Committee**- Directors Schank (as Treasurer), Griffith, Jacobs, Schuette, and Workman. - This committee reviews proposed budget and budget augmentations, funding requests, and requests for potential water rights purchases.
3. **Legislative Committee** - Directors Gardner, Giomi, Gray, Nelson, and Schank.- This committee would review proposed legislation. (NOTE: This committee does not have an Alpine County representative because it is primarily dealing with Nevada legislation. However, Alpine County representatives are encouraged to bring any California or federal issues to the attention of the General Manager/Board.)
4. **Regional Water System & Flood Committee** - Directors Jacobs, Olsen, Riddle, Schuette, Stodieck, and Workman. - This committee focuses on the regional programs, recharge projects, future construction, water quality, and flood issues.

Director Gray made a motion to approve committee assignments as noted above. The motion was seconded by Director Jacobs and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #19 - For Discussion Only: Update on 2021 Water Year

Mr. James gave a slide presentation on the 2021 Water Year to the Board.

No action was taken.

Item #20 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –

Mr. James reported on the following:

- Legislative Committee will be meeting soon to go over the upcoming legislative session.
- Looking at a possible end of February date for 4 hour, bi-annual strategic planning session. Will keep Board advised of planning progress.

Legal – None

Correspondence – Letter to Senator Settelmeyer; Support Letters for Washoe Tribe projects (2)

No action was taken.

Item #21 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports – None

No action was taken.

Item #22– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County – None

No action was taken.

Item #23– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County – None

No action was taken.

Item #24 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Giomi adjourned the meeting at 8:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board