

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
March 16, 2021

Minutes

Chairman Giomi called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30pm in the Bonanza Room at the Carson City Community Center at 851 East William Street in Carson City. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Mark Gardner(via Zoom)
Stacey Giomi
Ken Gray (via Zoom)
Jim Hindle
Dave Nelson (via Zoom)
Lisa Schuette
Fred Stodieck
Mike Workman

Directors Absent: John Engels, Pete Olsen, and Ernie Schank.

Roll call of the Carson River Watershed Committee included CWSD Directors and Committee Members present - David Griffith and January Riddle (via Zoom).

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Kathy Canfield, Storey County Planner
Shane Fryer, Watershed Program Specialist
Edwin James, General Manager
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney
Debbie Neddenriep, Water Resources Specialist II

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Fred Stodieck.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Director Stodieck made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Schuette and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of Feb.16, 2022

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2022, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Workman and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 - For Possible Action: Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2022

Item #8 - For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2022

Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2022-1 with Michael Baker for East Carson City ADMP not to exceed \$174,465

Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2022-2 with Kimley-Horn for Southeast Carson City ADMP not to exceed \$129,560

Item #11 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2022-3 with Lumos for Virginia City Six Mile Canyon ADMP not to exceed \$223,210

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement #2022-4 with JE Fuller Buckeye not to exceed \$175,080.60

Item #13 - For Possible Action: Approval of the 2022 Water and Sewer Rate Report

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

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

Item #14 - For Possible Action: Watershed Moments Update

Mr. Fryer reported there was very positive feedback the latest PSA, "Use a Car Wash." It was the best response so far for the campaign. The next video is "Healthy Soil," which he intended to preview for the Board. Due to technical difficulties, he will be sending the clip later. He said the script is done, but the video still needs work.

No action taken.

Item #15 - For Possible Action: Approval of the Tentative General Fund, Acquisition/Construction Fund, and Floodplain Management Fund Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budgets

Mr. James went over the proposed budgets as recommended by the February 22, 2022, meeting of the Finance Committee. He explained that the Ad Valorem Taxes amount is an educated guess as the budgeted amount from the Tax Department is not published until May. Approving the General Fund Budget must be done with a caveat of adjusting that entry to the actual amount when provided.

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve the Tentative General Fund, Acquisition/Construction Fund, and Floodplain Management Fund Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budgets with allowing for the update to the Ad Valorem Taxes when known. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #16 - For Possible Action: Update on the USACE determination that the Carson River is a navigable water of the United States pursuant to the Rivers and Harbors Act

Mr. James reported the next Permit Workshop will be March 24, 2022. CWSD will be showing the group an interactive map that Shane Fryer has put together to show all diversions and pumps along the East Fork of the Carson River and relevant known information on each. There are specific areas that need to be addressed for the permit such as (1) maintenance of restoration project, (2) clearing and snagging, and (3) emergency management.

Mr. Fryer presented the “Waters of US Carson River Diversion Structures (Draft)” to the Board. This is a Google Earth interactive map that he hopes to make available to the public when complete.

Mr. James let the Board know they were welcome to attend the workshop if they would like. Let him know and he will send a link.

No action taken.

Item #17 - For Possible Action: CRC Watershed Forum Update

Mr. Fryer gave an update on the upcoming CRC Watershed Forum being held in the Ruvo Stateroom of the Governor’s Mansion, March 29-30, 9-4pm. Lunch will be catered by The Tamale Lady. March 29 schedule will include Environmental Education, Recreation Projects, and Weed Projects. March 30 schedule will include FEMA Projects, Implementation of Restoration Projects, and Water Quality.

Registration will be available online and all are welcome.

No action taken.

Item #18 - For Discussion Only: 2022 Water Update

Mr. James gave a slide show report on the Water Year, which goes from Oct 1 to Sep 30 of each year. We are currently at 99% precipitation but the snow water equivalent is only 68%. This water year has been feasted or famine. Records have been broken on both the wet side and the dry side from month to month. The good news for this year is the soil saturation is above average which may mean we will have a good spring runoff. We are still looking at a drought situation.

No action taken.

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –

Mr. James reported the following:

- The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) is having their annual conference in Orlando, Florida, May 15-19 and CWSD had already planned to send Debbie Neddenriep to the event. FEMA has asked her to be a speaker at the conference on the work being done for the Carson River and will comp her registration fee. The travel and accommodations will be paid by FEMA grant. Mr. James explained that not only is FEMA recognizing CWSD for its work locally, but this is a national recognition of the work we are doing! Kudos to Debbie!

- Regarding FEMA Mas 13: Not all the projects we requested will be funded. FEAM will fund:
 - ADMP Silver Springs
 - Fish Creek / Douglas County
 - Flood Awareness Program
- The April 20, 2022, Board meeting will be our Strategic Planning Session. We will start the meeting as usual, go through the Consent Agenda, and Strategic Planning will be the next agenda item. The goal is to start the meeting at 4pm and finish by 7pm. Dinner will be provided. This is an in-person meeting, no zoom link available. We are hoping the entire Board will attend.
- Mr. James emailed the Perennial Yield Webinar to all Board members. He suggests they would find it interesting.

Legal – None

Correspondence –

- Obituary: James Baushke, Former CWSD Director

Item #19 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –

- Director Gardner reported a new CWSD Director from Douglas County (AG) will be selected on Thursday, March 17. There are 3 applicants.
- Chairman Giomi reported Carson City just got word that they will receive funding for the Quill Treatment Plant, so work will be starting on that project now. Carson City should be able to use that water in 1½ -2 years.

Item #20– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –

- Committee Member Riddle reported that post fire tree removal along Hwy 89 continues and is impacting traffic. It is a stark landscape.
- Committee Member Griffith reported the Forest Service is hosting an After Tamarack Fire Scoping meeting March 23 at 5pm at Turtle Rock Park. Restoration after the fire will affect water. Also, he reported a sawmill will be built on the East side of South Carson on Hwy 50 Tribal Land will be starting production in 6 weeks. This will improve forest health in the future.

Item #21– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County –

- Ms. Canfield reported that Story County met with NDOT and had a very productive meeting on right-of-way issues. They are working to get these determinations in writing.

Item #22 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Giomi adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board