

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
May 18, 2022

Minutes

Chairman Giomi called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30pm in the Genoa Town Hall, 2287 Main Street, Genoa, NV 89423. Roll call of the CWSD Board was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

CWSD Directors present:

Stacey Giomi
Ken Gray
Jim Hindle
Dave Nelson

Lisa Schuette
Fred Stodieck
Cassi Uhart
Mike Workman

Directors Absent: John Engels, Mark Gardner, 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:

Shane Fryer, CWSD
Sharla Hales, Public
Brenda Hunt, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD (via Zoom)

Patrick King, CWSD Attorney
Catrina Schambra, CWSD
Martina Schambra, AmeriCorps

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Uhart.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Chairman Giomi stated that we need to confirm a location for the June Board meeting Field Trip Tour by next week. Please contact Ed or Catrina to set up a tour of your county. July is set for a Marlette Lake tour in Carson City.

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Chairman Giomi stated that due to unstable WIFI we will not be viewing the video described in Item#13, but we will discuss it. Item #14: Review of Strategic Planning Session survey results will be pushed to the June meeting so that Mr. James will be able to discuss in person. Mr. James is zooming into meeting due to illness tonight and we are not using cameras to contain the bandwidth used to best sustain the weak WIFI signal.

Director Gray made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended. 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 April 20, 2022

Director Stodieck made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2022, with edits to those in attendance and the date. The motion was seconded by Director Gray and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

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

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

Item #10 - For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum to Cardno Contract #2021-23 to add \$4,680 and extend end date to June 30, 2023

Committee Member Griffith requested that Item #9: Approval of River Wranglers 3-Year FEMA FAW Agreement # 2022-5 not to exceed \$19,100 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Director Gray made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 7, 8, and 10 as presented and to pull Item # 9 for further discussion. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Item #9 - For Possible Action: Approval of River Wranglers 3-Year FEMA FAW Agreement # 2022-5 not to exceed \$19,100

Committee Member Griffith wonders if this is most efficient way to reach families with outreach funding vs newspapers ads, etc. He asks how many kids we are reaching vs not reaching. Mr. James stated it is a required part of FEMA contract. Debbie is not able to go out to all schools and River Wranglers helps with this. They currently reach 10 schools in the watershed focused on 5th graders. We find it to be an effective outreach program.

Director Schuette says it is critical to plant the seed that develops an educational foundation. There is immense value in getting kids out to the river and thereby benefits the community. Chairman Giomi asks what the alternative would be given this is FEMA approved. Ms. Hunt says there are other aspects to our watershed education strategy. This is just one portion of CWSD FAW activities. The program is multifaceted and has different targets for our activities. Director Gray feels this question is just regarding metrics. Can we get these numbers to Committee Member Griffith? Consensus was that River Wranglers would be asked to give an end of year analysis of there program with number of children reached.

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve the River Wranglers 3-Year FEMA FAW Agreement # 2022-5 not to exceed \$19,100 as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Workman. The motion passed 9-1-0.

Item #11 - For Possible Action: CWSD will conduct a Public Hearing on its FY 2022-23 Tentative Budget

Chairman Giomi opened the Public Hearing of the CWSD FY 2022-23 Tentative Budget. There being no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

No action was taken.

Item #12 - For Possible Action: Approval of NCE Agreement #2022-6 in a total amount of \$15,000 with the possibility of future expenses in a total additional amount of \$40,000

Ms. Hunt reported that 8 consultants responded to SOQ for this project. The competition was close, so it was a tough decision. Budget requirements and available funding make it necessary to

complete the project in phases. We will be hiring the consultant to do all 3 phases. There was discussion of continuity of phases vs funding. 319 funding is limited; there is only \$800,000 for all of Nevada. We will be asking for \$15,000-20,000 in the next round of funding from NDEP for this project.

Committee Member Griffith mentioned that associate organizations adding their own information could be a problem. He suggested adding land ownership/land management as an additional breakout/layer for mapping.

Committee Member Griff made a motion to approve the NCE Agreement #2022-6 in a total amount of \$15,000 with the possibility of future expenses in a total additional amount of \$40,000. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #13 - For Discussion Only: Presentation of “Explore the Watershed” Video

Mr. Fryer explained that the video could not be shown due to the weak Wi-Fi signal, but a link would be sent to the Board Members for viewing. It is a repeat presentation of the Walk thru the Watershed video with local celebrity Vanessa Vancour. Neon has been helping with our social media content and it is steadily growing in our numbers each month. Give Aways have been successful and bigger prizes are planned to include State Park Passes, Dutch Bros gift cards, and a scavenger hunt. Committee Member Griffith suggests we use social media for FAW outreach in the future.

No action was taken.

Item #14 – Strategic Planning - PULLED to June 15, 2022 meeting

No action was taken.

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

Mr. James gave a brief recap of the Final Budgets. He proposed the \$70,000 surplus be split between the Acquisition/Construction Fund (\$35,000) and the Floodplain Management Fund (\$35,000). There were no questions from the Board. After approved all Board members signed the cover page to the Final Budget to be submitted to the Tax Department.

Director Schuette made a motion to approve the General Fund, Acquisition/Construction Fund, and Floodplain Management Fund FY 2022-23 Final Budgets as presented, and to distribute \$70,000 equally between the Acquisition/Construction and Floodplain Management Funds. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #16 – For Discussion Only: Staff Reports –

Mr. James reports he is flying to Las Vegas next week to speak to the Subcommittee on Public Lands regarding on water resources in the Carson River watershed. Also, he will be reaching out to each Board member to set up a time to meet with them.

Legal – None

Correspondence – None

Item #17 – For Discussion Only: Directors Reports –

Chairman Giomi reports he recently had lunch with Brad Bonkowski (CWSD former Director) and he is doing great! His illness is so rare that he is serving as a case study.

Item #18 – For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Alpine County –

Committee Member Riddle reports the Mother’s Day snowstorm was great for the watershed!
Committee Member Griffith has started process of making Alpine County official part of the Board. Patrick King will be aiding in this process involving both Nevada and California.

Item #19– For Discussion Only: Update on activities in Storey County –

Director Hindle reports Storey County is working on Mark Twain, clearing out storm drains.

Item #20 – For Discussion Only: Public Comment –

Brenda welcomed and introduced Martina Schambra, CWSD AmeriCorps. Martina is a UNR student working towards her degree in International Affairs with a minor in Japanese Studies.
Sharla Hales introduced herself. She is running unopposed for Jon Engels seat and potentially will be appointed to the Board in January 2023. She is impressed with all the great work we do is looking forward to working with us.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Giomi adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Catrina Schambra
Secretary to the Board