

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 22, 2024

**Minutes**

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm in the Lyon County Utilities Conference Room, 34 Lakes Blvd., Suite 103, in Dayton. Roll call of the CWSD Board of Directors was taken and a quorum was determined to be present.

**CWSD Directors present:**

Jim Hindle	Ernie Schank
Stacey Giomi	Lisa Schuette
Sharla Hales	Lee Sterrett
Tammy Hendrix	Fred Stodieck ( <i>via Zoom</i> )
Cassi Koerner	Mike Workman
Dave Nelson ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	

**Absent Directors:** Mark Gardner & Bus Scharmann

The roll call included CWSD Committee Members present: Charlie Dobson & David Griffith.

**CWSD Staff & Guests present:**

Maydelin Griffith, Public	Lindsay Marsh, CWSD
Brenda Hunt, CWSD	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Edwin James, CWSD	Catrina Schambra CWSD
Scott Keller, Public ( <i>via Zoom</i> )	Ryan Shaver, Public
Steve King, Public	

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

**Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment –**

Ms. Marsh introduced Ryan Shaver who is her guest as part of the Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA) Shadow Program. Ryan is a graduate student at UNR working towards his Ph.D. in Hydrogeology. He works at the Desert Research Institute (DRI) in Reno mainly focused on groundwater modeling and infrastructure.

**Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda**

*Director Schank motioned to approve the May 22, 2024, Agenda, as presented. Director Koerner seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

**Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2024**

*Director Stodieck motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2024, as presented. Committee Member Griffith seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

**Item #7 – For Possible Action: CWSD will conduct a Public Hearing on the FY 2024-25 Tentative Budget**

Director Workman opened the Public Hearing on the FY 2024-25 Tentative Budget. There were no public comments. The Public Hearing on the FY 2024-25 Tentative Budget was closed.

No action was taken.

**\*\*CONSENT AGENDA\*\***

**Item #8 – For Discussion Only: Approval of Treasurer’s Report for April 2024**

**Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for April 2024**

*Director Giomi motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Director Hales seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.*

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

**Item #10 For Possible Action: CWSD Legal Counsel Interview**

Mr. James welcomed Mr. King who had been invited to return tonight to be interviewed by the Board for the position of Legal Counsel to CWSD. Mr. King provided his resume and an engagement letter proposal to CWSD to be included in the Board meeting agenda package. He gave a brief narrative on his background and qualifications and then answered questions from Board members. Mr. King’s engagement proposal is essentially the same agreement that CWSD had with Patrick King.

*Director Schank motioned for CWSD to retain Steve King as Legal Counsel per his Letter of Engagement. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #11 For Possible Action: Approval of CWSD FY 2024-25 Final Budget**

Mr. James summarized the CWSD Final FY 2024-25 Budget for the Board members.

*Director Schank motioned for CWSD to approve the CWSD FY 2024-25 Budget as submitted. The motion was seconded by Director Stodieck. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.*

**Item #12 For Possible Action: 2024 CWSD Strategic Planning Meeting**

*There was discussion of the difficulty of getting the Board together for an hours-long Strategic Planning meeting. Director Giomi suggested that we plan it for November 20, 2024, prior to the regular scheduled meeting as we schedule field trips. The Board concurred and the date was set.*

No action taken.

**Item #13 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports**

Mr. James reported the following:

- The CTWCD is working on a draft agreement for funds to be transferred to CWSD for project funding on Carson River watershed projects. There is also a question if that is done, should CWSD still sit on the CTWCD Board? These will be on the June agenda for discussion.
- Mr. James will continue to meet with Board members as part of his annual review process.

Ms. Hunt reported the following:

- The Get on the Bus 2-day Watershed Tour only has 10 seats left and has 5 sponsors!

Ms. Schambra reported the following:

- All Board members were sent a link to complete Mr. James' review online. So far, only 5 have been received. Everyone must participate. Results need to be compiled for the Administrative Committee review by June 5.

**Legal –**

- Mr. King thanked the Board. He is looking forward to working with CWSD.

**Correspondence – None**

**Item #14 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports**

- Director Koerner reported Genoa Heritage Days with the Farm Bureau and the Pioneer High School outreach went well! They had a calf, bees, and branded wood for the classroom. Director Schuette participated. Scarcelli is scheduled for next week and then they will prepare for next fall.
- Committee Member Griffith reported the Salinas Valley High Tech agricultural laser that gets towed behind a tractor and zaps weeds!
- Director Hendrix reported that she just completed her online review of Mr. James.
- Director Giomi reported Carson City is updating its Master Plan. The first draft with the contractors' water model and the Master Plan are in sync.
- Director Hales reported Lindsey Chichester at the UNR Cooperative Extension in Douglas County has taken a position with 4H. UNR is changing its model to hiring specialty areas and then collaborating the knowledge base over a wider area. Douglas County wants their specialist area to be knowledgeable in water and have them work with CWSD.
- Director Schuette reported she appreciated the one-on-one with Mr. James discussing growth and the need for frequent outreach working towards a common understanding of water issues.
- Director Stodieck discussed how 15 years ago cooperative extension was eliminated in all counties. He feels statewide coverage is important. Ms. Hunt commented that historically there were great people in these roles, but when they retired there was no one to replace them.

**Item #15 For Discussion Only: Public Comment - None**

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 7:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Catrina Schambra*

Secretary to the Board