

CARSON WATER SUBCONSERVANCY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
CARSON RIVER WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING
April 17, 2024

Minutes

Chairperson Workman called the meeting of the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD) to order at 6:30 pm in CWSD's Conference Room, 777 E. William Street, Suite 209, Carson City, NV 89701. 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	Bus Scharmann
Sharla Hales	Lisa Schuette
Tammy Hendrix	Lee Sterrett
Cassi Koerner (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Fred Stodieck (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Dave Nelson	Mike Workman

Absent Director: Mark Gardner

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

CWSD Staff & Guests present:

Edwin James, CWSD	Steve King, Public (<i>via Zoom</i>)
Scott Keller, Public (<i>via Zoom</i>)	Debbie Neddenriep, CWSD
Patrick King, CWSD Attorney (<i>Via Zoom</i>)	Catrina Schambra CWSD

Chairperson Workman led the pledge of allegiance.

Item #4 – Discussion Only: Public Comment – None

Item #5 – For Possible Action: Approval of Agenda

Mr. James stated Item 12 is pulled from the agenda.

Director Schank made a motion to approve the April 17, 2024, Agenda with Item 12 pulled, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Giomi and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #6 – For Possible Action: Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2024

Committee Member Griffith made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2024, as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Koerner and unanimously approved by the Board.

****CONSENT AGENDA****

Item #7 – For Discussion Only: Approval of Treasurer's Report for February 2024

Item #8 – For Possible Action: Approval of Payment of Bills for February 2024

Item #9 – For Possible Action: Approval of Addendum B to HDR Engineering Agreement - Pinenut Creek LOMR (FEMA Response), not to exceed \$5,017

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

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

Item #10 For Possible Action: Approval of Request for Proposals(RFP) for new CWSD Legal Counsel

Mr. James announced that Patrick King is retiring and closing his legal practice effective April 30, 2024. Mr. James recognized Mr. King for his tremendous job in representing CWSD for the past 5 years. It has worked out well. He did a great job, especially citing the public trust issue in which we prevailed. It was a very well-written amicus brief that he provided to the court. Patrick King was a great fit for this organization. CWSD avoids litigation and Mr. King had that same philosophy. Mr. James stated it was a great opportunity to have the pleasure of working with him. Kudos from the Board members as well for a job well done. Mr. King responded briefly and said what an honor, it has been to get to know everyone and to work with such a great group and this fantastic staff. Shane Fryer was an inspiration to get out there and do something exciting. But I will tell you that Ed has my cell number and whichever attorney you select to take over can always call me and I will be happy to share my opinion on any subject. It was fun to work with you, and one of the things that is nice as a lawyer is when you can avoid problems.

Steve King, who had been interviewed in 2018 for the position when Patrick King was hired is interested in the position. He is present via Zoom and spoke to the Board. He gave a short background on his work and experience and would be happy to come back to the Board in May with his resume to be interviewed should he be given the opportunity.

Patrick King offered his recommendation that Steve King would be a fantastic candidate and it would make a very smooth transition. He has known Steve King and his work for many years and highly respect each other. If he had any questions on the history of anything I have done, I would be happy to make myself available to him.

After a brief discussion consensus of the Board was to pursue an interview with Steve King for the position of CWSD Legal Counsel.

Director Giomi made a motion to ask Steve King to return to the May 22, 2024, Board meeting with his updated resume to be interviewed by the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Director Schank. The motion was approved by a vote of 12-1-0 with Committee Member Griffith opposed.

Item #11 For Discussion Only: Update on 30-Year Carson River Watershed Regional Drought & Water Sustainability Plan

Mr. James gave a presentation on the 30-Year Carson River Watershed Regional Drought & Water Sustainability Plan funded by a grant from the Nevada Department of Emergency Management (NDEM). CWSD has been working with Lumos to gather water demand data from water purveyors in the Carson Watershed that will be passed on to the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to update their river models. CWSD will be presenting this update to the county and water purveyors boards.

[Click here to view presentation slides.](#)

No action taken.

Item #12 For Possible Action: Approval of Lease of Water Rights to Carson Valley Conservation District

PULLED FROM AGENDA.

No action taken.

Item #13 For Possible Action: Approval of Lost Lakes Agreement with Carson City

Mr. James presented the CWSD annual agreement that allows Carson City to use water released from Lost Lakes for the period from October 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025, after they have used all the Mud Lake water. Carson City has agreed to reimburse CWSD for the costs of filing a Temporary Permit with the Department of Water Resources. The agreement allows Carson City to use up to 100-acre feet of Lost Lakes water.

Director Sterrett made a motion to approve the Lost Lakes Agreement with Carson City as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Griffith and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item #16 For Discussion Only: Staff Reports

Mr. James reported the following:

- DVCD has lost its manager and CWSD is stepping up to help get the office organized and functioning including getting the office staff set up and trained in QuickBooks and a filing system. DVCD has two active NDEP 319 grants that we are helping to get back on track, working directly to assist with NDEP. Rich Wilkinson may be hired as an interim manager until a new manager is hired. Catrina Schambra is collaborating with staff and spending time at the DVCD office during this period. CWSD is committed to helping DVCD succeed as a vital organization for the work needed in Lyon County.
- Carson Truckee Water Conservation District (CTWCD) is still discussing allocating funds for Carson River projects to CWSD to fund projects and is working out the details. There is also a question of whether they want to continue to have a CWSD seat on their Board. CWSD has participated as a Board member since the very beginning in 1959. If CTWCD will not be doing any work on the Carson River then CWSD may not be needed on this board. However, if CTWCD will still be involved in the Carson it would be helpful to keep a representative, and CWSD knows what is happening in this watershed.
- CWSD has received another NDEM grant to work on flood project benefit-cost analysis in Lyon and Storey counties. CWSD has requested an extension and additional funds for the 30-Year Regional Drought Plan. These will both help offset CWSD staff costs.
- Mr. James has been asked to serve on a Nevada Water Network working group that will be looking at the grants for doing water analysis through the entire state of Nevada. They have asked for a two-year commitment. They meet quarterly, and then there is a yearly meeting around the state, they will compensate us for the costs of attending that meeting. Mr. James thinks it will be helpful due to the concerns of universities and others in deciding how the water should be used in Nevada. It will be good for CWSD to be at the table with this working group.

Ms. Neddenriep reported the following:

- Brenda Hunt organized a meeting about the issue of the Carson River Mercury Superfund site, the comments that we have the problem the counties have getting funding from FEMA in Superfund sites. We were provided with a contact at FEMA who facilitated a great meeting and got everybody in the room including Emergency Managers and county staff from around the watershed and allowed everyone to talk to each other about this issue. The FEMA representative has agreed to join our next Floodplain Management Working Group meeting and will keep working with both FEMA and EPA sides to figure out a solution. And so, this discussion of starting to move forward and it is encouraging.
- Reminder, GET ON THE BUS! tour is happening June 11 & 12. Please sign up to join us. It is free to CWSD Board members.
- CWSD has been coordinating with Silver Jackets, which is the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the state Floodplain Manager for an installation of a High-Water Mark sign, it is more of like a flood safety sign at Fisherman's Point in Lyon County. The unveiling of that sign is June 5, from 9:15 to 9:45. There will be 100 school children from Silva Stage Elementary who will attend the event and participate in 3-hours of Flood Model demonstrations afterward. The Governor has been invited to speak at the event and Lyon County Commissioners, School Board, Advisory Committees and the Superintendent have all been invited to attend. The CWSD Board is also invited to attend. This event is an opportunity to elevate the conversation about flooding. It is going to be a fun event for the kids. River Wranglers got funding from a Nevada Outdoor Recreation grant to provide the money for the kids to attend. NDOW will be talking about boating safety, and there will be fishing demonstrations. Nevada Bureau of Mines will discuss Geology, CWSD will speak on flooding and flood safety, and the Lyon County Emergency Manager will present on search and rescue.

Ms. Schambra reported the following:

- Ms. Schambra reminded the Board that county field trips around the watershed will start in May with the first meeting being in Lyon County with a tour of the Sutro Tunnel. She spoke briefly on the tours last year and noted that we want to avoid extreme heat and snow so we plan accordingly. Please email her with ideas on what you would like the Board to see in your county. Director Schank wants the Churchill County tour to be of the Fallon Water Treatment Plant.

Legal –

- Mr. King Said thank you for letting him represent the board for so long. He enjoyed it and will miss everyone.

Correspondence –

Correspondence (1) Correspondence (1) Thank You Letter from Kimberly Roebuck

Item #17 For Discussion Only: Directors & Committee Members Reports

- Director Koerner reported on Saturday, April 27 that the Nevada Farm Bureau will be at Genoa Heritage Day. They will be doing the scavenger hunt for the kids. There will be 13 booths focused on agriculture and beef production and some live animals will be there. River Wranglers will be there too.

- Director Stodieck stated he is sorry to see Pat leave because he has been his personal attorney for quite some time. So happy, happy Retirement!

Item #18 For Discussion Only: Public Comment - None

There being no further business before the Board, Chairperson Workman adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catrina Schambra

Secretary to the Board