

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024

DIRECTORS:

Todd Westergard
John Capurro
Mike Nevin
Karen Baggett
Ernie Schank
John Enloe (10:47)
Pete Olsen
Ty Minor (Zoom)

ABSENT:

Ed James
Tyler Henderson

Staff

Mary Pat Eymann

OTHER:

Kayla Dowty, Engineer
Leo Bergin, Attorney
Chad Blanchard, FWM office

GUESTS:

Rich Wilkinson, CVCD (Zoom)

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER @ 10:07, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

President Westergard called the regular meeting to order, quorum present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. APPROVE AGENDA –

No changes to posted agenda.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 14, 2023, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN AS SUBMITTED –

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes and Financial Statements as submitted; seconded by Director Schank; motion carried.

5. WATER MASTERS REPORT AND DISCUSSION – Chad Blanchard

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net and the SNOTEL report at wcc.sc.egov.usda.gov/reports/SelectUpdateReport.html

6. DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON NEW ACCOUNTING FIRM – Staff

A letter was received from our current accountants (Barnard, Vogler) stating that due to staffing shortages and keeping up with governmental requirements they would no longer be able to complete our audit. They can however do the budget for FY24-25. Staff have contacted a couple of firms and sent previous year audits and are waiting to hear back on a proposal. A report at next month's meeting will be submitted.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FUTURE GRANT REQUIREMENTS AND 2024-2025 GRANT WINDOW – Kayla Dowty

Changes have been made to the grant applications, 1. Public vs private lands, 2. The design flow and 3. If private land is the landowner making any contributions to the project. The grant window closed on January 31st. 3 applications have been received.

This agenda item will be carried to the next regular meeting for review.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE INUNDATION AND POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT –

See Engineer's Report

Superintendent Report regarding complete information regarding this issue was provided previously and available at District offices.

We are making great traction with the City of Reno and TRFMA on addressing the Riverside Drive inundation. TRFMA commissioned a conceptual design that showed a reasonable wall height (< 2.5 feet) to contain 14,000 cfs. Next steps are complete construction plans and bid package, as well as overall project funding.

There was a meeting to decide the next steps. The City of Reno has another project that is kind of parallel to this, to widen the path along Riverside Dr. and install additional lighting. They would like the wall, path, and lighting to go out to public comment together. There are a few things to get worked out. Funding, the City is pushing for TRFMA to fund this project because it is a flood management project, the wall portion at least. There is some pushback from TRFMA on funding as most of their funding is going to Sparks and its flood issues. The City would appreciate a letter from CTWCD supporting the TRFMA funding. This Board could push for the wall portion, which is for flood mitigation funding by TRFMA.

CTWCD had been talking about assisting in paying a portion of the conceptual design, however the City has an engineer who they are using for this project, and they would like to keep using in order to keep it all together and they have asked us to just be involved from a permitting standpoint.

The Keystone Bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2030 which means CTWCD will start to see 408 applications soon, so they can start the geotechnical portion. The Keystone project is theoretically the last one we could ask them to extend their area of interest in that project to cover the portion of the Riverside Dr. wall. It is expected that the City will get this done much sooner than 2030. But, if they can't, the only leverage the District has to get the Riverside work done is to force it to be done in the Keystone project. Ms. Dowty has not told the City that is what the District is going to do but it is something we could do. The City has been told that we have been asking for this to get done since 2016. It has been 8 years and no movement; it has to get done. The preliminary cost is 5 million, the majority of which is the wall portion.

Director Olsen asked if the District would be culpable since nothing has been done. There was a letter sent in 2017 (available at District offices) which absolves the District. We need to rebuild the paper trail. The 2017 letter was shared with TRFMA.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to have a letter drafted and signed by Todd Westergard and Kayla Dowty to TRFMA in support of TRFMA funding the wall portion of the project and a copy of the 2017 letter sent to the City of Reno; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

TRFMA meets twice monthly and should meet next Thursday (2/22/24). Before any additional letters are sent the District will see how TRFMA responds to this letter and the next couple of meetings.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY FUNDING DUE TO FLOOD DAMAGE NEAR THE CARSON VALLEY GOLF COURSE. – Rich Wilkinson, CVCD

Mr. Wilkinson provided the Board information packet regarding the request for emergency funding, the packet is available at District offices.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING ENCROACHMENT PERMITS AND REQUESTS – Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

Kayla has a regularly scheduled meeting with USACE which has proved to be very beneficial.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK, EMERGENCY DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR SUCH WORK – Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

12. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

13. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

14. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

New Future Agenda Item Requests:

Board Comments:

Director Baggett – Inquired about board appointments, Mr. Westergard will follow up on this.

Director Enloe – Mr. Enloe will be stepping down from his position at TMQA on 4/1/24. He will continue to assist TMWA in a consulting capacity. It is unknown who will take his place on this Board.

17. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned @ 11:16

**Next meeting
REGULAR MEETING
March 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer