

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting

April 9, 2024

DIRECTORS:

Todd Westergard
John Capurro
Mike Nevin
Karen Baggett
Ernie Schank
Ed James
Ty Minor
Pete Olsen

ABSENT:

Tyler Henderson
John Enloe

Staff

Mary Pat Eymann

OTHER:

Kayla Dowty, Engineer
Leo Bergin, Attorney
Lucas Foletta, Attorney
Chad Blanchard, FWM

GUESTS:

Nancy Upham, Churchill County
Rich Wilkinson, CVCD (Zoom)
Catie Harrison, City of Reno
Jonathan Smith, City of Reno

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER @ 10:34, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Attorney Bergin introduced Lucas Foletta from McDonald Carano who will now be assisting him.

3. APPROVE AGENDA –

Agenda item 8 per the posted agenda will be moved to agenda item 6.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2024, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN AS SUBMITTED –

- ❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the minutes and Financial Statements as submitted; seconded by Director Nevin; 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 POSSIBLE ACTION FOR GRANTS AWARDED BY THE DISTRICT –

Full grant applications were presented to the Board and are available at District offices.

1. City of Reno – requesting \$59,250. There is funding from other agencies and if the full amount requested from this District the project will still move forward.
2. Churchill County – requesting \$20,000. This will be mapping of noxious weeds and pre-emergent applications in the spring as well as post emergent.

3. CVCD – requesting \$50,000. Have some matching funds secured awaiting other agencies.
4. DVCD – Director Minor advised that the manager for DVCD is no longer there and they are doing a rebuild and therefore this application had no one to present it. This request was also for administrative expenses which does not qualify under the criteria.

The preliminary budget had \$80,000 available for grant distribution. The total amount requested is \$129,250. Engineer Dowty advised that \$25,000 could be taken from the channel maintenance account which would raise the available funds for grants to \$105,000.

Director Schank stated that in the spirit of the direction the District is heading he felt that the City request should be fully funded and the Churchill request covers 3 counties.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to approve the following amounts to each requestee: 1. City of Reno - \$59,250, 2. Churchill County \$20,000 and CVCD \$25,750; seconded by Director Nevin; motion carried.

7. REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEE (DISBURSEMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS FOR GRANTS AND REVIEW OF DUTIES, PURPOSE OF THE DISTRICT) – Todd Westergard & Ernie Schank

The subcommittee met just prior to this meeting to make recommendations to the full board.

Recommendation 1. Have the attorneys draft language to enter into an inter-agency agreement between this District (CTWCD) and the Carson Water Sub Conservancy District (CWSD). And that the disbursement of annual funds for CWSD to distribute and CTWCD would have guidelines for that agreement. Some of the guidelines discussed were that CTWCD would like the money to be used for projects and not administrative costs. This would be done on an annual basis. CWSD would be given monies CTWCD collects minus administrative costs for Carson and Douglas Counties and would also include a portion of Lyon County money. CTWCD would keep Washoe, Storey and the portion of Lyon that comes from Fernley and Churchill, so that we administer projects that come on the Truckee River.

Discussion: Director James – would like to see that any interest received for that year be applied minus the administrative costs to be given accordingly. Director Westergard – the interlocal agreement would be discussed yearly as to the distributions. Attorney Foletta – will work on a draft agreement and present it to the Board for discussion and approval and then take it to CWSD.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to have attorneys begin working on a draft an agreement with CWSD, which includes the groundwork for distribution based on the percentage of money received from the various counties minus administrative costs; seconded by Director Capurro; motion carried.

Recommendation 2. Membership of the CWSD on this Board. Seek the advice of legal counsel as it was thought that this would need to go to the District Court to make any changes.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion to have attorneys look into this and advise the ramifications of this action; seconded by Director Capurro: Discussion: Director James – CWSD has been on this Board since the very beginning and feels that the knowledge the CWSD representative brings to this Board of what is going on in the Carson watershed. Director Westergard – part of the discussion with members of the Board of CWSD was the evolution off the district and that CTWCD does not have representation on the CWSD. Director Schank – If CTWCD enters into the local agreement, is it a conflict of interest for someone specifically representing the CWSD to vote on money that would be given to that organization that he would have a part in the distribution of. Following discussion the motion passed.

8. DISCUSSION, DIRECTION TO STAFF ON UPCOMING BUDGET FOR THE FY2024-2024. BUDGET TO BE APPROVED AT THE MAY PUBLIC HEARING (5/21/24) – Staff

A copy of the preliminary budget was presented to the Board and is available at District offices.

Changes made per agenda item # 6 are: Channel Maintenance will go to \$75,000 and Projects to be Determined will go to \$105,000.

An additional item was added “Emergency Fund” in the amount of \$78,656, which is in the LGIP account.

Director James – when you have an ending balance on the budget you cannot touch that ending balance. If there is an item in the Budget as an Emergency Fund you can use it.

- ❖ Director Baggett made a motion to approve the tentative budget as presented and the final budget to be presented in May to show the changes as discussed; motion seconded by Director Nevin; motion passed.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE INUNDATION AND POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT – Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

TRFMA flood wall analysis plans

Should have a draft from JUB at the end of April.

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

See Engineer's Report

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/Lucas Foletta

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 - none

Board Comments -

Director James – email from Charles Albright regarding a River Float along the Truckee in May.

17. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business the regular meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Next meeting
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
AND REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer