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NTCD Board Minutes
October 15, 2015
The Douglas County Library
233 Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV
10:00 AM Start Time

Present:

Supervisor G. Smith
Supervisor McCarthy
Supervisor Perlman-Whyman
Supervisor Penzel
Supervisor Sarnoff
Supervisor Martin

Staff/Others

J. Brand, District Manager
M. Thorpe, Administrator
L. Coe, NRCS
S. Thaler, Douglas County

Absent: Supervisor Cook, and Supervisor Berkbigler

1. Call to Order by Chair Smith.
2. Supervisor Roll Call: see above
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of the Agenda: Supervisor Sarnoff moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Supervisor McCarthy, motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Interests Comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Perlman-Whyman moved to approve the Consent Calendar (with items 6a, 6b, and 6d pulled and moved to the Administrative calendar), seconded by Supervisor Sarnoff, motion carried unanimously.

6. Agency Reports, Discussion/Possible Action
 - a. Moved to the Administrative calendar.
 - b. Moved to the Administrative calendar.
 - c. For Possible Action: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation District Program report. No report provided.
 - d. Moved to the Administrative calendar.
 - e. For Possible Action: Staff Report. No report provided.
7. Discussion/Possible Action (Business)
 - a. For Possible Action: Approval of the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for September 24, 2015.

ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Item 6a) For Possible Action: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) report. L. Coe of NRCS updated the Board regarding the possible fuels reduction project for the Tahoe Basin. This project could possibly create funding for the District.

Item 6b) For Possible Action: National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) report. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman reported the national meeting is January 31, 2016, through February 3, 2016, at the Grand Sierra in Reno. NvACD is sponsoring a tour during the meeting. Other tours are planned, including a Lake Tahoe tour. There is an opportunity for the District to have a booth or display at the national meeting. Supervisor McCarthy volunteered to help "man" the booth or display.

Item 6d) For Possible Action: Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) report. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman reported the annual meeting is November 2 – 4 in Ely, NV. At the meeting, there will be another chance to attend Supervisor training. Supervisor McCarthy moved to approve Supervisor Perlman-Whyman as the District's voting delegate at the annual meeting, seconded by Supervisor Sarnoff, motion carried unanimously. Supervisor Martin moved to request Chris Freeman as a nominee for NvACD's annual award, seconded by Supervisor Sarnoff, motion carried unanimously

Supervisor Martin moved to approve items 6a, 6b, and 6d, seconded by Supervisor Penzel, motion carried unanimously.

8. For Possible Action: Approval of the NTCD financial reports for September 2015. September had a deficit of \$2,531. Year to date the District has a deficit of \$7,261. September's deficit was caused by Staff's time to write grants and proposals. The District's cash-flow continues to be positive. In October, the District received \$4,100 from the Conservation Districts Program, and the District expects to receive \$10,000 from Douglas County by December. There was some discussion regarding the possibility of requesting Washoe County to reinstate their community grant funding. In the past, it was \$25,000 annually. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman stated the SB476 issue complicates requesting Washoe County reinstate their funding. District Manager Brand reported the District, financially, is very tight. If one project gets put on hold or cancelled, it would cause an emergency situation. Supervisor Martin moved to approve the September 2015 financials, seconded by Supervisor Penzel, motion carried unanimously.
9. For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program Registration and Implementation project, \$100,000. District Manager Brand presented the project/agreement. The project is entirely Staff time, no subcontractors. Environmental Scientist Fellers deserves a lot of credit for obtaining this project. She is recognized as an expert in this field.
10. For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program Registration and Implementation project, \$55,783.08.
11. For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with Washoe County for the Lake Clarity Crediting Program Registration and Implementation project, \$55,783.08.

Supervisor Martin moved to approve items 9, 10, and 11 (items 10 and 11, approval is based upon acceptable language with the jurisdictions), seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.

12. For Possible Action: Approval of petition per Nevada Senate Bill No. 476 (An Act requiring the imposition of a fee on parcels in a conservation district upon approval of registered voters) requesting the Board of County Commissioners for Washoe and Douglas Counties to submit to the voters, within the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, a question of whether to impose a fee of \$25 per parcel in the conservation district to be used for the purposes of the conservation district. And per Section 5.5 of Senate Bill No. 476, request the election be conducted by mail in, no sooner than March 1, 2016. There was some discussion regarding the District's boundaries. If this passes, the District will likely lose the other counties' funding. There was some discussion regarding hiring a campaign manager. Supervisor Martin moved to approve the petition with corrections (two occurrences in the petition, add "annual" before the word "fee"; and add "Marsha Berkbigler" to the Dwayne Smith signature line), seconded by Supervisor Sarnoff, motion carried with Supervisor Penzel abstaining.
13. Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Perlman-Whyman urged the Supervisors to help with the national meeting in Reno, January 31, 2016, through February 3, 2016.
14. Public Interest Comments: None.
15. Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Sarnoff moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.