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NTCD Board Minutes
January 15, 2015
The Parasol, Meiling Room
948 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV
10:00 AM Start Time

Present:

Supervisor Smith
Supervisor Penzel
Supervisor Cook
Supervisor Perlman-Whyman

Staff/Others

J. Brand, Acting Dist. Mgr.
M. Thorpe, Administrator
S. Thaler, Douglas County
D. Smith, Washoe County
(via telephone)

Absent: Supervisor McCarthy and Supervisor Sarnoff

1. Call to Order by Chair Smith.
2. Oath of Office for newly elected and appointed Supervisors: Supervisor Penzel, Supervisor Cook, and Alternate Supervisor Thaler were sworn in by Chair Smith.
3. Supervisor Roll Call: see above
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approval of the Agenda: Supervisor Penzel moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Interests Comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 7b and 7d were pulled from the consent calendar for further discussion. Item 8c was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Supervisor Cook moved to approve the Consent Calendar (items 7a, 7c, 7e, 8a, and 8b with all other items pulled or tabled), seconded by Supervisor Penzel, motion carried unanimously.

7. Agency Reports, Discussion/Possible Action
 - a. For Possible Action: NRCS report. No report provided.
 - b. Moved to Administrative calendar.
 - c. For Possible Action: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation District Program report. No report provided.
 - d. Moved to Administrative calendar.
 - e. For Possible Action: Staff Report. No report provided.

8. Discussion/Possible Action (Business)
 - a. For Possible Action: Approval of the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for November 20, 2014.
 - b. For Possible Action: Approval of the NTCD financial reports for November 2014. As of 11/30/14, the District's Fund balance was \$123,486. This represents the District's available spendable resources, or assets less liabilities. November had a deficit of \$9,412. November's deficit was due to: unbillable time was two weeks more than the average of 3.5 weeks; a \$4,600 property and liability insurance bill, and a \$3,000 audit expense. Year-to-date the District is financially positive at \$2,237.
 - c. For Possible Action: Approval of the NTCD financial reports for December 2014. This item was tabled until next Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Item 7b) For Possible Action: NACD report. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman will be attending the annual meeting in New Orleans February 1 – 4. At the annual meeting, she plans to attend some breakout sessions. The 2016 annual meeting is in Reno. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman has started preparations for the 2016 annual meeting.

Item 7d) For Possible Action: NvACD report. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman collected District contact information for NvACD. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman discussed the western states' issues.

Supervisor Penzel moved to approve items 7b and 7d, seconded by Supervisor Cook, motion carried unanimously.

9. For Possible Action: Approval/selection of date for a Conservation District Leadership Development Workshop. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman attended this training at NvACD's recent annual meeting. It is eight hours on various topics. Cost is \$25 per person. The training is for new and experienced Supervisors. There was some discussion on possible dates. Five possible dates were chosen in March: 10th, 12th, 18th, 20th, and 26th. Acting District Manager Brand will setup a Doodle poll using the five possible dates; using the poll results, a date will be chosen/discussed at the next Board meeting.
10. For Possible Action: Approval of draft letter to NRCS requesting to transfer the NRCS service area support for the District from California to Nevada. Recently, support from NRCS has been limited. Staff thinks the letter is a good idea. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman thinks the letter is a smart move. Supervisor Penzel moved to approve the letter, seconded by Supervisor Cook, motion carried unanimously.
11. Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Cook asked if the Sage grouse issue affects our District. Our District is one of three districts that do not have Sage grouse. Reseeding fire areas might be an opportunity for the District. And the proposed trail from the Zephyr Cove Library to the Rim trail might be an opportunity as well. Supervisor Penzel asked for a status update regarding the Carson City appointment. It was noted an email was sent to Carson City, reminding Carson City to appoint a Supervisor, without any recommendations. Supervisor Penzel recommended an agenda item for the next Board meeting to remove "Acting" from Jason Brand's title of Acting District Manager. Supervisor Penzel suggested the District have representation at the State government, especially while in session. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman reported the Department of Agriculture recently awarded some money to the Paiute Conservation District, evidence there is money being directed our way.
12. Public Interest Comments: None.
13. Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Penzel moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.