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NTCD Board Minutes
May 21, 2015
The Parasol, Meiling Room
948 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV
10:00 AM Start Time

Present:

Supervisor G. Smith
Supervisor Penzel
Supervisor Perlman-Whyman
Supervisor Martin
Supervisor McCarthy (via telephone until approx. 10:45am)
Supervisor D. Smith (via telephone)

Staff/Others

J. Brand, District Manager
M. Thorpe, Administrator

Absent: Supervisor Sarnoff, and Supervisor Cook

1. Call to Order by Chair Smith.
2. Oath of Office for newly elected and appointed Supervisors: Supervisor D. Smith was 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 Martin, motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Interests Comments: None.

7. For Possible Action: Discussion of FY 2016 funding outlook and possible future funding. District Manager Brand reported there is a funding shortfall of approximately \$109,000 for FY 2016. Funding for assisting homeowners with BMPs is ending June 30. Supervisor G. Smith asked if this same analysis was completed last year, and we were able to compare, would the outlook look the same. Compared to previous years, the current outlook is very likely worse. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman stated the importance of partnerships, collaboration, and public outreach. Supervisor Penzel reported there is a bill in the Nevada legislature that allows conservation districts to assess a fee of up to \$25 per parcel to help fund conservation districts. The fee would have to be approved by the voters of each county. Supervisor Martin reported this bill (SB 476) has passed the Assembly and the Senate. It will most likely be signed by the Governor. Nevada ranks last in assisted funding for conservation districts. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman stated this is a very important bill for the District. It will also make the public more aware of the District. Supervisor McCarthy stated we need to prioritize the lack of project funding for the next two to three years. Supervisor Penzel stated the lack of funding for BMPs is an opportunity for the District to market/sell the fee. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman stated if our representatives supported this bill, they could help the District market/sell the fee to the public. Supervisor Martin stated the NDOT right-a-way work is a possible funding source. There was some discussion regarding the different options of the election/vote for the fee. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman stated we need to analyze the District's best option to get the fee passed. Supervisor G. Smith would like Staff to prepare a preliminary plan regarding SB 476 and be ready to discuss at the next Board meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Penzel moved to approve the Consent Calendar (all items), seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.

8. Agency Reports, Discussion/Possible Action
- a. For Possible Action: NRCS report. No report provided.
 - b. For Possible Action: NACD report. No report provided.
 - c. For Possible Action: Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation District Program report. No report provided.
 - d. For Possible Action: NvACD report. No report provided.
 - e. For Possible Action: Staff Report. No report provided.

9. Discussion/Possible Action (Business)
- a. For Possible Action: Approval of the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for March 19, 2015.
 - b. For Possible Action: Approval of the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for April 30, 2015.
 - c. For Possible Action: Approval of the NTCD financial reports for March 2015. As of 3/31/15, the District's Fund balance was \$122,442. This represents the District's available spendable resources, or assets less liabilities. March had a deficit of \$2,795. March's deficit was due to: unbillable time was four weeks more than the average of 4.5 weeks. Year-to-date the District is financially positive at \$1,251.
 - d. For Possible Action: Approval of the NTCD financial reports for April 2015. As of 4/30/15, the District's Fund balance was \$123,863. This represents the District's available spendable resources, or assets less liabilities. April had a surplus of \$941. April's small surplus was due to: unbillable time was slightly below the average of 4.5 weeks, and expenses and revenues were as projected. Year-to-date the District is financially positive at \$2,183. May and June are projected to be small surpluses. Therefore, the fiscal year is projected to be positive.
 - e. For Possible Action: Approval of FY 2016 Proposed Budget and FY 2016 Annual Work Plan for submittal to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation District Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Note: No items were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

10. For Possible Action: Discussion and approval of recognition/award of former Supervisor Freeman for his excellent, and much appreciated, years of service to conservation, and the District. Supervisor Martin recently spoke with NvACD's president regarding Chris Freeman's role in conservation and the District. Supervisor Martin would like to create a Chris Freeman participatory democracy award that would be chosen by NvACD every year. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman stated Chris served on the scholarship committee, therefore another idea would be to name a scholarship after Chris Freeman. Supervisor Martin moved to send a request to NvACD to create a Chris Freeman Conservation Award, with exact details to be determined by NvACD, and the first winner should be Chris Freeman; seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.

11. Supervisor Comments: Supervisor Perlman-Whyman asked for help with the planning of the NACD National meeting, being held in Reno, January 30 – February 3, 2016. Supervisor G. Smith requested the Staff to move forward with a preliminary plan regarding SB476 for the next Board meeting. Supervisor Martin stated the recent precipitation has been nice.
12. Public Interest Comments: None.
13. Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Penzel moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.