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NTCD Board Minutes
July 16, 2015
The Parasol, Meiling Room
948 Incline Way, Incline Village, NV
10:00 AM Start Time

Present:

Supervisor G. Smith
Supervisor Penzel (via telephone)
Supervisor Perlman-Whyman
Supervisor Martin
Supervisor McCarthy (via telephone)
Supervisor Cook

Staff/Others

J. Brand, District Manager
M. Thorpe, Administrator

Absent: Supervisor Sarnoff, 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 Cook moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Interests Comments: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Supervisor Cook moved to approve the Consent Calendar (with items 6b and 7b pulled and moved to the Administrative calendar), seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.

6. Agency Reports, Discussion/Possible Action
 - a. For Possible Action: NRCS report. No report provided.
 - b. Moved to the Administrative calendar.
 - 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.

7. Discussion/Possible Action (Business)
 - a. For Possible Action: Approval of the Board of Supervisors meeting minutes for June 18, 2015.
 - b. Moved to the Administrative calendar.

ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

Item 6b) For Possible Action: NACD report. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman recently attended NACD's national summer Board meeting in Spokane, WA. There was a tour of Eastern Washington that highlighted soil health. NACD's Annual meeting is in Reno, January 31 – February 3, 2016, at the Grand Sierra. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman recommends the District get involved with the Annual meeting. A tour is a possibility depending on snowpack.

Item 7b) For Possible Action: Approval of 1.9% Cost-of-Living-Adjustment for all regular Full-time District staff, effective August 1, 2015; based on the 2014 annual Consumer Price Index. The 1.9% increase was calculated using the Western United States data for 2014. Supervisor Martin moved to approve the COLA adjustment, seconded by Supervisor Cook, motion carried unanimously.

8. For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with the Nevada Division of State Lands (NDSL) for the Lake Tahoe Basin Invasive Weed Management Project. This project is mainly a pass-through to Douglas County Weed Control. There is some funding for the District to manage the project. Supervisor Martin moved to approve the agreement (subject to the final amount being approximate to the submitted amount); seconded by Supervisor Perlman-Whyman, motion carried unanimously.
9. For Possible Action: Approval of Agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the Outfall Assistance Project. There are a lot of untreated outfalls from HWY 50 to the Lake. The Carson Valley Conservation District verified that NDOT pays promptly on a similar project. No action taken, because the agreement is not finalized yet.
10. For Possible Action: Approval of the NTCD financial reports for June 2015. June was a very good month financially, with a surplus of \$4,066. FY2015 ended with a \$6,600 surplus. There are currently no cash flow issues. The District is starting FY2016 financially healthy. Supervisor Perlman-Whyman moved to approve the financials, seconded by Supervisor Cook, motion carried unanimously.
11. For Possible Action: Annual Performance Review of District Manager Brand. This item was postponed until next meeting. The review form will be emailed to Board members, to be completed before the next meeting.
12. For Possible Action: Update on Nevada Senate Bill No. 476 (An Act requiring the imposition of a fee on parcels in a conservation district upon approval of registered voters). A survey was handed out for Board members to present to neighbors. The goal of the survey is to get feedback to help with the campaign. Supervisor Smith encouraged Board members not to just handout the flyer, but start a short discussion. Supervisor Martin recommends partnering with a strategic partner like the Tahoe Fund. It was decided to create a Subcommittee to strategize the implementation of SB476.
13. Supervisor Comments: Supervisor McCarthy stated the upcoming Tahoe Summit is a great opportunity for the District to promote itself for the SB476 vote/election. Supervisor Cook asked what other conservation districts are doing regarding the SB476 vote/election. At the next State meeting, Supervisor Perlman-Whyman will find out what other conservation districts are doing regarding SB476.
14. Public Interest Comments: None.
15. Motion to Adjourn: Supervisor Martin moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Cook, motion carried unanimously.