



MINUTES
Conservation District of Southern Nevada
Board Meeting
Conservation District- 5820 S. Pecos Road A-400, Conference Room
July 15, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Jon Wardlaw, Chair	Supervisor John Hunt
Supervisor Joseph Fortier, Vice Chair	Jarrold Edmunds, NRCS
Supervisor Mark Silverstein, Clark County Rep.	Jennifer Szwejbka
Supervisor Chris Magee, Inc. Cities Rep.	
Supervisor Elise McAllister	

OPEN MEETING

Consent Agenda: Consent Agenda items are considered by the CDSN Board to be routine and may be acted upon in one motion. However, the Board may discuss any consent item individually if requested when the Consent Agenda is considered for approval. (Action item)

1. Compliance with Nevada Open Meeting Law
2. Approval July 2009 Agenda
3. Approval of May 2009 and June 2009 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills
6. Introductions

Supervisor Fortier called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

Supervisor Silverstein moved to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor McAllister seconds the motion. The motion is carried.

Business Agenda:

7. Financial Report - (Discussion/Action Item)

A new fiscal year was started. EPA Pollution Prevention grant that was applied for was denied. Clark County Outside Agency Grant will be announced in August. Letters to cities requesting annual funding will be sent in August.

8. Approve Draft Financial Report - (Discussion/Action Item)

Draft was emailed to supervisors for review. Morgan Stanley statement was received and updated in financial report, only change made since emailed to board. Report is due by July 15th and must be approved by board to submit to state. **Supervisor McAllister motions to approve Draft Financial Report. Supervisor Magee seconds and the motion passes.**

9. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Jarrold Edmunds (Discussion/Action Item)

Jarrold had Pollinator Posters available to give away. They received 64 application requests for about \$4 million for programs this year. The contracts were larger than last year averaging \$80-85k. EQUIP allocation for the state is \$5 million, more will be budgeted if all the money is allocated by fall. One application received for Clark County pasture irrigation project.

10. Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) account approval - (Discussion/Action Item)

Jennifer Szwejbka explained the EFTPS account can save on administrative time spent on submitting tax payments and advised that CDSN setup an account. Tax reports will then be filed online and payment will be taken electronically from checking account. Board agrees this will be beneficial. **Supervisor Wardlaw motions to enroll CDSN. Supervisor McAllister seconds and the motion passes.**

11. GrantWriting & Proposal Services update & contract modification - (Discussion/Action Item)

Letters of inquiry were sent out to the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust asking for \$23,064, Southwest Gas asking for \$7,500, and the Greenspun Family Foundation asking for \$23,064. Other LOI's are currently being worked on. Jennifer Szwejbka suggested extending the contract timeframe to August 31, 2009 to use the remaining budget that was allocated. **Supervisor Magee motions to extend the contract thru August 31st. Supervisor Wardlaw seconds and the motion passes.**

12. Staff Report – Jennifer Szwejbka (Discussion/Action Item)

Range Camp student that was given a scholarship didn't attend the camp. A CC student that attended camp contacted CDSN after camp to inquire about 2010 scholarships. The student was reimbursed for the cost of camp for 2009 and informed to check the CDSN website for 2010 scholarships.

NDEP storm drain marking program grant contract ended June 30th. The contract was not renewed, but plaques will continue to be installed until completed. Cash match collected for the program will be used to continue the poster contest through 2010.

Valley of Fire weed abatement project was completed and grant with NRCS was closed out. A final report was sent to NRCS, Jarrod also confirmed completion of the project via email.

Plant sale will be scheduled for September; Beth is currently looking into dates.

UNLV sustainability conferences are scheduled for August. No funding is available for Jennifer to attend.

13. Supervisor's Report - (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Fortier was appointed to the State Commission.

Supervisor Magee will be joining the Christmas Tree Recycling Committee.

Supervisor Hunt reported a RC&D meeting that he will be attending.

Supervisor Silverstein had nothing to report.

Supervisor McAllister announced that Joshua Productions won an Emmy for the OHV pre-teen movie in the southwest region. She also mentioned a mitigation project in Mesquite removing 23k tamarisk on 10 acres of land.

Supervisor Wardlaw announced that a Sustainability Summit is being planned by the SNRPC and Green Chips. The Urban Forestry Grant Project with the SNRPC has been put on hold temporarily for organizational purposes. A bill was approved to allow for long term loans to be paid through property taxes for sustainable energy projects.

14. Mt Charleston License Plate Program update – (Discussion/Action Item)

Duties and expectations were reviewed.

15. Office Printer replacement or repair approval – (Discussion/Action Item)

Office printer HP color LaserJet 3500 has a part needing replacement. The printer is 6yrs old and not under warranty. The original purchase price was \$628. HP has a printer trade-in program; comparable printers would cost \$350 - \$500. Supervisor Fortier said he has a small black & white laser printer that he will donate to CDSN. Jarrod also offered the NRCS color printer when color printing is necessary. No purchase will be made at this time due to funding constraints.

16. Open Discussion and Public Comment – (Discussion Only)*

Supervisor McAllister mentioned that the OHV tax was passed. Ranchers and farmers will be excluded from tax.

17. Agenda Items – (Discussion/Action Item)

- Approve 08/09 Annual Report
- GrantWriting & Proposal Services update
- Mt Charleston program update
- CC OAG status update

18. Meeting Location- (Discussion/Action Item)

CDSN Office- September 16th at 1:30 p.m.

19. Adjournment - (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw motions to adjourn. Supervisor McAllister seconds that motion. The motion is carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Tomica Hewitt, Sec. /Treasurer

Date