



MINUTES

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Monthly Board Meeting

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Office – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. Bldg A-400
April 21, 2004

Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Sec.	Kim Vilt
Supervisor Joe Fortier	Ron Smolinski, DAQM
Supervisor Christina Gibson	Edward Maznicki, Aqua' Loc
Supervisor Elise McAllister	

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

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 of April Agenda
3. Approval of March Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

Supervisor Fortier made a motion to approve consent agenda. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion & Action Item)

Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Jarrod Edmunds (Discussion Only)
No Report.

8. Unincorporated CC Meeting Site and Date (Discussion Only)

Supervisor McAllister reported she talked to the principal of Moapa High School about a tentative date for a board meeting to be held on campus. She reported that the principal suggested hosting a meeting in June, July or August. Supervisor McAllister will confirm the date of the meeting with the principal and report back to the board.

9. Acacia Park Update – Kim Vilt (Discussion Only)

Kim reported that a substantial amount of progress has been made at the Gardens, and current grants have been extended. She also stated there is approximately \$100,000 - \$180,000 remaining to complete the Park. Supervisor Van Gorp's architecture firm has also been hired to give estimates of the remaining balance and to finish take-offs. The City of Henderson has offered to finance most of the money needed to complete the Gardens for a grand opening in fall 2004. Utilities will pay the remaining balance. Supervisor Van Gorp stated that he will communicate the logistics with Patricia Ayala at the City of Henderson. Supervisor Hunt asked about the status of the tree farm area in the Park. Kim stated this area will be replaced by the dog run area. Supervisor Currier asked what outstanding grants remain at the park and if they will be affected by the City paying off the balance of the Park. Kim stated that the grants will not be affected. Supervisor Currier also reiterated that Supervisor Van Gorp will be working on the park as a Stantec advisor and not as a board member. Supervisor Van Gorp will provide a cost estimate and a punch list to the design, and Supervisor Hunt volunteered to take pictures of the progress for CDSN records.

10. Staff Report – Wilisha Daniels (Discussion Only)

Wilisha reported CDSN staff attended the Clark County Fair, Summerlin Earth Fair and the UNLV Earth Day Celebration. She also reported that DAQM's student outreach program is going well and the students were scheduled to present at an elementary school this month. She stated she submitted a proposal to Air Quality to develop a 2005 Back Yard Conservation Calendar, which will display 3rd and 4th grade poster contest winners. Supervisor McAllister asked if the poster contest would be open to the Moapa area as well. Wilisha stated that the contest is open to all Clark County School District students. Additionally, Gretchen gave a brief report on the status of the NDF, EPA and NDEP grants. Supervisor Gibson suggested that we contact Lisa Calderwood about further grant opportunities. Supervisor Fortier asked Gretchen to coordinate with City of Henderson to transport soil to the Park. Wilisha also introduced Ron Smolinski of DAQM to the board for an update on the DAQM project. Ron stated that the calendar proposal was approved by upper management, and CDSN could move forward with the coordination of the calendar. He stated that DAQM would like to obligate the remaining monies in the DAQM/CDSN contract to the calendar and the continuation of David Gahr and Wilisha until the end of the fiscal year and possibly through September. Supervisor Currier explained the status of the DAQM contract and David's contract to the staff, and the extension of his contract. Supervisor Currier stated she had sent David a thank you letter for his services that was scheduled to end April 30, 2004, which will change due to the extension of the contract. Supervisor Hunt asked if there would be any enhancements to the position. Ron responded that DAQM would eventually make the position full-time again in the future, and DAQM is also considering another County agency to take over the SBA program.

11. Supervisor's Report (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Van Gorp reported that his agency is working with the City of Henderson on finishing the design of the Acacia Park project.

Supervisor Gibson reported that the Clark County Fair was a big success, and the Desert Conservation Program conducted surveys to assess the public's view on conservation efforts. Once the results are tabulated she will present them to the board. She also reported the Mojave Max field trip to Red Rock will be held on May 13th.

Supervisor McAllister reported PIC also attended the fair and distributed various handouts to the public. She reported "Mesquite Days" is scheduled for April 29th – 30th. She also stated that there are more cleanup projects scheduled at Battleship Wash. Supervisor McAllister reported that she will serve on the TR 21 Grant Committee, and she is also partnering with CDSN staff to submit proposal for the construction of a straw bale house in Moapa.

Supervisor Hunt reported that he recently attended the RC&D and the CWMA meetings. He stated that the grant for the Weed Coordinator position is still in review. He also reported that Mikes Architecture contacted CDSN regarding input on the Oliver Ranch and the Red Rock Visitor Center projects, but he is still awaiting further information about the meeting time and dates.

Supervisor Fortier reported Kim sent him a copy of the tree study grant for review. He also stated he is planning to write an article to be printed in trade magazines to solicit donations for the study.

Supervisor Wardlaw reported NDOT is working on I-15/I-80 beautification project. He stated that there may be opportunities for CDSN to participate in the project. Supervisor Hunt suggested that CWMA be added to the mailing list in order to communicate possible weed issues. Supervisor Gibson asked if there were any plans to include trials in the beautification project. Supervisor Wardlaw responded that they will review all beautification possibilities that meet federal guidelines. Supervisor Wardlaw also reported new improvements were made to the Clark County website including forecasting for population growth through 2035. He stated that the Growth Management Initiative Project by the County will be reviewed on April 27th by the task force.

Supervisor Currier reported CDSN will sponsor two students for the Nevada Youth Range Camp this year. She also stated that CDSN staff and board members will clean their old storage unit and move items into a new unit. She reported she would update the work plan by April 30th, as required by the State. Supervisor Currier passed around information on the Grazing Conference and a hand out on "The Laws Related to Planning." Supervisor Wardlaw suggested that we retrieve the laws from the State's website instead of purchasing them. Supervisor Gibson suggested that CDSN put together a list of useful websites on CDSN's webpage. Supervisor Currier suggested the CDSN intern develop the list this summer.

12. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)

Visitor Edward Maznicki presented information about his project and company "Aqua 'Loc," which is a water retention material. He stated that this material will help to conserve water for our Valley. Supervisor Currier stated that the material could possibly be used at Acacia Park. Supervisor Wardlaw asked what kind of support is needed from the board. Edward stated he would like grant writing assistance and a letter of support. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested the proposal be added to the next meeting agenda for further discussion and consideration.

13. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

Next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2004 in the Conservation District's conference room at 2:30 p.m.

14. Agenda Items (Discussion Only)

Board will review "Aqua 'Loc" at next meeting.

15. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Supervisor Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer