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Conservation District of Southern Nevada Monthly Board Meeting

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Office – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. Bldg A-400
August 25, 2004

Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair

Wilisha Daniels

Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair

Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary

Supervisor Christina Gibson

Supervisor Elise McAllister

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

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 August 2004 Agenda
3. Approval of July 2004 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

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

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - (Discussion/Action Item)

No report.

8. Strawbale Workshop, Canelo, AZ, September (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier explained that staff member Gretchen would like to attend a Strawbale Workshop in AZ. The information provided at the workshop will contribute to the current CDSN Strawbale project. A budget including the workshop and travel cost was presented to the Board. Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve the proposed budget and staff participation at the Strawbale Workshop. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. NvACD Conference, Carson City, October 2004 (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier announced she would attend the conference in Carson City. She asked if two additional board members would like to attend the conference as well. Supervisor Gibson stated she would be able to attend the conference. Supervisor Hunt stated that he would also consider attending the conference. Supervisor Gibson made a motion to send two board members to the NvACD Conference. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. NACD Pacific Region, Anchorage, AK, September 2004(Discussion/Action Item)

A budget including workshop and travel cost to the NACD Pacific Region Conference in Alaska was presented to the Board. The Board agreed that a representative from CDSN should attend the conference, and collect documentation and relevant material from the conference that will be kept on file upon return. This material will not only be used as a permanent resource for the CDSN office, but will also be used by the attendee to prepare a report on the 2004 NACD. This report will be provided for all CDSN members upon return. Additionally, the attendee should hold a presentation at the NACD conference that will highlight CDSN projects. Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve the attendance of staff member, Wilisha Daniels, to the 2004 NACD conference. If Wilisha is not able to attend the meeting, a board member will be elected. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. Acacia Park Dedication (Discussion/Action Item)

The board discussed purchasing a bronze or aluminum plaque for Acacia Park that would list the names of CDSN board members who have made contributions to the Park. Supervisor Hunt moved to purchase a plaque for Acacia Park under \$500. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. Approval of NRCS Weed Treatment Grant Application for Pittman Wash/Moapa Band of Paiutes (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to submit the grant under CDSN administration. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13. Review Draft Annual Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt made a motion to approve the annual report as amended. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

14. Collaborative Storage Space (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson has found a space for collaborative storage in Henderson. The space is rented through UNR and has over 6000 feet of storage space. A tentative meeting date of September 14th has been set to further discuss details concerning the storage unit. The warehouse/storage space will be open Monday-Friday and all types of outreach material can be stored in the storage space.

15. Staff Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Wilisha Daniels reported that CDSN had been granted an extension to the Air Quality Contract for \$100,000. The scope of work for the contract was presented to the board. Supervisor Gibson made a motion to approve the extension of the Air Quality Contract. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Wilisha stated that she would present information on the Backyard Conservation Calendar to the Andre Agassi Elementary School. She also gave an update on the Student Outreach Program with Silverado High School. Staff attended the Back to School Event at CCSN and distributed conservation awareness material. CDSN has been granted the Las Vegas Centennial Award and will begin work in January 2005. Staff continues to meet with Eagle Scouts to plan and build a

composting unit which will be located at the Center for Urban Water Conservation site in Northwest Las Vegas.

16. Supervisor's Report (Discussion/Agenda Item)

Supervisor Hunt reported he had taken pictures at Acacia Park. He also reported that RC&D had distributed around \$17,000 to Clark County for weed control programs.

Supervisor Gibson reported that the Clark County Desert Conservation Program will sponsor the Backyard Conservation Calendar. She is also working to build partnerships for a "fuels for schools" or similar program in Clark County. The County will appoint a new member in January 2005.

Supervisor McAllister stated that the CDSN August meeting in Moapa went very well, and that a brief article about the meeting was printed in the local newspaper.

Supervisor Currier stated that an advertisement for the Conservation Technician had been posted. The Conservation Technician will spend time working on CDSN and CWMA projects. Elise Benson, John Hunt, and Wilisha Daniels will comprise the interview panel.

17. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)

No public comment.

18. Next Meeting (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 2005.

19. Agenda Item (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt would like to have an item on the September agenda to send a board member to the Nevada Management Association 9th Annual Conference.

20. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer