



MINUTES
Conservation District of Southern Nevada
Monthly Board Meeting
Conservation District of Southern Nevada Office – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. Bldg A-400
January 12, 2005 – 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair	Jarrod Edmunds, NRCS
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor Beth Hewitt	Christina Gibson, DAQEM
Supervisor Elise McAllister	

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 2:38 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 January 2005 Agenda
3. Approval of December 2004 Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

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

Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion & Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw asked about the status of the account and how we were doing with the budget. Wilisha stated the budget averages about \$20,000 - \$23,000, and we are maintaining a decent buffer. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Oath of Office (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier distributed the CDSN Oath of Office to newly elected Board Supervisors Wardlaw and Hewitt. Supervisors Wardlaw and Hewitt both took the Oath of Office.

8. Appointment of Officers (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to hold the item until the next meeting. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) – Jarrod Edmunds (Discussion/Action Item)

Jarrold reported that NRCS has a new State Conservationist, Richard Vigil. He will report to the office on January 24th and will be located in Reno. He also stated that the EQIP cut off date has changed from January 30th to February 18th, and this will be the cut off date for all programs. Jarrold also distributed a handout on the status of funding for this fiscal year for NRCS programs. The programs include EQIP, AMA, GRP, WHIP, CSP and FRPP. Supervisor Hunt asked if the FRPP could assist the Virgin River Project. Jarrold stated that they would need to generate interest from other Districts in order to apply for the funds. Supervisor Hunt also asked if the MSHCP could match funds for the program. Jarrold stated that they could. He stated that due to the reorganization of the field offices, the Las Vegas office currently works with three Conservation Districts. Supervisor Currier inquired about the Conservation Initiative Grant (CIG) program and the possibility of CDSN applying for funding to assist with solar energy and native seeds projects. Jarrold said he will find out more information about that program.

10. Las Vegas Valley Community Gardens – Supervisor Wardlaw (Discussion/Action Item)
This item will be held until further notice.

11. NACD Annual Conference Feb 5-9th, Atlanta, Georgia (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier asked the board to review the information on the conference. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion not to send anyone to the conference. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. Staff Report – Wilisha Daniels (Discussion/Action Item)

Wilisha reported that 10,000 calendars were printed and distributed throughout the community. Eight thousand calendars went to every school in the Clark County School District. Supervisor Currier suggested that Wilisha coordinate with the NACD poster contest next year to possibly submit entries to the State as well. She also stated that the Silverado High School Students will give an air quality presentation to the DAQEM staff of February 17th at 8:30 am. Wilisha reported that the seasonal intern, Katie Bliven worked the last two weeks on updating the website, developing the CWMA newsletter, and worked with Christina Gibson on the Environmental Booklet. Gretchen Huie reported on the status of CWMA and passed out the first newsletter. She also distributed a volunteer flyer from the COH. Gretchen met with UNLV's Architecture department regarding the development of a master plan for the Moapa Gardens. She is also working with a Eagle Scout to build a compost bin for the NDEP grant. Additionally, she is working with Silverado High School and CCSD on the weeds video. Supervisor Hunt inquired about the CWMA intern position's status. Gretchen stated she will present that information at the next CWMA meeting. Supervisor Currier asked about the X-mas Tree Recycling program. Wilisha stated that it went well and they received more publicity this year than in years past. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested to the staff to add a map on the website of the projects around the Valley.

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

Supervisor McAllister reported on the status of the flooding in Moapa. She stated that there are many residents in Moapa that are interested in being involved in conservation efforts. She suggested a possible citizen conservation group. She stated the County gave the Town Board monies to initiate a visioning process, and developing a citizen conservation group may be a possibility. Supervisor Hunt asked if the NRCS could assist or provide monies in providing agricultural programs, such as an orchard. Supervisor Wardlaw supported the idea and suggested contacting the NDA to assist the group. Supervisor Hunt also suggested talking to RC&D about a possible partnership. Supervisor McAllister reported that the community is very excited about working with UNLV on the Moapa Gardens.

Supervisor Hewitt reported that the Nevada Native Plant Society met last Monday. She stated that about 30 people attend the meeting, and the group will be looking for different projects. Supervisor Wardlaw stated that NDOT is working on a beautification project for the I-15. He stated that they are interested in using native plants to reduce weeds. Supervisor Hunt asked if the Native Plant Society has an expert on weeds. Supervisor Hewitt stated that there are many experts in the group, and she will present it at the next meeting and possibly send a representative to the CWMA meetings.

Supervisor Hunt reported that he will attend the Rural Summit in Tonopah next week, and will also attend the RC& D meeting at the end of the month.

Supervisor Wardlaw reported that the financial disclosure statement law has changed and board members may be required to submit a statement by Jan. 15th. He stated that NRS 429 stated that every elected public officer will need to submit a financial disclosure statement. Supervisor Currier recommended that the board file a financial disclosure statement. She stated she will check with the state office to find out the latest attorney general decision is on the matter.

Supervisor Currier reported CDSN received a thank you card from NACD for the scholarship auction that raised \$2,574. She also stated that we received an email from Jason Drew, District Manager of the Lake Tahoe CD about scheduling a brainstorming meeting on funding ideas. The meeting will be held in Carson City, but interested members can participate via teleconference. Supervisor Currier provided the contact information for the meeting to the board. She also reported on the boulders for the ADG, and that we should receive them soon.

*14. Open Discussion (Discussion Only)**

Christina Gibson stated that the calendar looked great. She also stated that she worked with Katie on updating the Environmental Contact Booklet, and her office will maintain the Booklet. Christina stated that the Clark County Fair will be held on April 7th – 10th.

Supervisor Hunt asked staff if there was a list of address to send the CWMA newsletter to. Gretchen Huie stated that it will be distributed at special events, as well as posted on CDSN's web page. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested that we develop a email list of people who are interested in receiving the newsletter.

15. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005 at 2:30 at the CDSN office.

16. Agenda Items (Discussion/Agenda Item)

Item eight will be re-agendized for the next meeting. Item 10 will not be carried over until further notice. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested an update on the Ethics Commission be added to the agenda.

17. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer

Date