



MINUTES

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Monthly Board Meeting

Conservation District of Southern Nevada Office – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. Bldg A-400
March 17, 2004

Attendees:

Supervisor Judy Currier, Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Sec.	Jarrold Edmunds, NRCS
Supervisor Joe Fortier	
Supervisor Christina Gibson	
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 March's Agenda
3. Approval of January 2004 and February 2004 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

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

Business Agenda:

6. Financial Report (Discussion & Action Item)

Supervisor Fortier made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Jarrold Edmunds (Discussion Only)

Jarrold reported that NRCS will receive new directional signs for the office. He also stated that the EQIP program received approximately 6.8 million dollars this year in funding. He stated there is an additional \$600,000 designated for grounds and surface water projects, and some monies from EQIP will also be designated for Confined Animal Feeding Operations. Jarrold reported that there were a total of five EQIP sign-ups for the Las Vegas field office (3-Clark County; 2-Nye County). Supervisor Currier asked how many were funded last year. Jarrold stated only one was funded last year in Bunkerville. He also stated NRCS received a new cost share list on different practices and screening criteria for EQIP. NRCS also held a local workgroup meeting this month. Local work groups make recommendations to the state technical committee to help tailor NRCS programs to better service the local area. The next meeting is scheduled with Jim Potts on March 25th in Alamo. The recommended changes will be sent to the state office after the meeting. Supervisor Currier asked

if we were competing with the rest of Nevada for funding. Jarrod replied that we would be competing within our area. Supervisor Currier also asked what the ratio in this area. Jarrod stated it was approximately \$300,000 last year. He also mentioned the deadline for WHIP would be June 15th and an amount had not been determined. Supervisor McAllister asked what the criteria were for WHIP. Jarrod stated it is based on the enhancement and development of wildlife habitat on agricultural ground. Jarrod also reported there was a meeting with the FSA committee on March 9th in Tonopah to discuss how to service that area.

8. Dues for RC&D (Discussion and Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to pay the \$100 dues to RC&D. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

9. Unincorporated CC Meeting Site and Date (Action Item)

Supervisor McAllister reported that the Moapa Valley High School Agriculture Farm is excited about working on possible future projects with CDSN. She stated that the principal and the school district support the idea of working with CDSN on projects on the agriculture farm. Supervisor McAllister asked if a board meeting and a public forum could be held in Moapa. Supervisor Hunt asked what issues CDSN would cover in Moapa. Jarrod asked if there was an active FFA at the school, and if crops could be raised on the farm. Supervisor McAllister responded that the farm is not self-sustaining, and would like to develop self-sustaining projects in the future. Jarrod mentioned that NRCS's Farm Land Protection Program could be a possible funding opportunity for the farm. Supervisor Currier suggested scheduling a board meeting in Moapa, which includes an agenda item on the agriculture farm. She also suggested Jarrod, Teri and Alice give presentations on the Farm Land Protection Program, the grade school composting program and community gardening. Supervisor McAllister suggested May for a board meeting and mixer in Moapa. Supervisor Currier asked Supervisor McAllister to schedule a 10:00 a.m. meeting/workshop in May or June. Supervisor Hunt made a motion to look into planning a May or June meeting in Moapa Valley. Supervisor Fortier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Range Camp Sponsorship (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier asked the board to sponsor two (2) children for Range Camp. She stated the camp is \$75 per child. Supervisor Fortier made a motion to sponsor two (2) Clark County students for Range Camp. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. NvACD Dues (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier stated that \$500 dues are due to the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. Supervisor Fortier made a motion to pay the \$500 dues. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. Area Meeting (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier stated that NvACD is encouraging a regional meeting. She stated that the meeting is an opportunity for districts to exchange ideas and to see how other districts operate. Supervisor Hunt asked what kind of presentation does CDSN what to present. Supervisor Currier suggested that CDSN host a September meeting and field trip to the various projects that we have worked on. Supervisor Fortier supported the idea of CDSN hosting a meeting in September. Jarrod stated the meeting would be a good opportunity for CDs to review resolutions as a collective area. Supervisor Van Gorp suggested sending out letters to possible attendees. Supervisor Currier will draft a letter to generate interest. Supervisor Fortier made a motion to host a regional meeting in the fall (September/October). Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

13. NvACD Donation (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier reported that NvACD announced that they would welcome donations at the last state meeting. She asked the board if they had an interest in making a donation to the NvACD.

Supervisor Fortier asked how much we could afford to donate. Wilisha stated she would talk to Kim about how much we could donate. Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to hold the item until the next meeting. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

14. Staff Report – Wilisha Daniels (Discussion Only)

Wilisha reported that she and Gretchen attended the “Breakfast in the Gardens” at the DDG last week. She also stated they are planning to attend the Clark County Fair, the Earth Day Celebration at UNLV and the Summerlin Earth Fair. Wilisha also gave a brief report on the DAQM student outreach program. Wilisha stated she ordered polo shirts for the staff to wear at special events. She also offered to order shirts for the board members, at \$25 each. Gretchen reported she submitted grants to the EPA for a straw bale house at the ADG, and to Wells Fargo for plants at the ADG. Wilisha also stated that she spoke to Sandi Gotta about the status of the insurance coverage for CDs.

15. Supervisor’s Report

Supervisor Gibson reported that the Desert Conservation Group will be at the fair this year. The fair will be held in Logondale from April 8-11th from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Supervisor Van Gorp reported that they will soon begin the design of Tomi’s garden. He also expressed interest in having a combined meeting with Nye County.

Supervisor Hunt reported he attended the RC&D and MSHCP meetings.

Supervisor Fortier reported that the grant from Bureau of Recreation was rejected for the tree study, and he was considering other sources. He stated that the National Arborist Group has a grant for a tree study due by May 1st that he and Kim are exploring. He also reported that he attended a trade show in California.

Supervisor McAllister reported that the BLM and Fish and Wildlife cleaned the Battlefield Wash last week. She also stated that BLM will restore the area. She stated PIC finished the grant at the Perkins school, and NDF came out to review it. Supervisor McAllister reported that the 2nd Annual Moapa Days is scheduled for Saturday. She offered to hand out CDSN brochures at the event.

Supervisor Currier reported that CDSN sent out the 2002-2003 annual report this month. She also handed out a flier on community partnership opportunities with Las Vegas Gladiators. She also stated that SNETF meeting was changed to from March 24th to the 31st. Supervisor Currier stated that she received a draft of the annual report from the Regional Flood Control District’s annual plan.

16. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)

No public comment.

17. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

Next meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2004 in the Conservation District conference room at 2:30. Supervisor Currier also suggested adding “Potential Agenda Items” item to the next meeting agenda.

18. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Supervisor Hunt, Secretary/Treasurer

