



Minutes
Conservation District of Southern Nevada
Monthly Board Meeting
Clark County Government Center – 500 Grand Central Pkwy, ODC Room 1
November 9, 2004 – 12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 12:15

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 November 2004 Agenda
3. Approval of September 2004 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills

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

Business Agenda:

6. Open Balloting & Nominations From Floor For District Supervisor Seats A & B
(Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier stated that there was a nomination for Elizabeth Hewitt. Supervisor Currier made a motion to nominate Ms. Hewitt. Ms. Hewitt accepted the nomination. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The name was added to the ballot.

Supervisor Currier asked if there were any other nominations. Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to nominate Jon Wardlaw. Mr. Wardlaw accepted the nomination. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion was passed. The name was added to the ballot. Supervisor Currier asked if there were any other nominations. Supervisor Van Gorp moved that the nominations be closed. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw inquired about the overall budget. Staff replied that the budget was in order and that a reimbursement had just been received from DAQEM and the budget stood at an estimated \$50,000. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Jarrod Edmunds (Discussion/Action Item)

Elyse Benson reported that Jarrod was not able to make the meeting. Elyse stated that the agency would be assigned a new director in the near future. She also reported that the agency is currently waiting to get EQUIP reports which will state how much the agency can annually spend. Elyse is working on a committee designed to reach new EQUIP customers who have not been reached in the past. She also stated that she is investigating the possibility of new urban Cost Share Programs.

9. Conservation Commission & NvACD Conference Reports (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt reported that the Conference had several interesting speakers who presented on topics ranging from motivation to funding possibilities. He spoke with representatives at the meeting who were positive about maintaining Conservation Districts in urban areas. He stated that Conservation District Board Members are insured by the State to the extent that Members are working within the parameters of CDSN law. He briefed the members on the three resolutions that had been discussed at the Conference. Supervisor Gibson reported that she had given a presentation on what was going on in the Southern Region.

Supervisor Currier reported that the Conservation Commission & NvACD would be going to the State Legislator this next session with a bill draft. The bill request that the State Conservation Department be allowed to apply for grants on behalf of the Conservation District and administer grants so that the Conservation Commission can take in money and allocate funds to Conservation Districts. Supervisor Currier also reported that next year the NvACD will be meeting in Mesquite.

10. Acacia Demonstration Gardens Dedication (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier reported that Acacia Demonstration Garden opening is scheduled for November 20th. A dedication rock has been ordered which has CDSN Board Member names. She asked the members for suggestions on the placement of the dedication rock. Supervisor Currier asked if anyone would like to speak at the opening. Supervisor Wardlaw offered to attend the opening with Supervisor Currier. Supervisor Wardlaw moved to move Item 13 up because some nominees needed to leave the meeting early. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion.

13. 10 Minute Recess (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier stated the meeting would reconvene at 12:50

BREAK

14. Reopen Public Meeting (Action Item)

Supervisor Gibson made a motion to reopen the public meeting. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

15. Close Nominations & Balloting (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt made a motion to move forward to Item 15. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion to close nominations and balloting. The motion passed. Balloting was closed.

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

Wilisha reported that she had attended the NaACD Conference and had gained some valuable information. She is currently working with DAQEM to develop a 2005-2006 Strategic Plan for the Student Outreach Program. She also stated that the Conservation Calendar is in the final phases and will be ready to go to print in the near future. Staff attended the Day with the Experts. Gretchen invited members to a volunteer day at Acacia Park and the tree planting at the Tomiyasu Elementary School. Gretchen reported that CWMA has submitted for a grant to fund an educational video on invasive weeds. Coordination for this video has already begun. A workshop on weeds will be presented to the Frontier Girl Scout Council on December 6th. A similar presentation on invasive weeds will be held at Silverado High School on December 2nd. A composting workshop was held at Acacia Gardens on November 6th and November 20th.

12 Supervisor's Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor McAllister reported recent activities at the Agriculture Farm in Moapa. She reported that Mark Hoversten at the UNLV Landscaping Department has agreed to work with CDSN to develop landscape plans for the Moapa Community Garden.

Supervisor Hunt reported that NvACD would like to increase dues from \$100 to \$200 annually. He suggested that this be put on next months agenda for further discussion.

Supervisor Gibson stated that Mohave Max Program was scheduled for the next year. The conservation message is expanding. She stated that County had raised the question of conflict of interest of

participation of County employee on the CDSN Board. The question is being investigated by the County and Supervisor Gibson has been instructed to continue attending the meetings until further notice. Supervisor Wardlaw reported that the Growth Population Model has been completed. He reported that Clark County grew over 100,000 people in 2004.

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

Elizabeth Hewitt was welcome to the Board as well as Jon Wardlaw

17. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

December 15th, 2004

The new terms will begin January 1st and Joe Fortier has asked if we can meet at 3:00.

18. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

19. Election Results (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier stated that the election results were Elizabeth Hewitt and Jon Wardlaw. Supervisor Hunt moved to accept the results for the Election Department. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

20. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw moved to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Note: The CDSN may address agenda items in a different order than shown.

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*Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes.

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Natural Resources Cons. Service 5820 S. Pecos Rd, Bldg A, Ste 400 Las Vegas, NV 89120	Clark County Library 1401 E. Flamingo Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89119	Paseo Verde Library 280 S. Green Valley Pkwy Henderson, NV 89014	UNR, Cooperative Extension 2345 Red Rock St. Las Vegas, NV 89146	Partners in Conservation 1501 State Hwy 168 Moapa, NV 89025
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