



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 Judy Currier, Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp, Vice Chair	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary	Elyse Benson, NRCS
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw	Elizabeth Hewitt
Supervisor Christina Gibson	
Supervisor Elise McAllister	

Supervisor Currier called the meeting to order at 12:15 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 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 opened the floor for balloting and nominations for Seats A & B currently held by Supervisors Jon Wardlaw and Joe Fortier. Supervisor Currier stated that Supervisor Fortier would be unable to run for reelection due to other obligations, and therefore nominations should not be made for Supervisor Fortier. Supervisor Currier stated that there was a nomination for Elizabeth Hewitt of the Community College of Southern Nevada. Supervisor Currier made a motion to nominate Ms. Hewitt. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ms. Hewitt accepted the nomination and was added to the ballot. Supervisor Currier asked if there were any other nominations. Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to nominate Supervisor Jon Wardlaw. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Supervisor Wardlaw accepted the nomination and was added to the ballot. Supervisor Currier asked if there were any other nominations. Supervisor Van Gorp moved to close the nominations. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Balloting was formally opened with two nominees.

7. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw inquired about the overall budget. Wilisha replied that the budget was in order and a reimbursement had just been received from DAQEM. She stated 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 the agency would be assigned a new director in the near future. She also reported that the agency is currently waiting to receive EQIP reports, which will state how much the agency can spend annually. Elyse is working on a committee designed to reach new EQIP 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 optimistic 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 also reported that she and Wilisha gave a presentation on the Southern Region. Supervisor Currier reported that the Conservation Commission & NvACD would present a bill to the State Legislator this upcoming session. The bill will request that the State Conservation Department be allowed to apply and administer grants on behalf of the Conservation District; which would allow the Conservation Commission to receive money and allocate funds to Conservation Districts. Supervisor Currier also reported that next year's NvACD conference will be held 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 plaque/rock with CDSN Board Members names was recently ordered. She asked the members for suggestions on the placement of the dedication plaque/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 up Item 13, *10 Minute Break* because some nominees needed to leave the meeting early. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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 at 12:50. 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 *Close Nominations and Balloting*. Supervisor Gibson seconded the motion to close nominations and balloting. The motion passed.

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

Wilisha reported that she had attended the NvACD 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. He also stated that he will attend the MSHCP meeting on the 10th.

Supervisor Gibson stated that Mohave Max Program was scheduled for next year, and the program's conservation message is expanding. She stated that the County recently inquired about conflict of interest on participation of County employees serving on the CDSN Board. The issue is currently 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)*

Supervisor Currier stated that Supervisor Wardlaw was reelected and welcomed Elizabeth Hewitt to the board.

17. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 15th, 2004 at the CDSN office.

Supervisor Currier stated the new terms will begin January 1, 2005 and Supervisor Fortier asked if the meeting time could be changed to 3:00 p.m.

18. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

None

19. Election Results (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier accepted the election report from the Clark County Election Department and reported as follows:

Jon Wardlaw	9 votes
Elizabeth Hewitt	10 votes

Supervisor Wardlaw retained his seat and Elizabeth Hewitt was elected to the board.

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. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

John Hunt, Secretary

Date