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**MINUTES**  
**Conservation District of Southern Nevada**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Conservation District of Southern Nevada – 500 Grand Central Pkwy., Pueblo Room**  
**November 9, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Supervisor Jodi Bechtel, Chair	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Judy Currier, Vice Chair	Jennifer Szwejbka
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary	Steve Pak, CC Elections Dept.
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp	
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw	
Supervisor Elise McAllister	
Supervisor Beth Hewitt	
Alt. Supervisor Mark Silverstein	

Supervisor Bechtel called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. She also called out item #16 should reflect CDSN Surplus Policy instead of NRCS Surplus Policy.

**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 November 2006 Agenda
3. Approval of September 2006 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills
6. Introductions

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to approve the consent agenda with modification to #16. Supervisor Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Business Agenda:**

7. Open Balloting – 1:00 p.m. (Discussion/Action Item)  
Supervisor Bechtel opened elections for seats “A, B and C.” The top three votes for the positions will be appointed to the seats. Supervisor Bechtel stated the current positions open for election are held by Supervisors Currier, McAllister and Hunt. The elected positions are for a four-year term, and appointed positions are for a two-year term. The three elected position will serve until December 31, 2010.

8. Nominations from the floor for District Supervisors Seats A, B and C (Discussion/Action Item)  
Supervisor Hunt nominated himself. Supervisor Currier nominated Supervisor McAllister, and Supervisor Wardlaw nominated Supervisor Currier for open seats A,B, and C.

9. Close Nominations (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to accept and close nominations. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

10. Close Balloting – 2:00 p.m. (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt made a motion to recess until 2:00 p.m. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. Open Public Meeting – (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Bechtel called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

12. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw moved to accept the financial report. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

NRCS was unable to attend the meeting. No report.

14. NvACD Conference (Discussion/Action)

Supervisor Hunt stated there were seven resolutions presented at the meeting. He voted for five and rejected two. He stated a draft MOU between NRCS and CDs was distributed at the conference, and the MOU was included in the agenda packet for the Board to review. He asked Board to specifically review the no-ride policy. Supervisor Hunt reported that Chris Freeman was elected as Vice-President, and Pasty Tomera was elected the new President of NvACD.

Wilisha reported that she gave a presentation on the DRI/DAQEM science box program at the meeting. The program was well received by the attendees. The next meeting will be held in Winnemucca.

15. NRCS No-Ride Policy (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt explained that according to the no-ride policy, CD staff and supervisors can not ride or use NRCS vehicles. NRCS is requiring that CDs have liability insurance coverage in order for staff/supervisor to ride or use NRCS vehicles. Supervisor Hunt asked for a letter from the Chair requesting a speedy resolution on the policy. Maggie Liebel is currently reviewing the policy with the NDCD. Supervisor Bechtel asked how the other CDs responded to the no-ride policy. Supervisor Hunt stated that the NDCD appeared to be concerned. Supervisor Bechtel stated that staff/supervisors can rent a car or be reimbursed for mileage for use of personal vehicles. Supervisor Wardlaw recommended that staff call the state office to discuss the status of the policy prior to sending a letter. Supervisor Hunt made a motion to have staff call the state about the status of the letter to the Conservation Commission and NRCS regarding the no-ride policy. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed.

16. CDSN Surplus Policy (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt inquired about our policy on the surplus of electronic items. He also asked if we had a value point to decide when we can rid items. Supervisor Bechtel stated that it is at the Board's discretion. Supervisor Currier stated that we have given older computers/printers to other Districts in the past. Supervisor Bechtel supported CDSN having a written policy for the electronics. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion that we inventory the current items, have staff check with state on current policy, and make recommendations to the Board. Supervisor Currier seconded. The motion passed. Supervisor Bechtel stated that all equipment inventoried be \$200 or more.

17. Nevada Society for Range Management Sponsorship – Wilisha Daniels (Discussion/Action Item)

Wilisha stated that she received a sponsorship letter from Maggie Orr about the SRM Conference, which asked for CDSN's help in sponsoring the event. Supervisor Currier asked what we would receive for the conference. Wilisha stated that there were different levels of sponsorship and it depended on how much we donated. Supervisor Bechtel reviewed and shared the sponsorship packet

and information on the symposium with the Board. Supervisor McAllister stated that the symposium was more geared to state level. Supervisor Wardlaw stated that money may be spent better locally. Supervisor Van Gorp moved that CDSN does not sponsor the Conference. Supervisor McAllister seconded. The motion passed. Wilisha will notify SRM that we can not sponsor the symposium at this time.

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

Wilisha reported the 2007 Environment and Conservation calendars are in print. Eighteen thousand calendars will be printed and distributed to 327 schools and throughout the community. She reported that CDSN participated in Farm Fest in October, and over 6,000 kids attended the festival. CDSN also participated in the Asthma Walk this past Friday. Wilisha stated that the DRI science boxes were recently completed and will be circulated in January 2007 to educators. She also reported that she is working on a new DAQEM brochure.

Jennifer reported that she submitted the 219 grant for the Storm Drain Marketing Campaign. She also reported that there will be an “E-Waste Recycling Event” at Community College this month. Supervisor Bechtel stated that the partner agencies that are contributing funds will need to draft a MOU with CDSN for Storm Water Campaign. Supervisor Hunt stated there were some concerns with the execution of the last campaign, based on the discussion at the Storm Drain Meeting hosted by CDSN. Alt. Supervisor Silverstein stated that the concerns were with the placement of the plaques, which were noted and will be addressed in the new campaign. Supervisor Currier stated that too many plaques were ordered last time, but the problem was addressed in the proposal.

#### 19. Supervisor’s Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt reported the DCD stated at the NvACD meeting that state is planning to ask for more funding from the legislature for CDs this year. He also reported that he went to Pahrump to assist with the planting of the native seeds for the RC&D project. He also stated he will attend the BLM weeds reporting meeting.

Supervisor Bechtel reported the election results. Supervisors McAllister, Hunt and Currier were all reelected to fill the three open four-year term positions.

Supervisor Hewitt reported that she volunteered for the Las Vegas Springs Preserve Green Up, and planted 300 trees along with local high school students. She also reported that she is working on her list of plants for the Moapa Gardens.

Supervisor Currier reported that the Conservation Commission met the last week of October. The Commission will have a new chair soon. She reported that Wilisha put together a packet for the state as a part of a brag book of what CDSN has done including, ADG, Pirates Cove and the air quality program. She stated that the Commission is leaning towards being stricter and enforcing the policy for state grant funding.

Supervisor McAllister reported that Sheri Davies was promoted, and is no longer the principal at Moapa Valley High School. The school has yet to announce the new principal. She also attended the Moapa Valley open house, which showcased the upcoming projects to the public. She stated PIC recently joined the Farm Bureau.

#### 20. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only\*)

None

#### 21. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

#### 22. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

- MOU Revisions

- RC&D Representative
- No-Ride Policy
- Appointment of Officers
- Inventory List
- Listing of Agreements/MOUs

23. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Hunt, Sec./Treasurer

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Date