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**MINUTES**  
**Conservation District of Southern Nevada**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Clark County Government Center- 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, Pueblo Room**  
**November 10, 2008 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Supervisor Joseph Fortier, Chair  
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw, Vice Chair  
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas. /Secretary  
Supervisor Mark Silverstein  
Supervisor Elizabeth Tomica Hewitt  
Jennifer Szwejbka

**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 2008 Agenda
3. Approval of September 2008 Meeting Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Pay bills
6. Introductions.

**Supervisor Fortier called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.**

**Supervisor Wardlaw moved to approve the consent agenda. Supervisor Hewitt seconded. The motion passed.**

**Business Agenda:**

**7. Open Balloting- (Discussion/Action Item)**

**8. Nominations on the Floor for District Supervisors Seats A and B - (Discussion/Action Item)**

Supervisor Hunt nominated supervisor Hewitt second for Seat A. **Supervisor Wardlaw moved to close nominations for position A. Supervisor Silverstein seconded, the motion passed.** Supervisor Hewitt motioned to nominate Jon Wardlaw for Seat B. **Supervisor Silverstein seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

**9. Close Nominations – (Discussion/Action Item)**

**10. Close Balloting - (Discussion/Action Item)**

Balloting closed until 2 p.m.

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

Public meeting opened at 2:02 p.m.

**12. Financial Report- (Discussion/Action Item)**

NACD dues are due for the amount of \$775.00.

NRCS charged CDSN for background checks, CDSN issued a check to NRCS in 2007. The check was never cashed by NRCS, they returned the check and notified them that we would not be able to reissue the check. NRCS agreed to eat the costs since it was a mistake on their part. **Supervisor Wardlaw motioned to approve the financial report. Supervisor Hewitt seconded. The motion passed.**

**13. Appoint Second RC&D Representative-(Discussion/Action Item)**

No interest.

**14. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Jarrod Edmunds (Discussion/Action Item)**

Jarrold Edmunds was not able to attend. He provided a report. Supervisor Hunt spoke with Bill Elder about ride policy. If an NRCS employee is driving personal vehicle not NRCS vehicle to NvACD meeting, we can ride a long and vice versa.

**15. Review of Dean Witter Account- (Discussion/Action Item)**

Jennifer Szwejbka stated that in minutes from 2006 the Dean Witter account was discussed and the county has an in lieu of fee program. In 2006 Jodi had spoken with Bruce Silotto about CDSN keeping the funds and if the county would like us to reinvest it. Staff was supposed to contact Stanley Morgan for options of reinvestment in July/September 2006 agendas. In 2006 \$10,000 was taken from the account for the Wetlands project. No mention had been made after September 2006. Supervisor Wardlaw asked what we can do with the money. What does the money need to do?

Supervisor Hunt asked if our funds have risen or fallen in the monthly statements. Jennifer Szwejbka reported that research has been done, but it is not yet determined if CDSN is holding onto the funds or if it will be placed in the County's in lieu of fee program. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested contacting Bruce Silatto and find out limitations on those funds.

**16. Contracts- (Discussion/Action Item)**

Supervisor Fortier believes any money transitions and contracts should be approved by the board first. Supervisor Fortier asked if there are any other contracts coming up between now and January? Jennifer Szwejbka said no, but there are some grant opportunities like EPA's environmental education due December 18th and Recreation trails due December 1st that CDSN could go after. Supervisor suggested implementing the EPA grant to the Sustainability Committee.

**17. Cities Appointment- (Discussion/Action Item)**

Supervisor Fortier reported that there is no one that has been selected yet for this position.

**18. County Reappointment- (Discussion Item)**

Supervisor Silverstein may change over to the Aviation Department. He would have to check with his new director about reappointment. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested speaking to Erik Pappa or the PIO office for County Alternate. Supervisor Fortier stated that if CDSN does not find someone to fill the position a letter should be written to the commissioner that is a member of the CB and request from him

**19. Tomi's Garden Update- (Discussion Item)**

The grant money with RC&D has been spent. Approximately 30 more plants were added and a 25'' tree. A plaque was also purchased to install in the garden. Supervisor Hunt suggested contacting Tomiyasu's family for approval; however the plaque has already been purchased. Supervisor Fortier stated that if any ceremony was to take place then the family will be contacted.

**20. Project Idea Review- (Discussion Item)**

Supervisor Hewitt if we have made any progress with the list that was generated at the last board meeting for project ideas. Supervisor Wardlaw has put Jennifer Szwejbka in contact with someone at Nevada Energy, Edgar Patino. CDSN is in the process of meeting with him and the Conservation Department. CDSN has also met with NRCS and the Forest Service on their soils climate project. They are looking to disperse data collected from SNOTEL sites for education curriculum. CDSN will help facilitate that and we have been included in the budget for the SNPLMA funds. CDSN will be receiving \$216,000 for the five years they put the budget in for. CDSN will be aiding in developing the education portion of the

project. Supervisor Wardlaw asked if we can make a table out of the list that was generated to evaluate the potential of project ideas in order to use it as a more effective tool. Supervisor Fortier also suggested finding a way to prioritize the ideas.

Supervisor Silverstein mentioned that DAQEM will have a bubble campaign in place of “Dusty”.

Supervisor Silverstein asked if CDSN can do anything with invasive Quagga mussels. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested meeting with agencies to ask them how CDSN can help rather than coming up with a specific idea ourselves. S

Supervisor Silverstein stated that the City of Henderson is doing a pilot project with preserving the national washes. They may need outreach support.

Supervisor Wardlaw suggested a professional letter showing what CDSN has accomplished and get it directly to any managers in cities planning or parks department stating that CDSN would like to work with them.

### **21. Staff Report- Jennifer Szwejbka (Discussion/Action Item)**

Arizona Cooperative Extension contacted us and they are interested in the Drip Guides. 2 boxes were mailed out to them and CDSN will be reimbursed for mailing costs. Supervisor Fortier said a group in Southern California wants to make revisions for their area and they will pay for publishing.

CDSN attended the Pet Blessing event. Home Depot National Energy event we worked with Springs Preserve and Rebel Recycling to attend all the events for the month of October. The Nellis Air Force Base show was also attended and Santa’s Arrival at the Galleria mall.

A thank you letter was sent to Dirick Van Gorp and Jodi Bechtel.

CDSN met with master gardeners regarding classes at Acacia. However, master gardeners are presenting different materials than CDSN, so we will continue with classes in the Spring.

Supervisor Hunt asked if we will continue the sales of compost bins. CDSN was unable to contact anyone to work with on continuation of the project.

The Storm Drain Marking program funds were approved to do the poster contest and field trip for another year. Dates for the field trip are already set.

The Moapa Demonstration Gardens is still in the process of printing brochures. Once the brochures are printed the project will be complete.

\$200 has been spent for Xmas tree Recycling.

Time Extension was granted for the Valley of Fire project. Curt Deuser with NPS is going to do the labor.

An E-Waste event will be held at the university over the weekend.

The Wash is having an anniversary event. They are doing a commemorative tree plant and they have requested for a member from every committee to do the planting. Jennifer Szwejbka asked if Supervisor Hewitt would be interested in helping. Supervisor Hewitt agreed to help.

### **22. Supervisor’s Report – (Discussion/Action Item)**

Supervisor Wardlaw had nothing to report.

Supervisor Hunt reported that the NvACD has a new president. Next year it will be held in Fallon, Nevada.

Supervisor Silverstein reported that the County has begun attending the advisory board meetings to discuss county wide water quality management plans. An open house will be held at the RTC building on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 to find out more. Information is on the DAQEM website.

Supervisor Hewitt had nothing to report.

Supervisor Fortier stated that the election results are official and both representatives were re-elected for another 4 years.

### **23. Open Discussion and Public Comment**

None.

### **24. Agenda Items- (Discussion/Action Item)**

-RC&D Representative

-Appointment officers

-Project ideas

- Contracts
- Project approval
- Cities and County appointment
- NRCS Cooperative work agreement

**25. Meeting Location- (Discussion/Action Item)**

January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 at the CDSN office.

**26. Adjournment- (Action Item)**

Supervisor Wardlaw moves to adjourn. Supervisor Hewitt seconded. The motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Hunt, Sec. /Treasurer

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Date