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Conservation District of Southern Nevada
Monthly Board Meeting
Conservation District of Southern Nevada – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. A-400,
Conference Room
October 19, 2005 – 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Jodi Bechtel, Chair	Gretchen Huie
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary	Wilisha Daniels
Supervisor Judy Currier	Ron Smolinski, DAQEM
Supervisor Elise McAllister	
Supervisor Beth Tomica	

Supervisor Bechtel called the meeting to order at 2:35 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 October 2005 Agenda
3. Approval of September 2005 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills
6. Introductions

Supervisor Currier made a motion to approve the consent agenda with a change to item 11; moving it up to item 6. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

7. (Item 11 on Agenda) Straw Bale Structure (Discussion/Action Item)

Gretchen reported that she had contacted Cliff and asked him to ensure that CDSN would not be liable for any accidents associated with the construction of the straw bale project at Moapa High School. Gretchen said that the Clark County School District Inspection Services had not agreed to sign a letter that was sent by Lucchesi Galati which stated, "The District will take full responsibility and liability for the project, including third-party claims, which are in any way associated with the project." Supervisor Currier asked if the building would be constructed during school time. Supervisor Bechtel asked

if the project was being constructed on school property and if Moapa High School was listed as a partner for the project. Gretchen answered yes and the board agreed that therefore, there should not be any issues with liability. Supervisor Hunt requested that Gretchen find out who inspects Clark County School Buildings.

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

No NRCS report.

Wilisha stated that the reorganization letter was included in the package and suggested that board members review the letter.

9. Conservation Easement Status (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Bechtel reported that she did not have any new news on the easement. The Board requested that this item be moved to next month's agenda.

10. NvACD Conference, November 8-9, 2005, Mesquite, Nevada (Discussion/Action Item)

- Voting Delegate
- Resolutions

Supervisor Bechtel stated that any Board Member attending the conference should make registration arrangements with Wilisha. Supervisor Currier reminded staff that they should post the conference as if it were a meeting. Supervisor Hewitt made a motion to appoint Supervisor Currier as the voting delegate and Supervisor Hunt as an alternate voting delegate. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Board decided that they did not have any resolutions. Wilisha reported that five sponsors were needed for NvACD conference breaks and DAEQM, CDSN supervisors, CDSN, and PIC had volunteered to fund the breaks. She suggested that CDSN sponsor the remaining break with monies in the CDSN budget. Supervisor Currier stated that if we use City of Henderson funds that we advertise the sponsorship as CDSN/Acacia Gardens and City of Henderson. Supervisor Currier said she would donate something for the auction. Supervisor Hewitt said she would donate two books. The Board decided that they would prepare a goodie bag containing items from Las Vegas for the auction. Supervisor Bechtel offered to prepare the bag.

11. (Item 7 on Agenda) Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. Computer Purchase (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Currier stated that CDSN received an email from USDA which offered USDA compatible computers to Districts. Wilisha contacted Supervisor Bechtel for approval to purchase the computers. Supervisor Bechtel was out of town, so Wilisha contacted Supervisor Currier who suggested that staff purchase a top of the line computer for QuickBooks operation and another new computer for general use. She asked Wilisha to email the details to Supervisor Hunt approval. Supervisors Currier and Hunt approved

the purchase of two new computers for the District. However, Wilisha was only able to purchase the high speed computer because the other was not available.

13. Security Procedures (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt said that he would like to purchase a fire proof locked filing cabinet to store financial records and checks. Supervisor Hunt made a motion to purchase a fire proof locking cabinet, not to exceed \$700. Supervisor Currier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Gretchen reported that NDOT was planning to contract a Sahara weed removal project in Clark County through the Tri-County Program. Supervisor Hunt asked staff to determine if the Tri-County Program was associated with Conservation Districts or if they were private contractors. Gretchen said that she would call to find out the structure of the Tri-County Program. Gretchen reported that CWMA had sponsored two volunteer events in October. She also reported that NDEP would like to extend her current contract through April 2007.

Wilisha reported that mailed out over 100 CDSN newsletters to various private, state and local government agencies. She and Ron will meet with DRI representatives to discuss partnering with DRI to create an Air Quality educational kit. Wilisha presented a rough draft of the 2006 calendar for review. She stated that 15,000 calendars will be printed and distributed throughout the community. She also attended Day with Experts at the LVSP, and the Trials Day Event at Horseman's Park in Henderson.

15. Supervisor's Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hewitt reported that the Native Plant Society will put information on clean-ups in their newsletter and on their website.

Supervisor Hunt reported that he had attended that Solar House Event. He plans to attend the RCD meeting on the 20th. He suggested that staff gather all outreach material for the NvACD conference.

Supervisor McAllister said that PIC had two clean ups in Moapa Valley. She said that she was working on the NvACD tour and she was sure that there would be plenty to fill the two hour allotment.

Supervisor Currier suggested that we have some of the historical photos of Acacia Demonstration Gardens available at the conference. She offered to design a hand out of "before and after" photos and a summary of the Gardens.

Supervisor Bechtel reported that the BLM and the Fish and Wildlife Service are working on a master plan for the Desert Conservation Center. They are currently considering fencing around the proposed site area.

16. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only)
None

17. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2005 at 2:30 in the CDSN conference room. There will not be a meeting held in November due to the conference.

18. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

- NvACD recap
- Conservation Easement
- Security Procedures

19. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Currier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, Sect./Treasurer

Date