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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
September 21, 2005 – 2:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Supervisor Jodi Bechtel, Chair
Supervisor John Hunt, Treas./Secretary
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp
Supervisor Elise McAllister
Supervisor Beth Tomica
Gretchen Huie
Wilisha Daniels

Supervisor Bechtel called the meeting to order at 2:37 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 August 2005 Agenda
3. Approval of July and August 2005 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills
6. Introductions

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

Business Agenda:

7. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to approve the financial report. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Jarrod Edmunds (Discussion/Action Item)
No report.

9. Conservation Easement Status (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Bechtel reported that she was unable to connect with the Nature Conservancy regarding the Conservation Easement. Supervisor Hunt asked about involving the District Attorney's office in the easement. Supervisor Bechtel stated that the D.A. has not been approached about the easement.

Supervisor Wardlaw stated that it would not be very helpful to involve the D.A. at this time. Supervisor Hunt also recommended talking to Supervisor McAllister about her contacts in Moapa. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to keep the item on the next agenda. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

- Attendee Selection

Supervisor Bechtel asked who was able to attend the conference. Supervisors Hunt, Hewitt and Van Gorp said they would like to attend the conference. Supervisor Bechtel asked staff to ask Chris Freeman if the speakers need to register for the conference. Supervisor Bechtel stated that there is money available in the budget to send staff and members to the conference. She asked the Board to give their registration information to Wilisha by November 1st. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to pay a maximum of \$1500 for the conference pre-registration for Supervisors, and for pre-registration and lodging for staff. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Supervisor Hunt also suggested that staff prepare handouts of publications, brochures, calendars, etc. for the conference. Supervisor Wardlaw asked if the Board was planning to auction off a gift. He also suggested that a set amount be determined for the gift. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to spend up to \$110 on a gift item. Supervisor Van Gorp seconded the motion. The motion passed. The board will coordinate gift ideas via email.

- Sponsorship

Wilisha stated that Chris Freeman asked CDSN to find sponsors for five breaks at the conference. She said that Supervisor Currier suggested that CDSN and the Board both sponsor a break. Wilisha stated that she would ask DAQEM to sponsor a break, and that Gretchen spoke to Supervisor McAllister about sponsoring a break as well. She also said she would approach other agencies about sponsoring a break for the conference. The Board suggested asking Norm Schieling, COH, SNWA and Joanna Brooks at Nevada Power. Supervisor Hunt made a motion to have CDSN sponsor a break. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed. Supervisor Bechtel asked staff to clarify with the state what a sponsorship entails. She also requested that this item be added to next month's agenda.

11. Annual Report Approval (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt suggested that the second sentence of the introductory paragraph be changed to "An elected seven member board of supervisors administers the District and directs staff in providing leadership in identifying and meeting the resource conservation needs for citizens of both rural and urban areas within Clark County." Supervisor Hewitt moved to approve the report with the amended changes. Supervisor Wardlaw seconded the motion. The motion passed. Staff will send the report to the cities and the county with a cover letter from Supervisor Bechtel. Staff will draft a cover letter for Supervisor Bechtel to review.

12. Policy and Procedure Manual Review and Approval (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Bechtel asked Board to review the revised scheduling policy for approval. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested that a range of effective hours of operation be included in the policy. Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adopt the revised policy deleting number six and adding staff notes. Supervisor Hewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Wilisha reported that she met with Silverado High School teacher Don Curry, to discuss this year's student outreach program. She reported that Aggie Roberts Middle School is the first school scheduled for this year. She is also working on the 2006 calendar. She reopened the school spotlight contest to receive more entries. Supervisor Wardlaw suggested talking to Christina Gibson and Kathy August about possible schools to feature in the calendar. Wilisha reported she attended the "Christmas in September" event at Victory Baptist Church, and "Farm Fest" at Horseman's Park. She is also scheduled to attend the "Meet the Experts" event at the ADG, the Boy Scouts 5K Run, "Day with the Experts" at the LVSP and "Trail Day" in Henderson.

Gretchen reported that she attended the Sahara Mustard Seed Workshop last month. She is working with SNWA to host a Sahara Mustard Weeds Workshop. Gretchen also contacted BLM regarding weed mapping information. She reported she went to review the Conservation Easement in Moapa and took pictures of the site. She is also working with the FAA students on the tour of the Moapa Gardens for the conference. Gretchen reported that a timeline was secured for the construction of the straw bale project. Pictures of the project will also be displayed at the conference. She stated she will attend the Solar Energy Event at the LVSP on October 1st, and an adopt-a-wash project on October 8th. She is also coordinating a weed-pulling volunteer project on October 22nd, with the Great Basin Institute and Ameri Corps volunteers.

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

Supervisor Hunt reported that he attended the MSHCP meeting and the Sahara Mustard Weed Workshop. He is also planning to attend the RC&D meeting this month.

Supervisor McAllister reported that the first "Friends of the Pirate's Cove" meeting was held this week. The group is currently researching information on conservation easements for the school. She also reported that town board members are talking with wholesale distributors about working with the Ag Farm. She stated she spoke with the environmental planner at the City of Mesquite about the flood issues and funding in Moapa. She stated she will talk to him about possibly sponsoring a break for the conference. She is also working on forming a grant information group to help grant writers. Supervisor Bechtel asked if she had found out any information on the easement. Supervisor McAllister stated she will ask Ace about the easement.

Supervisor Hewitt reported that she attended the Sahara Mustard Workshop, and the Native Plant Society meeting. The Native Plant Society will add our events in their newsletter and on their website. She also attended the Mater Gardner's monthly meeting. Supervisor Hewitt stated she is working with new "Learn and Earn" at-risk students on getting them involved in projects.

Supervisor Wardlaw stated that North Las Vegas brought a new copy of the updated "Trees for Tomorrow" booklet to the Planning Coalition meeting.

Supervisor Bechtel passed around information on the Trials Day Celebration, the COH's 2005 Planning Conference and the Final EA for the Sunrise Mountain Trail Head Construction at the Clark County Wetlands Park.

15. Open Discussion (Discussion Only)

Supervisor Hunt asked about questioners in the NvACD Conference Packet. Supervisor Bechtel suggested it could be used as an evaluation tool. Wilisha asked if the Board would like to consider resolutions at the conference this year. The Board suggested she talk to Supervisor Currier regarding the resolutions for this year. Staff will follow-up with the state to inquire about expectations for the resolutions and delegates.

16. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2005 at 2:30 in the CDSN conference room.

17. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

The agenda items for the next meeting are as follows:

- Conservation Easement
- NvACD – Voting Delegate

Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to combine the November/December meeting. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

18. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Hunt seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Hunt, Sect./Treasurer

Date