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**MINUTES**  
**Conservation District of Southern Nevada**  
**Board Meeting**

**Conservation District of Southern Nevada – 5820 S. Pecos Rd. A-400, Conference Room**  
**September 20, 2006– 1:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Supervisor Jodi Bechtel, Chair  
Supervisor John Hunt, Sec./Treasurer  
Supervisor Dirick Van Gorp  
Supervisor Jon Wardlaw  
Supervisor Elise McAllister  
Alt. Supervisor Mark Silverstein

Wilisha Daniels  
Jennifer Szwejbka  
Jarrod Edmunds, NRCS  
John Jefferdo, NRCS

Supervisor Hunt called the meeting to order at 1:35 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 September 2006 Agenda
3. Approval of June and July 2006 Meeting Minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Pay Bills
6. Introductions

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

**Business Agenda:**

7. Financial Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to accept the financial report. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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

Jarrod reported that October 13th was the deadline to sign up for NRCS programs. He stated that they will not offer the ARA/GRP program this year. Most of the programs are water based. He reported that NRCS appointed a new officer, Arlin Lancaster. Jarrod also reported that he has started status reviews for three Clark County projects. He stated that himself, Teri and John will attend the NvACD conference in Elko, and could provide transportation for the District. He also introduced the new NRCS employee John Jefferdo. John will be working on invasive weeds and with the CWMA.

9. Conservation Easement Status (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor McAllister met with Brian Robinson about the easement. He said he knew that CDSN held a few easements in the area, but didn't have much information on them. He will contact

Lawrence Marshall who might have old records on the project. She will email Wilisha any information she receives from Brian.

10. Annual Report Review and Approval (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Van Gorp moved to approve the Annual Report. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

11. NvACD Conference – Elko, NV October 24-25 (Discussion/Action Item)

- Attendees - Wilisha stated that she drafted an estimated budget for the conference, and suggested sending up to three attendees. Supervisor Van Gorp moved to send up to three attendees to the NvACD conference. Alt. Supervisor Silverstein seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Resolutions – Supervisor Hunt asked the Board about resolutions that they might want to propose at the conference. Jarrod asked if the District had a stance on the SNWA issue regarding the proposal to pipe water from White Pine County to the Valley. Supervisor Hunt stated that CDSN might want to abstain from voting on this subject. Alt. Supervisor Silverstein stated that the County is a partner with SNWA and would have to abstain. Supervisor Bechtel stated the County would abstain because of conflict of interest. She also stated CDSN serves Clark County and has worked with SNWA on projects, and would be in our best interest to abstain. Supervisor Van Gorp made a motion to hold this item until the next meeting. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed.

12. City of Las Vegas – Circle Park (Discussion/Action)

Supervisor Bechtel stated that she and Kim met with Councilman Reese and staff to discuss working with the District on a conservation project for Circle Park. She stated that the City was interested but isn't ready to make a decision on a project. The City will let us know what they decide in January 2007. Kim gave the City a packet of information on passed and current projects for their review. Supervisor Hunt asked if there were any sources of grants for a community gardens. Supervisor Bechtel stated that a garden at the park would be on a smaller scale, but is not feasible for this year.

13. Dean Witter/Wetlands Mitigation Account (Discussion/Action)

Wilisha stated she put together a report on the status of the Muddy River account since CDSN has been administering the funds. The report listed expenditures and gave a brief description of CDSN's role as an administrator. The account currently has \$175,564.97 remaining after the \$10,000 was deducted from the account to cover materials for the Wetlands Park. Supervisor Bechtel stated that she would meet with staff to review the contracts, and update the Board on the current status. Supervisor Van Gorp suggested that we hold this item until the next meeting.

14. Rural Town Advisory Board Meeting (Discussion/Action Item)

Supervisor Hunt stated he would like to look into attending some of the town board advisory meetings. Supervisor Bechtel stated CDSN could approach the Town Boards to let them know who we are, and what type of services we offer. Supervisor McAllister stated she would help get the information out to the Boards. Supervisor Bechtel suggested that staff develop a presentation to give at the meetings, and possibly schedule one meeting a month to attend. Wilisha will work with Supervisor McAllister on a presentation.

15. Elections (Discussion/Action Item)

Wilisha included the "Notice of Election" form from the County in the packet to review. Supervisors Currier, Hunt and McAllister will conclude their terms this year.

16. Staff Report (Discussion/Action Item)

Wilisha reported she is working on the DRI science boxes with high school teacher Don Curry. She also participated in the North Las Vegas "Back- to- School, Meet Your Community Day and Aliante Ice Cream Festival" events. She is working on the 2007 conservation calendar, which will be

distributed in December. Wilisha stated staff is working on project ideas for the 319 NDEP grant. She also included examples of volunteer liability forms in the Board's packet for review. She will participate in Farm Fest on October 17-19, and is coordinating a team of DAQEM employees and Silverado High School Students to participate in the Asthma Walk on November 4.

Jennifer reported she coordinated the first garden meeting for the Moapa Demonstration Gardens. She also stated that Karyn Johnson from Cooperative Extension, and Joe Fortier former Board member and CCSD employee, have agreed to join the Gardens Committee. She reported the metal roofing for the straw bale structure has been ordered, and the project is going well. She also stated that she will teach a weeds class at Acacia Demonstration Gardens this month. Additionally, she has set dates for the tamarisk removal project at the valley of fire, and is pursuing funding for Project Green. Jennifer has been working with the Christmas tree Recycling Committee, and researching projects for the NDEP Recycling Grant.

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

Supervisor Hunt will attend the RC&D meeting in Caliente tomorrow. He is also considering attending a weeds meeting in St. George, UT.

Supervisor McAllister reported that the City of Henderson will host their annual Trials Day on October 14th. She also distributed fliers to the Board on the Arrowhead Trials Day Event on October 21st. She reported that the Ag Farm will hold a clean-up for "Make a Difference Day" on October 28th.

Supervisor Wardlaw reported that Clark County is working on a Wellhead Protection Plan. The plan will ensure that development will not encroach upon wells.

18. Open Discussion and Public Comment (Discussion Only\*)

Alt. Supervisor Silverstein stated the northeast water quality plan is still on hold. The public hearing for the plan is TBD. He also stated he is researching a community based garden program, and will forward the information to CDSN for review.

19. Next Meeting Date (Discussion Only)

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2006 at 12:00 noon at CDSN.

20. Agenda Items (Discussion/Action Item)

- NvACD Resolutions
- Elections
- November 9, 2006 meeting

21. Adjournment (Action Item)

Supervisor Wardlaw made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor McAllister seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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John Hunt, Sec./Treasurer

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Date