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Minutes
Conservation District of Southern Nevada Board
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
3:00pm-5:00pm

Supervisor Attendees	Absent	Employees/Public
Chris Magee, Chair	Bryan Cabble, Secretary	Jarrett DeCorte
Shane Ammerman, Vice Chair		Teri Knight
Rachel Lewison, Treasurer		Catherine Jorgenson
Mark Damron, Supervisor		Jason Patchett
		Carlyn Zygmund
		Sierra Hickey

- 1) **Call to Order:** Notice of conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law requirements. Mr. Magee called the meeting to order at 3:15pm.
- 2) **Introductions.** Supervisors, employees, and the public introduced themselves.
- 3) **Public Comment:** *(No action may be taken on a matter not listed on the posted agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please clearly state your name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chairman, or by majority vote).*
- 4) **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) **Approval of the Minutes from 5/15/2019, 8/28/2019, & 10/16/2019 CDSN Board Meeting:** All Minutes have been approved unanimously.
- 6) **Financial and Administrative items:** *Receive reports and recommendations from Board and Treasurer Rachel Lewison. Following discussion, take appropriate action on the following financial and administrative items. For possible action on all.*
 - a) Review bank statements, mail and financials- \$36,556.73
 - b) Pay non-routine, administrative bills, and reimbursements- Motion passed for Ms. Lewison to pay NvACD (\$600) and NACD (\$775.00) dues as well as cash \$2,000 check received from the Resource Needs Assessment. Catherine Jorgenson will review both Mr. DeCorte's and Mr. Damron's reimbursement requests from their travels to the NvACD annual conference in Winnemucca.
 - c) Annual Reporting Due Dates, NACD, NVACD and other dues current.
- 7) **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Status Report and Update:** *Receive a status*

report from Teri Knight, NRCS District Conservationist. Ms. Knight reported on the events and outreach she conducted in Northern Nevada. NRCS will be hiring a summer intern and there will be hemp growth for CBD oil.

- 8) **Upcoming Meetings, Conferences and Events updates:** *Update supervisors and report on events, NVACD Annual meeting in Winnemucca and NACD Annual Conference 2020. The NVACD meeting highlighted the importance of soil conservation. Mr. DeCorte gave a presentation on the urban resource needs assessment. The NACD Conference will be in February of 2020 and they need assistance with planning workshops, lectures, and presentations.*
- 9) **CDSN Board Elections:** *Discuss CDSN Chair and Vice Chair Board Members term expirations, appointment, elections, succession planning. An appointed board member has a term of 2 years, and an elected board member has a term of 4 years. Both Mr. Magee and Mr. Ammerman will look up their terms and the terms of others.*
- 10) **Extension- Clark County:** *Discuss and update supervisors on agreement for Extension partnership and Liaison position. No update, this has been postponed for the moment.*
- 11) **Resource Needs Assessment (RNA) with NvACD:** *Discuss RNA Report, survey and next action steps for RNA, Logandale area, RTC Steering Committee 01/20. Ms. Maggie Orr, President of NvACD wrote a letter thanking Mr. DeCorte for his presentation during the NvACD Conference in Winnemucca. NvACD is so proud, they want CDSN to become a success story. The highlight of the RNA was water quantity, and the loss of land due to weeds. Mr. DeCorte will email RNA report to Ms. Jorgenson.*
- 12) **CDSN Funding and Grants:** *Discuss CDSN funding and grants.*
 - a) *MGM 2019 Grant Funding-* Ms. Lewison will review Mr. DeCorte's draft MGM thank you letter.
 - b) *Solarbration Funding-* Mr. Magee will contact appropriate person and receive instructions about the money in writing. Mr. Ammerman will also search emails for any information about Solarbration.
 - c) *Pitch-a-Pumpkin and Tree Recycling Funding-* Nothing to report.
 - d) *NDEP Stormwater 2021 Art Contest Grant-* Nothing to report.
- 13) **CDSN Programs and Events:** *Discuss CDSN programs and events.*
 - a) *Pitch-a-Pumpkin Event and Christmas Tree Recycling-* ~40 yards of pumpkins were diverted from the landfill.
 - b) *Website programming: Community Garden Portal-* Garden Portal is now live on CDSN.org website. Needs a little more work and will need to figure out how it will be aligned with University Cooperative Extension (UNCE).
- 14) **Supervisor Reports:** *Receive reports from Supervisors.*

Mr. Damron- Spoke about the Oasis Biotech Tour and how produce is sold at Walmart for purchase. The vegetables are grown in peat moss. Spoke about the SNWA Tour and thanked Mr. DeCorte and Ms. Lewison for attending.

Ms. Lewison- Will have school Wednesdays for spring semester and is asking the boards' permission to move meetings back to Thursdays and to please keep meetings at the 1 hour mark.

Both Mr. Magee and Mr. Ammerman- No comment

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16) The next date and location for a regular meeting of the CDSN Board is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** in the NRCS/CDSN Conference Room.

17) **Adjournment.** 5:03pm

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Submitted by:



Chris Magee, CDSN Chair

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Date

