



Washoe-Storey Conservation District

Bret Tyler, Chairman
Jim Shaffer, Treasurer
Kathy Canfield, Storey Co. App.
Jeanne Herman, Washoe Co. App.
Susan Schroeder, Office Admin.

8/15/23 Meeting Minutes

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District held a Public Meeting on
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

**The meeting was held online and in person at the
Nevada Department of Agriculture 405 21st St, Sparks, NV 89431**

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The Conservation District will consider and act on the following items unless otherwise noted:

I. Call to Order @ 3:35 p.m.

- A. Introductions, determination of board quorum, and introduction of guests. Present – Commissioner Bret Tyler (in-person), Kathy Canfield and Jim Shaffer online to form a quorum.
- B. Determination of agenda order – Agenda items may be taken out of order or deleted for lack of time.

The following item was taken out of order in the interest of time:

(III.) B. Bret Tyler signed the State Lands application for authorization to use state-owned submerged lands for the Rainbow Bend Weed Abatement project. Marlee will ask State Lands contact about fee waiver for the application.

II. Public Comments – Public comment will be allowed at the beginning, after each item on the agenda and prior to the adjournment of every meeting. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per comment. No public comment.

III. District Projects – For Possible Action

A. **Washoe County Planning Reviews** – Updates from Jim Shaffer. One project from the county, the Ft. Sage transmission line to connect to Red Rock, will benefit 450 homes. There are less than 4 acres of grading, with minimal access, which the applicant would prefer not to do revegetation. Jim recommended that even though less than 4 acres, there will still be weed issues. Jim asked them to provide a weed plan. There are one or two areas of Scotch Thistle which they have been treating, Jim asked to continue treatment for 3 years. Hopefully the county will agree to do revegetation.

B. **Storey County Projects** – Updates and next actions on Rainbow Bend Weed Abatement Project, upcoming field work days, communications with State Lands and Liability Updates. Review and Approval for Next Steps in August and September.

Kathy Canfield: Storey County manager and Kathy met with [Truckee Meadows Regional Planning](#) authority. Their plan update will be coming (Jim and Sean had attended meetings), they had put it aside, but it should be coming

back up and will have meetings later fall/early winter. Storey County board of county commissioners commented on the Greenlink Project at their last meeting (2 weeks ago). They will see if they get any responses from that for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There were no alternatives nor analyzing how it will impact the private residential area. They are building a road under the transmission line, brings up trespassing concerns, OHV trail concerns. Hard to tell if petroglyph area might be affected. Nor were fire possibilities presented, this is a concern. August 23 is the deadline for the 90-day review.

The Lockwood Long Valley Creek drainage study is ongoing. Details will probably be available in early fall from the consultant. What solutions might be offered for flooding safety concerns. Storey County has contracted JUB for the study, they have been easy to work with. The analysis is needed to get funding for the project. Jim brought up specific concern about the area where Long Valley Creek and the Truckee River intersect. Kathy says yes, that is one area they are analyzing.

Rainbow Bend Project needs to establish a legal advisor for overlook per Marshall Smith (risk management officer) with POOL/PACT. Marlee will check with Melany to ascertain the possibility of state legal support or if the county Attorney General should advise the project. Marshall Smith would also like to have a meeting with Marlee, Corey, Bret, and Jim (if he is available) for POOL/PACT safety as well as checking the volunteer list and legal forms.

C. **Discuss possible update** to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District website – Guest Trevor Lindemann. Trevor Lindemann used a PowerPoint presentation to show how his company could update and maintain the WSCD website. A one time set up fee of \$500 and \$720 annual fee would include unlimited training and support. Sharing a site with another CD would not be possible. Bret said if we are able to obtain grant funding, we would get back to him. Trevor will be sending Bret all the pertinent information as well as a detailed quote.

C. **Sage Grouse Projects** – Updates from Bret Tyler. Bret said no materials have arrived yet. The veteran workers who will cut the tags are ready to go when the materials arrive.

IV. External Agency Items and Reports – For Possible Action

- A. **NRCS** – Jessica Gwerder – Updates. Not present.
- B. **DCNR** – Marlee Jenkins – Updates. Marlee reminded the BOD of the September 5th Local Work Group meeting in Minden or online. Official meeting announcement should be coming soon.
- C. **Sean Gephart** – Sean has officially resigned. Susan will remove him from the agenda.
- D. **NVACD** – Adjacent CD – Updates. Not present.
- E. **NDOW** – Partner Biologist, Victoria Cernoch – Updates. Not present.
- F. **NDA** – Jake Dick – Updates. Not present.

V. Internal District Issues – For Possible Action

A. **Review, amendment, and approval** of Minutes from previous meeting. Kathy made a motion to approve, and Jim seconded. Unanimous.

B. **Financial Reports** – Treasurer Jim Shaffer

1. Treasurer's Report – Balances and financial reports. Delegation of funds from Washoe and Storey Counties and the State of Nevada. Operating account - \$10,773.71. Mitigation account - \$3,086.61. Jim was able to put \$15,000 in a 5-month CD at a 4.65% rate of interest.
2. Employee Salary – Review and approve payment for employee hours and expenses. 13 July hours and 5.75 August hours were approved for Susan.

C. **Review, Amendments to, and approval** of the Annual Report and Financial Report for fiscal year 2023. Due September 30, 2023, to the State Conservation Commission. This will now be brought and approved at the September 11, 2023 meeting. Marlee will send out a copy of Naomi's report to BOD. Jim would like to add a statement to the report regarding the Sage Grouse Tags. We are the only CD in the state of Nevada to sell them.

D. **Review, Amendments to, and approval** of the NRCS Minden Funding Pool Local Work Group priority resource concerns list. The Local Work Group will meet September 5th, 2023 to provide recommendations on local resource priorities which will inform allocation of NRCS funding. Marlee says that she has not yet received the priority

resource concerns list from Jessica Gwerder (NRCS). When she does, she will send it out to the board for their review. Then, Bret will be able to comment on the list at the Local Work Group meeting.

VI. Public Comments – Public comment will be allowed at the beginning, after each item on the agenda and prior to the adjournment of every meeting. Public comment may be limited to three (3) minutes per comment. No public comment.

VII. Next Scheduled WSCD Board Meeting – (second Monday) September 11, 2023 at 3:30pm. Marlee will set up Teams meeting.

VIII. Adjourn – Action. Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.