



Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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

MINUTES 4/8/24

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District held a Public Meeting on
Monday April 8th, 2024, 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**

To participate online, please RSVP to alisa.wscd@gmail.com

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Meeting ID: 299 837 571 768

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The meeting was publicly posted at:

Nevada Department of Agriculture

405 21st Street., Sparks Nevada 89431

Please contact alisa.wscd@gmail.com to request meeting materials.

All meetings are audio-recorded.

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

Meeting was called to order at 3:50 pm on April 8, 2024.

I. Call to Order

- A. Introductions, determination of board quorum, and introduction of guests.

Present were Supervisors Jim Shaffer and Kathy Canfield to form a quorum. Also present were Jessica Gwerder (Natural Resources Conservation Service – Minden), Melany Aten (Conservation Districts Program), Lyndsey Langsdale (Reno Food Systems), Alisa Kim (Washoe-Storey Conservation District), and Marlee Jenkins (Conservation Districts Program).

- B. Determination of agenda order – Agenda items may be taken out of order or deleted for lack of time.

Agenda item of VI B. Treasurer’s Report will be moved to under IV A.

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 comments.

III. Nominations for New Board Member(s) – For Possible Action

1. Introduction of person(s) interested in joining the board.

Lyndsey Langsdale is the Executive Director and Farm Manager at Reno Food Systems. Reno Food Systems is a production farm off Mayberry Road which also includes a pollinator garden, food garden, and farm animals for community service and educational purposes. The organization focuses on regenerative agriculture, food justice, and food security. Lyndsey Langsdale has been working in urban agriculture for about 15 years in many different capacities. The two positions include grant writing, funding opportunities, and farm operations. Some challenges include the differences between small urban agriculture and large-scale agriculture that is often funded by United States Department of Agriculture.

2. Board will accept nominations for new board members to fill vacancies.

Motion 2024-04-01: Motion by Kathy Cathfield to nominate to fill Lyndsey Langsdale to the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board to fill in for a former supervisor with the term ending December 31, 2024, Jim Shaffer seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Board to appoint new nominated supervisors to existing terms.
4. Oath of Office for new supervisor to fill vacant supervisor board position.
 - a. Read oath of office

Lyndsey Langsdale reads the Oath of Office.

IV. District Projects – For Possible Action

A. Financial Reports – Treasurer Jim Shaffer

Treasurer's Report- Balances and Financial Reports, Delegate Funds from Washoe and Storey Counties and the State of Nevada

Supervisor Jim Shaffer reports bank accounts are in good standing. The current total in the WSCD checking account is \$8,558.06. The total in the savings mitigation account is \$3,866.61 and the certificate of deposit savings account is currently at \$15,479.36. Supervisor Shaffer uses Quicken for accounting purposes to track expenses and recently renewed the subscription for \$59.66 and is requesting the Conservation District pays for the subscription renewal.

Motion 2024-04-02: Motion by Kathy Canfield to approve the Treasurer's Report including approving the payment for renewal of the Quicken software of \$59.66, seconded by Supervisor Jim Shaffer. Motion carries unanimously.

A. Washoe County Planning Reviews – Updates from Jim Shaffer.

Supervisor Jim Shaffer has no new projects from Washoe County.

B. Storey County Projects – Storey County general updates from Kathy Canfield.

Supervisor Kathy Canfield has no new updates from Storey County.

1. Updates and next actions on Rainbow Bend Weed Abatement Project, project timeline, communications, and liability updates. Review and approval for next steps in March and April.

Marlee Jenkins from Conservation Districts Program discussed this project with Jake Dick from Nevada Department of Agriculture. The Homeowner's Association will need a supervisor with some type of herbicide applicator's license and training. Supervisor Shaffer suggested reaching out to a former board member since the Nevada Department of Agriculture does not want to pursue this for liability reasons. Marlee Jenkins noted checking in on if insurance covers either the Washoe-Storey Conservation District Secretary Alisa Kim or herself. Supervisor Canfield noted that the shed in Lockwood will eventually store equipment like backpack sprayers and sage grouse markers.

2. Discussion of possible weed control educational workshop in the Highlands subdivision in Storey County. Discuss potential partners/speakers, dates, materials/needs.

Supervisor Canfield booked the venue where Highlands community has all their meetings in a garage that will eventually become the community center. The community center has presentation capabilities. Highlands Fire will send a representative but will not be presenting as they will present on other topics like defensible space later in the season. Jake Dick also received approval to be a presenter as well.

C. **Other Projects** – Discussion and prioritization of other potential projects for implementation in 2024.

No other projects.

Motion 2024-04-03: Motion by Jim Shaffer to move agenda item 6. D. to discuss tabling on Earth Day, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

D. Washoe Storey Conservation District booth for the Reno April 20th Earth Day at Idlewild Park

The cost for a booth is \$250, with the event being on April 20th from 10 am – 6pm. Unfortunately, Washoe-Storey Conservation District does not have materials for a booth ready yet. Supervisor Canfield believes it may be too close timewise to prepare. A better suited event may be Storey’s National Night Out in August, with usually another one the week after for Virginia City as that will give us enough time to set up a booth and it is free to table.

V. External Agency Items and Reports – For Possible Action

A. **Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Jessica Gwerder – Updates

The last application deadline is ending April 5, and the Batch 2 Environmental Quality Incentives Program application deadline was March 29. They are going through all applications now. They also extend a warm welcome to new supervisor Lyndsey Langsdale! Max Kittel will likely be making contact with Supervisor Langsdale to discuss urban planning.

B. **Department of Conservation and Natural Resources** – Marlee Jenkins – Updates

Marlee Jenkins will be out of town April 26, 2024 to May 7, 2024.

C. **Nevada Association of Conservation Districts** – Updates

There was a State Conservation Commission meeting in March, with another one at end of April to discuss regulation changes. They may be changing regulations to possibly accept more legislative funding in the coming year. They also discussed whitetop treatment and grant deadlines. There was also a reminder to spend funding from the Conservation Districts Program by June 30th.

D. **Nevada Department of Wildlife** – Partner Biologist, Victoria Cernoch – Updates

Nevada Department of Wildlife is not present.

E. **Nevada Department of Agriculture** – Jake Dick – Updates

Nevada Department of Agriculture is not present.

VI. Internal District Issues – For Possible Action (unless otherwise noted)

A. **Review, Amendment, and Approval** of Minutes from previous meeting, conducted 3/18/2024. March’s meeting minutes approval is tabled until May’s meeting.

B. Review of Waiver and Media Release – Marlee Jenkins

Review of Release and Waiver of Liability and Media Release Agreement to be used at Washoe-Storey Conservation District events.

Dana Olson from the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District sent it to the Washoe Storey District Attorney for review, Supervisor Canfield sent to the Storey County District Attorney for review but has not heard back. The waiver needs approval for the conservation district to host volunteer events. It is still unclear if the waiver needs to be shared with pool pact.

C. Outreach

The Washoe Storey Conservation District is seeking new members to join the board of supervisors (elected volunteers).

D. Review and delegate tasks to be completed by the next meeting.

March minutes approval.

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 comments.

New Supervisor Langsley had a few questions about board tasks. Some of these questions included how Washoe Storey receives projects, specific tasks for each board member, how new projects are created, what are the parameters for the projects, and partnerships with other agencies.

VII. Next Scheduled Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board Meeting – (second Monday) May 13th, 2024, at 3:30pm

IX. Adjourn – Action

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 PM on April 8, 2024.