



Washoe-Storey Conservation District

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

Minutes 7/8/24

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District held a Public Meeting on
Monday July 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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The meeting is publicly posted at:
Nevada Department of Agriculture
405 21st Street., Sparks Nevada 89431

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All meetings are audio-recorded.

The Conservation District considered and acted on the following items unless otherwise noted:

Meeting was called to order on July 8, 2024.

I. Call to Order

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

Present were supervisors Bret Tyler, Jim Shaffer, Kathy Canfield, and Lyndsey Langsdale to form a quorum. Also present were Marlee Jenkins (Conservation Districts Program).

B. Determination of agenda order – Agenda items may be taken out of order or deleted for lack of time.
No items were determined to be taken out of order.

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.

III. District Projects – For Possible Action

A. **Washoe County Planning Reviews** – Updates from Jim Shaffer.
Supervisor Shaffer has not heard from the Washoe County Planning Review in a bit. There is a bike park on the corner of Sun Valley and 7th that they plan on storing bikes. Supervisor Shaffer suggested planting evergreen plants in the southwest corner to act as a visual boundary to block the bike storage.

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

Supervisor Canfield reported on Storey County updating the Storey County master plan and projects happening in the Industrial Center area.

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

Chairman Tyler gave an update on the weed abatement project where Bob applied herbicides on whitetop and poison hemlock last weekend. The volunteer program went well, with lots of plant material removed from the site. The fire department also provided a dumpster but Bob brought a mobile trailer which was more used. There was discussion of possible follow-up herbicide spot treatment in August or September and seeding the site in October.

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

Supervisor Langsdale asked about weed abatement of field bindweed and updated on a pilot project through the United States Department of Agriculture biological control project using bindweed mites for herbivory pressure.

IV. External Agency Items and Reports – For Possible Action

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service – Jessica Gwerder – Updates
Natural Resources Conservation Service is not present.

B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Marlee Jenkins – Updates
Marlee Jenkins of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources reported the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts and the Nevada Weed Management Association annual meeting on November 19th-20th. There was discussion of a bus tour or talk for the Reno Food Systems farm with Supervisor Langsdale. Washoe-Storey Conservation District is talking to Kevin Piper and Connie Lee with the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. The price point of the conference was also discussed, along with the Washoe-Storey Conservation District's role in the conference and how many attendees to send.

C. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts – Updates
Nevada Association of Conservation Districts is not present.

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.

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

A. Review, Amendment, and Approval of Minutes from the previous two meetings, conducted 5/13/2024.

Motion 2024-07-01: Motion by Jim Shaffer to approve May's meeting minutes with amendments discussed in the meeting, Lyndsey Langsdale seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

B. Financial Reports – Treasurer Jim Shaffer

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

Treasurer Jim Shaffer presents the Treasurer's Report, including the possibility of renewing or starting a new longer Certificate of Deposit starting September 19th. A check was also received from the Nevada Department of Wildlife for \$2,700 for the sagegrouse tags, bringing the operating total to \$10,488.28 and \$15,666.75 in the Certificate of Deposit. There is 3,821.61 in the savings account.

Motion 2024-07-02: Motion by Lyndsey Langsdale to approve May's Treasurer's Report, Jim Shaffer seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion 2024-07-03: Motion by Jim Shaffer to reimburse Alisa Kim for the Nevada Department of Forestry Pesticide Applicator's license, Lyndsey Langsdale seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion 2024-07-04: Motion by Jim Shaffer to approve the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts annual investment of \$600, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

C. Outreach

1. The Washoe-Storey Conservation District will be hosting an outreach booth at both the Storey County's National Night Out on August 6th in Lockwood and/or August 13th for Sheriff's Night Out in Virginia City. Supervisor Canfield is unsure about the time but it may be earlier in the day and ask about availability of tables and chairs. The idea is to have some pamphlets and flyers seeking board members as well as chat with the community and answer questions. There was discussion about outreach materials available, such as banners, backdrop, and invasive species educational pamphlets.

Motion 2024-07-05: Motion by Jim Shaffer to approve the participation of the Washoe-Storey Conservation District's National Nights Out, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

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

D. Gold Hill

There was discussion about the Dayton Valley Conservation District's proposal to treat noxious weeds at Gold Hill under an Nevada Department of Agriculture grant. The proposal includes three areas for treatment, which includes Gold Hill which is possibly Nevada Department of Transportation or Storey County jurisdiction. The area is an old mining company, possibly owned by the Sutro Tunnel Company. The proposal is to work on early detection and rapid response species like the Dalmatian toad flax. The proposal would cover the work being done by the District Manager and hiring a conservation technician through the Dayton Valley Conservation District. There was further of Washoe-Storey Conservation District's role possible involvement in weed abatement in Storey County's jurisdiction and boundaries of work areas between this district and Dayton Valley Conservation District.

Motion 2024-07-06: Motion by Jim Shaffer to table the Gold Hill project decision until the August 12th meeting, Lyndsey Langsdale seconds. Motion carries unanimously.

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

VII. 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.

VIII. Next Scheduled Washoe-Storey Conservation District Board Meeting – (second Monday) September 9th, 2024, at 3:30pm.

IX. Adjourn – Action

Meeting was adjourned on July 8, 2024.