



## 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 9/16/24**

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District held a Public Meeting on  
**Monday, September 16th, 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](mailto:alisa.wscd@gmail.com)  
or use the following link:

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Or enter the following information into Microsoft Teams to join:

Meeting ID: 217 796 830 628

Passcode: RFZyLF

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#### **Or call in (audio only)**

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Phone Conference ID: 874 185 950#

Notice of this meeting is publicly posted at:

Nevada Department of Agriculture

405 S. 21st Street, Sparks, Nevada 89431

Please contact [alisa.wscd@gmail.com](mailto:alisa.wscd@gmail.com) to request meeting materials.

All meetings are audio-recorded.

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

**Meeting was called to order at 3:37 pm on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. A quorum is present.**

#### **I. Call to Order**

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

Present were Chair Bret Tyler and Supervisors Jim Shaffer, Kathy Canfield, and Lyndsey Langsdale to form a quorum. Also present were Marlee Jenkins (Conservation Districts Program) and Alisa Kim (Washoe Storey Conservation District).

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

**II. Public Comments** – Not for Possible Action – 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. District Projects** – For Possible Action

**A. Nevada Department of Agriculture Invasive Plant Cost Share Program grant – Partnership with Dayton Valley Conservation District** – Updates on project progress and discussion of next steps.

Marlee Jenkins from Conservation Districts Program is working with Rachel Schmidt from the Dayton Valley Conservation District. They reached out to the Comstock Mining Company where they last saw Dalmation toad flax. They inquired about possible dates to come out and scope with the intention to bag any seeds seen. Comstock Mining Company has sprayed herbicides in the past for noxious weed management. Marlee Jenkins also reached out to the Bureau of Land Management for coordinates of previously seen noxious weeds and possible locations of Yellow star-thistle.

**B. Local gardening/agriculture project proposition** – Discussion with Spencer Scott.

Spencer Scott was not in attendance.

**C. Washoe County Planning Reviews** – Updates from Jim Shaffer.

No updates from Supervisor Shaffer.

**D. Storey County Projects** – Updates from Kathy Canfield.

Supervisor Canfield gave an update on Storey County updating their master plan, with the hope to complete it by November or December 2024. There is also interest in adding the ability for an area of the Highlands subdivision to be designated as open space. Chair Tyler asked about current staffing for the Storey County Sheriff's Department, which Supervisor Canfield confirmed is fully staffed. There was also interest in remaining funding, which was confirmed to have been used up by Tesla and Lousetown Road.

**E. Lockwood Weed Abatement Project** – Discussion and next possible actions including potentially reseeding of herbicide treated areas to wrap up the grant.

There was discussion to follow up with reseeding, potentially at the end of October around October 23-27. Seed would be provided by Cory King with the Washoe State Nursery, and would ideally be seeded right before a rain event or irrigated in with clean backpack sprayers.

**Motion 2024-09-01: Motion by Jim Canfield to tentatively plan reseeding at the Lockwood project, Lyndsey Langsdale seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

**IV. District Supervisor Reports** – Not for Possible Action

No District Supervisor Reports.

**V. External Agency Items and Reports** – Not for Possible Action

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

**B. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources** – Marlee Jenkins – Updates  
Marlee Jenkins gave an update on the upcoming Nevada Association of Conservation Districts conference, which will be priced at \$250 for the whole conference, which includes a banquet on the first night and a bus

tour and lunch the day after. Washoe-Storey Conservation District is interested in sending anyone who may be interested in attending, but volunteers may possibly get a discount.

- C. **Nevada Association of Conservation Districts** – Updates  
Marlee Jenkins (above) gave a partial update for the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. No one else is present.
- D. **Nevada Department of Wildlife** – Katie Andrlle – Updates  
Katie Andrlle is not present.
- E. **Nevada Department of Agriculture** – Jake Dick – Updates  
Jake Dick is not present.

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

- A. **Review, Amendment, and Approval** of Minutes from previous meeting, conducted 8/26/2024.

**Motion 2024-09-02: Jim Canfield makes a motion to approve the August 26, 2024 meeting minutes, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

- B. **Financial Reports** – Treasurer Jim Shaffer – Balances, financial reports, and delegation of funds from Washoe and Storey Counties and the State of Nevada.

Treasurer Jim Shaffer gives an update on current bank account balances. Checkings is at \$9,743, while savings is at \$3,791.61. The Certificate of Deposit is \$15,717.36 and have earned a little over \$100 on it, with maturation happening on 9/19/2024. Secretary Kim also submitted 5.5 hours of work totaling \$99. Treasurer Shaffer suggests re-investing the Certificate of Deposit for another 5 months.

**Motion 2024-09-03: Bret Tyler makes a motion to approve the August 26, 2024 meeting minutes, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### C. **Outreach**

- 1. **Community Partner Tabling** at Patagonia Reno Outlet.

Patagonia Outlet store in Reno allows tabling for nonprofits. There is a discussion of the purpose of this type of tabling. Some brainstormed ideas include sharing resources, education, recruiting board members, and the like. There is interest within the board.

- 2. **Approval of poster information** for the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts meeting and general outreach use.

Nevada Association of Conservation Districts is providing a service to print a poster for \$25 for each of the conservation districts, with photos and a description of the district. This poster can be used for tabling, educational resources, and more.

**Motion 2024-09-04: Jim Shaffer makes a motion to pay for the poster of \$25, Lyndsey Langsdale seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

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

#### D. **General Correspondence Updates**

There is discussion on emails that have been sent to the general Washoe Storey Conservation District email address as well as comments left on the website and how to respond to those. There was also a discussion about the youth poster contest run by the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts in specific Districts.

**E. Washoe-Storey Conservation District Annual Report and Budget**

Discussion and approval of Washoe-Storey Conservation District Annual Report and Budget for fiscal year 2024 due to the State Conservation Commission by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The board reviewed the annual report and budget.

**Motion 2024-09-05: Jim Shaffer makes a motion to pass the annual report and budget, Kathy Canfield seconds. Motion passes unanimously.**

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

**VII. Public Comments** – Not for Possible Action – 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** – For Possible Action -- (typically second Monday of each month), October 14th, 2024, at 3:30pm

**IX. Adjourn**