

WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Thursday, July 15, 2010

The meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada.

- 1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum** – Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Mike Carrigan, Chair
John Breternitz
Steve Cohen
Patricia Lancaster
Bob Larkin (arrived at 8:06 a.m.)
Geno Martini
Ron Smith

Representing:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
Washoe County
South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID)
Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)
Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)
City of Sparks

Commissioners Absent:

Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chair
Bob Cashell

Representing:

City of Reno
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Carrigan asked Commissioner Smith to lead the Western Regional Water Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve the July 15, 2010 WRWC agenda as posted. Commissioner Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 4. Public Comment**

Chairman Carrigan called for public comments and hearing none, closed the public comment period.

- 5. Approval of the Minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting.**

The minutes of the May 20, 2010 Western Regional Water Commission meeting were submitted for approval. Commissioner Breternitz made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- 6. Discussion and possible approval of a Second Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno, extending the term for 24 months at no additional cost, for continuation of technical services by Limno-Tech, Inc. (LTI) for water quality planning and the Truckee River**

total maximum daily load for nutrients (“TMDL”), and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment.

Chairman Carrigan invited Jim Smitherman to present this item. Mr. Smitherman clarified that this item is only to extend the term of the contract for an additional 24 months; there is no additional funding request at this time. He stated that Limno-Tech is working on a revised work plan for presentation to the WRWC.

Commissioner Smith made a motion “To approve the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement, extending the term for 24 months, for the continuation of technical services provided by LTI; and authorize the Chairman to execute, upon receipt, the Second Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno.” Commissioner Lancaster seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Discussion and possible approval of funding in the amount of \$64,100 from the Regional Water Management Fund (RWMF) for TMWA’s 2010 Water Usage Review Program, and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with TMWA for that purpose. (Heard out of order)

Mr. Wessel stated that TMWA’s Water Usage Program was initiated in 2003 and continues to move forward with funding via the Regional Water Management Fund. He reported that the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) recommended approval of support by the WRWC in the amount of \$64,100. He explained that the water conservation program assists customers with water use and efficiency. He stated that Lora Richards, Administrator, Conservation and Community Education, TMWA, was present to answer any questions.

Chairman Carrigan called for questions or comments and hearing none, invited a motion.

Commissioner Martini made a motion “To approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$64,100 to support the TMWA 2010 Water Usage Review Program, and authorize the Chairman to execute the Interlocal Agreement with TMWA for that purpose.” Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Status report on the WRWC and NNWPC websites; and possible direction to staff.

Mr. Wessel gave a brief presentation of the new websites for the WRWC and NNWPC. He showed how the interactive website works, including the links available to meeting agendas, minutes, documents, reports and related entity websites. He stated that the two websites now look similar and easily link to one another. He added that the website is based on a government template and therefore does not include any advertisements, etc. He stated that the goal is to populate the “document library” with all reports, technical memos, or documents created for the WRWC or NNWPC.

Mr. Wessel welcomed any questions or comments. Commissioner Cohen asked if Reno, Sparks and Washoe County include links to the NNWPC and WRWC websites. Mr. Wessel stated he was unsure but said that was a great idea and offered to follow up. Chairman Carrigan agreed that all the related entities should include links to one another, including the general improvement districts.

Mr. Wessel stated the website addresses are very simple, www.wrwc.us and www.nnwpc.us.

9. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the August 13 (or September 10), 2010 meeting and future meetings.

Ms. Menard stated that there are no time-sensitive items for August and reported that staff has been busy working on the Water Plan Update. She suggested that due to a lack of agenda items, possibly canceling that meeting, with the next meeting to be scheduled September 10, 2010. She added that the primary focus of the September meeting would be the Plan Update. She added that the timeline is to move forward in the fall with the public review process for the Plan.

10. Commission Comments

Chairman Carrigan reported that the Legislative Oversight Committee would be meeting at 9:00 a.m. following the WRWC meeting. He invited members and guests to attend.

11. Staff Comments

None

12. Public Comment

Chairman Carrigan called for public comments and hearing none, closed the public comment period.

13. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on September 10, 2010.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman