

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at Sparks Council Chambers, 431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum – Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Members Present:

Mike Carrigan, Chair
Dave Aiazzi, Vice-Chair
Steve Cohen
Kitty Jung
Robert Larkin
Geno Martini
Margaret Reinhardt
Ron Smith

Representing:

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

Members Absent:

Robert Cashell

Representing:

Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Public Comments

Darrin Price, Sun Valley GID General Manager, invited everyone to participate in the great “Truckee River Clean Up”, which is scheduled for Saturday, September 29 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. He stated that information on the event could be found at the website of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (www.ktmb.org).

Chairman Carrigan thanked Mr. Price for his comments.

4. Approval of the agenda

Commissioner Martini made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

5. Approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting (for possible action)

The minutes of the May 17, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. **Commissioner Martini made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Commissioner Aiazzi seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.**

6. Review and possible ratification of staff's approval of an invoice for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in evaluating and implementing recommendations regarding integration/consolidation of Washoe County's water utility and ("TMWA") as per the existing Interlocal Agreement ("ILA") — Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager (for possible action)

Jim Smitherman reported that there is an existing ILA with Washoe County Department of Water Resources ("DWR") and TMWA to reimburse for some of the consolidation efforts and expenses. He referred to the list of items for reimbursement, of which three items exceed \$25,000 (which is over the amount he can approve without WRWC approval). He stated that he reviewed and approved each of the line items with a request for ratification by the WRWC.

Commissioner Martini made a motion to ratify and confirm staff's approval of the itemized contract payments in excess of \$25,000 as eligible reimbursement expenses, as shown in the invoice submitted jointly by TMWA and Washoe County for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in evaluating and implementing the recommendations regarding integration/consolidation, in accordance with the existing ILA. Commissioner Larkin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. Review and possible approval of an amendment to the contract with Lombardo & Associates, Inc. for a groundwater management study, to identify strategies and potential funding mechanisms to address regional groundwater quality and quantity issues, including nitrate concentrations related to septic tanks, extending the project completion date for 12 months, and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment — Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner (for possible action)

Chris Wessel stated that this request is simply for an extension of the contract with no budget or scope changes.

Commissioner Aiazzi made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract with Lombardo & Associates, Inc. for a groundwater management study to identify strategies and potential funding mechanisms to address regional groundwater quality and quantity issues, including nitrate concentrations related to septic tanks, extending the project completion date for 12 months, and if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the Amendment. Commissioner Martini seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

8. Report on the Legislative Committee to Oversee the WRWC (“LOC”) meeting of June 28, 2012, and possible designation of a WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature — Jim Smitherman (for possible action)

Mr. Smitherman reported that the LOC held its final meeting on June 28, 2012. He stated that he included a copy of the meeting agenda in the WRWC packets. He mentioned that one item of interest was a bill draft request (“BDR”) to continue the LOC’s life of overseeing the WRWC beyond the sunset date of July 1, 2013. Also included in the BDR is the potential for the LOC to oversee all of Nevada’s water issues. He stated that the BDR is 144, which is listed on the Legislative Council Bureau (“LCB”) website although at this time no language is presented. He summarized that the WRWC, or its Legislative Subcommittee if the WRWC chooses to form it, should continue to follow the BDR and he offered to provide updates as available.

Commissioner Aiazzi made a motion to form a Legislative Subcommittee for the 2013 Legislative session, to include the Chairman and Vice Chairman and Commissioner Cohen. Commissioner Martini seconded the motion.

Chairman Carrigan mentioned representation on the subcommittee by South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID). Commissioner Cohen stated that he would be willing to serve on the subcommittee again if re-elected to the STMGID Local Managing Board (“LMB”) in November. Chairman Carrigan suggested that the motion should include a representative of STMGID, rather than Commissioner Cohen specifically, if that would be agreeable to the maker of the motion and the Commissioner who seconded.

Commissioner Aiazzi offered to include appointment of a STMGID representative to the subcommittee in his motion. Commissioner Martini agreed in his second. Chairman Carrigan called for a vote on the motion, which carried unanimously.

9. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the October 12, 2012 meeting and other future meetings (for possible action)

Mr. Smitherman stated that the only item that might be scheduled for the October meeting is discussion of continued funding of the cloud seeding program by Desert Research Institute (“DRI”). He stated that he is in discussions with DRI to see if the January meeting would meet DRI’s timeframe and offered to provide an update to the WRWC when available.

Chairman Carrigan thanked Mr. Smitherman for following up and requested that he advise the WRWC as to whether the item could wait.

Mr. Smitherman reported that the January meeting would include:

- Election of officers for the WRWC
- Status updates on projects funded by the WRWC
- Potential discussion of continued funding of the cloud seeding program

10. Commission Comments*

None

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 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Niki Linn, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2012.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman

Note: DRAFT Minutes not approved by Board.