

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

Thursday, May 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum

Vice-Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)
Steve Cohen	South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (“STMGID”)
Jenny Brekhus	City of Reno
Neoma Jardon	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”)
Geno Martini	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”)
Ron Smith	City of Sparks

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Mike Carrigan	TMWA
Kitty Jung	TMWA

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-Chairman Hartung asked Commissioner Jardon to lead the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

Cathy Bowling expressed concern regarding domestic wells and whether the pumping schedule and current policies will continue when TMWA takes over.

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2014, meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. PUBLIC HEARING on the WRWC Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015; discussion and adoption of the WRWC Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER COHEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion and possible approval of extending three ongoing Interlocal Agreements for a period of one year; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute the following Amendments – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

- 7-A) Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with TMWA and Washoe County (the “County”), in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for reimbursement of certain expenses incurred in evaluating and implementing recommendations regarding integration/consolidation of public water purveyors;
- 7-B) Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Reno, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, for continuation of technical services by LimnoTech, Inc. (“LTI”) for water quality planning related to the Truckee River total maximum daily load (“TMDL”) and water quality standards (“WQS”) for nutrients; and,
- 7-C) Third Amendment to the Agreement with the City of Reno, in an amount not to exceed \$262,500, to support the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program, and activities related to the implementation of the water quality and storm water drainage provisions of the Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan.

Mr. Smitherman stated Item 7-B is significantly less than what has been budgeted for the last couple of years and it is to keep LTI on retainer in case their assistance is needed through the process.

Commissioner Brekhus asked how much cumulatively has been spent on the merger under Item 7-A. Mr. Smitherman stated about 1.2 million has been reimbursed to TMWA and the County and they split it 60/40.

Commissioner Brekhus asked if the Agency’s revenue source is from rate payers from both TMWA and the County water system. Mr. Smitherman stated the revenue is from all of the retail water providers.

Commissioner Brekhus asked if it is expected that this \$300,000 will be needed next year also. Mr. Smitherman stated the goal is to have the merger implemented by the end of the calendar year and he is expecting that this is the last year it will be needed.

Vice-Chairman Hartung asked if the request made by the Paiute Tribe under Future Work in Exhibit A-2 would change the budget. Mr. Smitherman stated it should not change the budget at all.

COMMISSIONER JARDON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE VICE-CHAIR TO EXECUTE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTINI. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Discussion and possible approval of a request for funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund, for partial funding of a watershed improvement project to reduce storm water flows to the Highland Canal, and improve the quality of such flows to the Truckee River; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Reno for that Purpose – Kerri Lanza, P.E., CFM, City of Reno. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) made a favorable recommendation to this Board to approve the funding for this project and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Reno, who will lead the planning and construction for the project. This is a water quality improvement project that benefits TMWA in that it keeps storm water flows out of the Highland Canal, which feeds raw water into the Chalk Bluff water treatment plant. It also benefits the Truckee River because there will be Best Management Practices implemented before the water flows into the Truckee River.

Commissioner Brekhus asked if Chalk Bluff is a City facility or a TMWA facility. Mr. Smitherman stated it is a TMWA facility.

Commissioner Brekhus asked for a breakdown of how many incorporated and unincorporated residents Chalk Bluff provides water for. Mark Foree, TMWA General Manager, stated Chalk Bluff provides about 80% of the water to their entire system. Mr. Foree stated the Chalk Bluff Plant provides water to residents in Reno, Sparks and the County.

Commissioner Brekhus asked why Reno is the project manager rather than TMWA. Mr. Foree stated TMWA is not allowed to develop their own storm water facilities.

COMMISSIONER BREKHUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for a possible June 18, 2014, meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman stated the WRWC will not need to meet again until September. There will be a presentation from DRI on the Cloud Seeding Contract. There will also be a contract for extending the Washoe Evapotranspiration Project. The Legal Services contract will be due. Mr. Smitherman stated he will also have a report on Commissioner Cohen’s request regarding STMGID’s membership on the WRWC.

Commissioner Brekhus asked about the Bureau of Reclamation’s Basin Study and the contract for Septic Risk Analysis, and requested an update.

10. Commission Comments

Vice-Chair Hartung asked that the Commissioners stay after the meeting to sign some documents the Recording Secretary has for them.

11. Staff Comments

None

12. Public Comment

Cathy Bowling spoke regarding trust issues between TMWA and the public and stated she is looking forward to getting those trust issues resolved.

13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MARTINI MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:27 A.M.,
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
WITH SEVEN (7) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2014.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman