## MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2013

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the certified transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, June 7, 2013.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley, Michael Cameron, Becky Stock, Mike Brisbin; Also: Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Jeff Mann, City of Reno.

\* Committee Member arrived after roll call.

\*\* Committee Member left meeting before adjournment

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #4: Fund balance report:** Tracy stated that the amount available to grant is \$267,149.77.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the February summary meeting minutes: The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for February 22, 2013 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Consider amended proposal from City of Reno for project #120 Bank Restoration: Jeff Mann from the City of Reno was present and answered questions from the group, indicating he would send Tracy Turner a map. A motion to accept the expanded grant for \$30,615 was unanimously passed. Janet Phillips abstained from the vote.

Agenda Item #7: Hear final project reports #79 Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tom Swan); #94 UNR Board of Regents (John Mosley); #88 The Nature Conservancy (John Mosley); #96 Sierra Nevada Journeys (Sue Donaldson); #106 The Nature Conservancy (John Mosley).

Regarding #79 Tahoe Resource Conservation District (Tom Swan), Tom Swan reported that they did a great job on this project, that they conducted 7,000 boat inspections and got a whole bunch of people together to figure out how they were going to make ordinances. Ron Penrose provided input regarding a working group he's been involved with, which has done a really good job in terms of pushing the ordinance process through with the Town of Truckee and the two counties, and he talked about enforcement protocol, decontamination facilities, and that they're working on a fee structure. Ron added that TMWA is talking internally about public information, and that it's probably a good idea to get the word out again so that the public knows we're proactive and trying to stay on top of the process. Ron also indicated he will call Teresa Crimmens of Tahoe Carson regarding getting a summary of their public outreach, what they're doing right now.

Regarding #94 UNR Board of Regents (John Mosley), Tracy indicated she can ask John to complete the project evaluation form on the BMP installation and maintenance field training classes. Becky stated that she only heard good things about these contractor classes that Sue Donaldson was doing, adding that she has used that BMP information that Sue put together in a booklet format. Ron added that contractors use that manual. The group discussed the possibility of another BMP training, and Becky agreed to make some calls to see if anyone is interested in proposing to conduct the training again.

Regarding #88 The Nature Conservancy (John Mosley), at the request of the group, in John's absence, Michael reported that providing kayaks, float tubes and motorized aluminum outboard motor watercraft to help prevent AIS at Independence Lake has been a great success, that user surveys show an incredibly high degree of satisfaction from the visitors, that the objectives of the grant have been fulfilled, and the program continues.

Regarding #96 Sierra Nevada Journeys (Sue Donaldson), regarding watershed education initiative in-class lessons and after school programs, Tracy stated that we haven't received the curriculum yet that we requested, and suggested that we keep this on the follow-up list. Janet said we ought to have maybe a better understanding of the big picture.

Regarding #106 The Nature Conservancy (John Mosley), at the request of the group, in John's absence, Michael reported that they have achieved or exceeded the number acres in the grant proposal every year of woody fuels reduction.

Agenda Item #8: Review and provide comments on Ron Penrose's, TMWA, Truckee River Fund Guidance Document: Ron Penrose described the document and how, internally at TMWA, the thought of a watershed master plan moved towards more of a guidance document that can be used by the fund advisors, future fund advisors, and even the TMWA Board, relative to the education process, background information and why the fund exists. He thanked Sylvia for her added work relative the federal and state statutes. He added that it was very obvious that we've been following the guidance criteria in this guidance document all along. He mentioned there are a couple of things he'd like to add, such as a proper map that depicts the river system. The group provided comments and ideas. Sylvia provided input regarding acquisition of water rights and land not being appropriate for the fund. Tracy is working on getting together information regarding how we've invested funds across categories and about our match fund sources. Everyone thanked Ron for the effort and thought he put into carefully preparing this educational document.

**Agenda Item #9: Discuss fund advisors' field trip itinerary:** Janet described her proposed itinerary for an all day trip, stating that it sticks with places where we have spent money. The group discussed various ideas. Jerry passed out pictures of milfoil that's starting to show up in Lake Tahoe. The date of July 10th was selected. Ron said he'd get a vehicle.

**Agenda Item #10: Committee & staff comments:** Ron advised the group of a particular project that is gaining a very high-profile level of importance to TMWA, dealing with a drainage problem affecting the Highland Canal, how TMWA established a working group, and how there might be a city or county grant request forthcoming.

Janet mentioned that she recently was asked a question about why this committee has no term limits or rotation. Sylvia provided input about the makeup of the fund advisors and that

it's at the discretion of the three local governments to decide how long a fund advisor should serve.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.