

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2012

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, February 24, 2012.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron, Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley* **, Mike Brisbin, John Mosley, Susan Donaldson, Becky Stock; Also: Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; and Debbie Leonard, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council; Lynda S. Nelson and Alicia Reban, Nevada Land Conservancy; Cheryl Surface, Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space; Wallace Alan McKay, Desert Research Institute; and Dean Tonenna, Bureau of Land Management.

* 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 \$268,753 after considering that \$75,000 is held in reserve for operating expenses for three years and that all grants approved so far have been taken out. Janet added that funding for the upcoming year will be less than the past amount, approximately \$750,000.

Agenda Item #5: Approve December summary meeting minutes: The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for December 2 and December 12, 2011 were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding or for funding at reduced levels: The following grant proposals were considered at length and approved, rejected, or action taken as follows:

#100, Truckee River Watershed Council, Negro Canyon Restoration, \$289,820 requested. A reduced amount of \$25,000 for pre-project monitoring was unanimously approved. Lisa

Wallace and Beth Christman provided input and answered questions from the group, with an indication that they will be back next funding round to ask for construction funds for 2013.

#101, Bureau of Land Management, Sierra Front Field Office, Truckee River Restoration, \$175,000 requested, was rejected in a 5-3 vote, with a suggestion to come back again in the future. Dean Tonenna provided input and answered questions.

#102, Board of Regents of the NSHE obo the Desert Research Institute, Watershed Based Planning Tool for the Truckee River Basin, \$199,404 requested. Alan McKay was present and indicated DRI would withdraw this proposal based on the fact that TMWA is going to be doing this in-house, as indicated by Ron, with no dollar impact to the fund. The group unanimously accepted the withdrawal.

#103, American Rivers (lead for proposal), Truckee River Watershed Council and Sierra Watch, The Martis Solutions Initiative, \$40,000 requested, was unanimously rejected. The group felt that this is more of a flood issue than a water quality project. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman provided input and answered questions.

#104, Nevada Land Conservancy, Washoe Drive Emergency Watershed Stabilization & Restoration Effort, \$145,000 requested. Lynda Nelson, Alicia Reban and Cheryl Surface provided input and answered questions, including reducing the amount requested down to \$115,000 due to confirmation that a portion of an NV Energy gift can be used to cover the administration and management of this project. The proposal was unanimously approved for the reduced amount of \$115,000. Becky Stock abstained from the vote.

#105, Truckee River Watershed Council, Lacey Creek and Meadow Assessment, \$50,000 requested, was unanimously approved. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman provided input and answered questions.

Agenda Item #7: Discuss potential sites to visit and create draft agenda for 2012 field trip: The group discussed possible places to go and ideas for having speakers available. Janet will put together an outline for the June 15th field trip.

Agenda Item #8: Committee & staff comments: Jerry described a good workshop he attended at UC Davis Science Center—Project WET—that dealt with teaching grade school teachers how to teach environmental things relative to Lake Tahoe and the river.

Sue announced that UNR is hosting an Earth Day event from noon to 4:00 on April 22nd where there will be presentations, tours and youth hands-on activities.

Tracy described a phone call from the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee regarding money they have available from a donor to help caregivers of Alzheimer's patients displaced because of the Washoe Drive fire.

Becky announced that the Banff Mountain Film Festival is Thursday evening, April 5th, at John Ascuaga's Nugget and is Nevada Land Conservancy's biggest fund-raiser of the year.

Michael announced that McCarran Ranch will be open to the public on Saturday, May 5th.

Janet gave kudos to the Independence Lake folks who got recognition in Sunset Magazine for getting the best lake award.

Janet announced that the Nevada Water Resources Association is having the annual Truckee River seminar field course on May 3rd and 4th, a two-day bus trip covering the whole river system.

Lynda Nelson added that tomorrow Nevada Land Conservancy is having a seed giveaway at Starbucks at Caughlin Ranch for the Caughlin Ranch fire victims, and that in a couple of weeks they will have a similar seed giveaway with the Washoe Drive fire victims.

Ron related to the group that their TMWA project team on the Glendale water supply project received an award from the Engineering News Record for best civil infrastructure project in the Southwest U.S. and that they went to Phoenix and participated in their awards ceremony. He added that that project had a very innovative approach to fish passage and as it relates to endangered species, and that Mike and Debbie were involved in it.

Janet mentioned that when the report came out on a study we funded on UNR Farms, that there was some question about whether we could disseminate that to others. She stated that anything we do is public record; so if somebody asks you for some report of something we have funded, don't hesitate to give it to them. Sue added that the UNR president has decided to indefinitely postpone the rezoning of part of Main Station Farm.

John announced a public education fair to take place on May 2nd through 5th to reach out to the Pyramid Lake people, mainly the children, and that they have some booths still available.

Agenda Item #9: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #10: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on June 22, 2012.