

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 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, February 22, 2013.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley*, Michael Cameron, Susan Donaldson, Becky Stock, Mike Brisbin; Also: Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; and Ron Penrose, TMWA; Members of the Public: Chris Fichtel and Patti Bakker, The Nature Conservancy; Kimberly Boyd, Tahoe Resource Conservation District; Jeff Mann, City of Reno; Frankie Vigil, Good Standing Outreach; Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman, Truckee River Watershed Council; Nic Nelson, Sean Hill and Eaton Dunkelberger, Sierra Nevada Journeys; and John Cobourn, UNR Board of Regents.

* 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 there is an estimated amount of \$475,000 available to grant, estimated because they have not closed out the year yet, and that they hired a new controller who is doing an excellent job.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the December summary meeting minutes: The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for December 7, 2012 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Review proposal from GoodStanding Outreach for adding video links to Projects page on TruckeeRiverFund.org website: Tracy stated that there were discussions during meetings last fall and December about enhancing the website with presentations for completed projects, so she contacted Frankie Vigil at GoodStanding Outreach about what it would take in order to make these presentations available on the website so people could learn what we're doing. She described the proposal received from GoodStanding Outreach. Frankie Vigil provided input and answered questions, and there was input from the proposers present in the room, whose general reaction was that if they have video they would be happy to provide it but are hesitant to promise video. After discussion and suggestions by the group, a motion was passed unanimously to table this issue and allow the Executive Committee to review the videos that are already on the website and come forward with advice or a proposal. Also, Frankie Vigil will provide information about how many people are looking at our website.

Agenda Item #7: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding or for funding at reduced levels: After each of the following grant proposals were considered at length, they were then voted on by the group and approved, rejected, or action taken as follows:

#117, The Nature Conservancy, Truckee River Watershed Restoration - Forest Thinning at Independence Lake, \$41,300, was unanimously approved. Chris Fichtel provided input and answered questions. Michael Cameron abstained from the vote.

#118, Truckee River Watershed Council, Middle Martis Wetland Restoration - planning and design, \$170,000. A reduced amount of \$120,000 (representing \$35,000 for Hydrologic Monitoring, \$20,000 for Wetland Delineation/Vegetation Surveys, \$15,000 for Project Management/Stakeholder Coordination, and \$50,000 in the form of a challenge grant, relative to design, contingent on being matched by others) was unanimously approved. Beth Christman and Lisa Wallace provided input and answered questions.

#119, City of Reno, Hazardous tree removal at Oxbow Park, \$32,250, was unanimously approved. Jeff Mann provided input and answered questions.

#120, City of Reno, Truckee River bank stabilization at Crooked Mile, \$18,175, was unanimously approved. Jeff Mann provided input and answered questions.

#121, Board of Regents, NSHE, obo University of Nevada, Reno Cooperative Extension. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Education and Outreach for Nevada, \$106,263. A motion to not fund this one at this time, but inviting it to come back with a revised proposal at a future meeting, was unanimously approved. John Cobourn provided input and answered questions. Sue Donaldson abstained from the vote.

#122, Truckee River Watershed Council, Truckee River Big Chief Corridor - Implementation, \$100,000. A reduced amount of \$11,000 for the initial design was unanimously approved. It was noted that the applicant should come back for the next round. Lisa Wallace and Beth Christman provided input and answered questions.

#123, The Nature Conservancy, Truckee River Restoration Project - Hoss Property Acquisition, \$9,500. Patti Bakker provided input and answered questions. After discussion by the group, the proposal was withdrawn by Patti Bakker on behalf of the proposer.

#124, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Truckee River Eurasian Watermilfoil Removal, \$45,062, was unanimously approved for the corrected amount of \$43,062. Kim Boyd provided input and answered questions.

#125, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Sierra Nevada Journeys' Watershed Education Initiative, \$16,050, was unanimously approved. Nic Nelson, Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill provided input and answered questions.

Agenda Item #8: Hear status of Ron Penrose's, TMWA, Project Evaluation Guidance Document: Ron Penrose summarized how this draft document evolved, how it will help the current and future fund advisors, the TMWA Board and any liaison from TMWA with this group, and added that the goal would be to provide a final guidance document for the June meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Committee & staff comments: Sue announced that as of May 3rd she will no longer be with Cooperative Extension but that she is willing to, and would like to, maintain her position on this advisory committee if that is acceptable. The group indicated that absolutely she can continue and thanked her for being willing to continue on.

Becky, at Tracy's request, regarding the Washoe fire and how things are going with NDEP and the Corps of Engineers, gave an update that there has been no more action on either the state or the federal level as to any movement to hold the ditch company accountable for damage to Steamboat Creek. She answered questions, and the group discussed this issue.

Michael suggested the possibility of having a professional do a review of our expenditures, an evaluation and identification of factors that tend to lead toward success or lack of success of grants we have made, and the group discussed this idea and shared suggestions, including ideas about public outreach. Tracy indicated she will send out to the members the revised completion form, the brief reporting tool on the success of projects, the evaluation criteria that this committee has discussed and developed over time (at the bottom of the RFP), and will come up with whatever she can in preparation for the June agenda.

Janet raised the idea of doing a tour in 2013; the group discussed potential places and dates and seeing when everyone is available.

Agenda Item #10: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #11: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.