

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 11, 2008

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., April 11, 2008.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice-Chair; Susan Lynn, Michael Cameron, Mike Brisbin, Jason Dukes; Also: Sylvia Harrison, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Chris Askin, Community Foundation; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, Truckee Meadows Water Authority; Members of the Public: Wendy Trowbridge, Great Basin Institute; Jerry Keir (via telephone), Great Basin Institute; Sonya Hem, Nevada Land Conservancy (via telephone); Katie Louvat, Olsen & Associates.

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call was taken and a quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of the Agenda: Agenda for the 4-11-08 meeting was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #3: Public Comment: There was no public comment. Tracy Turner noted that Jerry Keir would be called at 9:15 today.

Agenda Item #4: Fund Balance Report: Chris Askin presented the report and indicated that the final statement for the year ending December 31st, 2007 shows \$1,696,774.19 in total assets. Last year, investments earned about \$150,000 in terms of interest income and realized and unrealized gains. A gift of \$1,050,000 was received from TMWA. There were some interfund gifts received from a fund of the Community Foundation, the Truckee Meadows Growth Task Force Fund, which was closed, and they wished the remaining assets to be added to the Truckee River Fund. Truckee River Fund made grants of \$926,822, which would have come close to the income received, but with the gains, earnings, there is some additional money. Under the grant money that was distributed, there would have been \$370,000 more if the grant for the Truckee River Eco-Channel had proceeded; that money was reversed because that project did not proceed. Community Foundation cannot post their fees until they've received and posted all the statements for all the investment accounts, but the report shows the market activity for January and February of this year. Most of the money is held in the TIFF Investment Pool. A \$500 gift was received from Thomas Sykes the first part of January. The realized and unrealized gain was a loss of \$16,000 for the first two months. There was one interfund grant in the amount of \$25,604 to "Keep Truckee

Meadows Beautiful." Chris also noted that each quarter, when the final report is completed, typically a full month after, copies of the report are sent to Janet, Sylvia and Ron. A receivable of \$1,000,000 was booked, which is why the account balance appears large. That money is available for grant making, and TMWA can transfer that money over at any time.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the June 25, August 6, August 20, September 5, October 15, December 7, 2007, and January 18, 2008 summary meeting minutes, and affirm new meeting summary approach: All these back minutes were approved unanimously, including a minor change noted in the January 18th minutes by Tracy Turner that in Agenda Item #8, where it says "Directly due to #8 above," it should be "#7 above." It was noted that the January 18th minutes is the first attempt by Shannon instead of Ron to prepare them. It was decided that the burden would be taken off Ron to prepare minutes, and Shannon will prepare minutes at the time she prepares the transcript for each meeting.

Agenda Item #6: Consider and possibly approve revised Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps proposal with collaboration by Nevada Land Conservancy: Before calling Jerry Keir, Michael Cameron said the group should have a discussion and be ready to ask questions of Mr. Keir, and that Wendy Trowbridge would be arriving at 9:00. He indicated that this is the third consideration of this proposal, the first two times it lacked in specificity, that they indicated they will figure out their scope. It wasn't enough for the group to go forward. He indicated that Tracy Turner had convened a meeting at the Community Foundation's offices to bring GBI together with Sue Donaldson, who heads up the weed group and is a local expert on the topic, and that GBI didn't take the initiative following that meeting. Then they met again, and the proposal hadn't changed. It was decided to give them one more chance. There was discussion about the treatment season in the spring for Tall White Top, and a little more work to try to get something in place for the season would be worth the effort. He also said he and Tracy had gone to a weed coordinating meeting six weeks ago, and Wendy Trowbridge from GBI was there, and the Weed Coordinating Group was there, and that Michael and Tracy encouraged them. He also indicated that we've started to finally make the point that the Truckee River Fund is available for work, and people have started to recognize there's a funding source out there. And so this third GBI proposal came in as a result of that last meeting.

Michael commented about the time sensitivity and whether the TMWA Board would meet in time for this proposal. Sylvia noted that as there is not an agenda item for this for the April 16th TMWA Board meeting; it would have to go to the next board meeting, in May. Janet asked about the board's possible assurance on this project, and Sylvia noted that the Board's been very receptive to this group's proposed projects and indicated if there was some way of suggesting that they go forward on the basis of potential reimbursement, it might work. Michael indicated that the work they're proposing is the right work and that that work will be done well. Susan stated it is a way to foster communication between the GBI group and other groups. Tom brought up the question regarding whether GBI would have enough power to do what they were supposed to do last time. Tracy said she'd sent Jerry Keir an e-mail regarding the ability and capacity of the staff regarding their three concurrent projects.

There was discussion regarding reinforcing that they check in and maintain contact with the weed group, possibly making that a condition.

Wendy Trowbridge discussed phases one and two timing. She also talked about the known weed populations currently being treated; that because of monetary constraints that the weed group has, they haven't extended into California; and that TRF can fund projects that extend into California, referring to spreading seed sources. The timing issue was described to Wendy Trowbridge, who asked if there was a reasonable chance of approval, with the answer being good projects are approved. Ron asked about effectiveness of keeping weeds out in the future, and Wendy answered that it is difficult and that the invasive species are never completely eradicated, that it requires constant monitoring and retreating. Tracy relayed Sue Donaldson had mentioned that these projects should require two to three years of monitoring. Janet raised the question of requiring this to be a multiyear project. Wendy indicated they would be happy with that, and then they wouldn't have to reapply. Sylvia said that TMWA cannot commit beyond a current budget cycle by law. Chris said you could invite a multiyear request, and if approved, they would book it as a payable over a term of years, it shows up on financial statements that the money is committed. Sylvia said all of that commitment has to come from presently available dollars. Michael indicated that if we're going to approve, we should be prepared to continue in the future.

Jerry Keir was contacted by phone regarding GBI's ability to perform three concurrent projects. He indicated that's not a ~~problem~~, problem and they're more than capable, that they're a large organization with quite a few resources. There was discussion with him about the timing and the slight delay in TMWA's approval and the fact GBI would have to take some risk, and could he do the treatment in May. He indicated that given TRF's history of approval, that was fine and we should move forward in treating weeds. It was indicated to him that there would need to be good communication on an ongoing basis. It was discovered that a portion of GBI's budget pages was missing, and Wendy will send to Tracy a full spreadsheet, but two research associates would be \$14,933.08, and the project lead would be \$26,535.72.

The group unanimously approved the project for the full amount, with the condition that there be continued discussion with the Weed Coordinating Group, Lynda Nelson, and the state weed coordinator, requiring an interim report in September, following Phase One and Phase Two, and a full report on Jerry Keir's timeline of December.

Tracy brought up a new proposal that came in regarding the Hawken fire. Michael said that Sonya Hem had contacted him and Tracy to ask whether or not it would be acceptable to submit this proposal. He indicated that it is an outgrowth, a direct leadership of the Nevada Land Conservancy, and it's a new proposal that is time-critical, and they should submit it at the next funding cycle. There was discussion about transects. Questions were raised about why a helicopter would be needed to set the transects and whether one would be needed to service the transects. Sonya was contacted by phone and answered that the area is inaccessible by foot, that they may need a helicopter to bring the equipment up there, but that

hiking in with a clipboard to monitor the transects might be suitable. There was discussion with Sonya about if the helicopter becomes unnecessary, that those dollars could be reallocated to reseeding, planting. There was discussion about the timing of approval. Sonya indicated these things would be fine.

So regarding this Hawken fire weed monitoring, which is in collaboration with Nevada Land Conservancy, the group unanimously approved that the proposal be approved as written, with the condition that the funds for the cost of the helicopter, if not needed, would be available for reseeding as appropriate.

Agenda Item #7: Finalize plans for upriver trip including commitments from committee members: Janet indicated a desire for commitment from people for the upriver trip, set for April 28th. Mike and Jason, who were the only two present who had not committed, did commit. There was a consensus to scratch off the downriver raft trip for this year, in May, due to timing and lack of water flow.

Agenda Item #8: Presentation and discussion of interim project report for Project #18 "This Drains to the Truckee River Storm Drain Stenciling": Tracy talked about receiving a letter from Lisa Wallace indicating that they had had some delays due to interagency coordinating, but they hoped that it will happen this summer, finishing by November.

Agenda Item #9: Presentation of proposed project map and possibly approve its development: Katie Louvat of Olsen & Associates presented two project mapping options and their differences. There was discussion regarding the use of an interactive map, the cost of constructing and maintaining the web page, including an annual maintenance cost. There was discussion regarding the advantages of people using such a map to learn about the TRF and accessing links, such as TRIG, and the benefit of utilizing the map during legislative session presentations. After much discussion and one failed motion (no second), the group unanimously accepted option two, to include a project map, for development of the mapping web page and that they should come back with more information on the maintenance cost.

Agenda Item #10: Committee & staff comments: Michael discussed what he thinks is going to be a proposal coming in June from the Truckee River Watershed Council regarding land around Independence Lake and forest survey work, and that it is possible that in September, based on the results of that forestry plan, that they may be coming back to request funds for actual implementation of those activities. Sylvia indicated the water is owned by TMWA, which is keenly interested in protection of that water quality and will be working with the Nature Conservancy in an operating agreement.

Chris stated that Daryl Gardipe has resigned from the committee, and there was a suggestion that somebody from the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe might be a good candidate to replace Daryl. There was some discussion about the replacement process. There was also a mention that Jerry Purdy has not been at the last couple of meetings, which is unusual.

Ron commented that a presentation to the TMWA Board in February was a good presentation and was well-received. There was a lot of focus on the Hawken fire remediation. Some new TMWA Board members learned how the TRF operates. Michael Cameron was there, together with Sonya Hem from the Nevada Land Conservancy. Ron indicated he would forward an e-mail that gives that PowerPoint presentation.

Also, Ron followed up regarding the RTC, indicating that TRF may get some proposals relative to some low impact features for RTC's transfer station. He said he's going to put Kirk Nichols of RTC in touch with Tracy relative to accessing the RFP and the details.

Sylvia commented on the idea of an urban forestry coalition and that there's a lot enthusiasm and need for some sort of umbrella group and that people have been looking at the Weed Coordinating Group as kind of a model. She mentioned there's a need to figure out ways of crossing the boundary between private and public trees, publicly-owned trees on privately-watered systems. There is a tentative couple-hour workshop that everyone is invited to attend. She also commented that in order to accomplish what this group seems to be developing, that we're going to need more complex solutions than a weed management team, in terms of legal, institutional challenges.

Mike Brisbin commented that the weir at Chalk Creek got blown out in the storm the first of January, but that they've repaired it and armored it extremely well.

Tracy Turner indicated there were interim reports in the packet that weren't discussed because they weren't on the agenda, but they would be put on the agenda for next time.

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

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on June 13, 2008.