

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 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., August 1, 2008.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice-Chair; Susan Lynn, Michael Cameron, Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley, Mike Brisbin, Jason Dukes, John Mosley; Also: Sylvia Harrison, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Members of the Public: Glen Daily, City of Reno; Suzy Johnson, Jeff Codega Planning & Design; Ernie Nielsen, Washoe-Storey Conservation District; Jim Shaffer, Washoe County District Health Department, Washoe-Storey Conservation District; Marlene Olsen, Olsen & Associates Public Relations; Terri Svetich, City of Reno; John Bronder, City of Reno; Lynell Garfield, City of Reno; and Cathy Brandhorst.

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

**Agenda Item #2: Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #3: Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #4: Fund Balance Report:** Tracy presented the report, indicating total assets of \$1,507,610.93 and the amount available to grant of \$742,932.93.

**Agenda Item #5: Approve June of 2008 Summary Meeting Minutes:** A motion passed unanimously to approve the June 13, 2008 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary).

**Agenda Item #6: Consider Project Proposals:** Oxbow Bank Stabilization. Glen Daily answered questions from the group about the consequences if it were delayed. He talked about the fact that regulatory authorizations and bidding will be concurrent and that there are different funding sources. A motion to approve this proposal flat out was unanimously passed. Bill Bradley volunteered to monitor this project.

Crane Ditch Clean-up. Suzy Johnson summarized the changes made to this proposal since the last meeting, regarding in-kind donations and volunteer hours. Ernie Nielsen commented that this is something Washoe-Storey Conservation District is interested in continuing with. There was a lengthy discussion regarding leveraging money, NDEP Clean Water Act 319H funding, calling this a demonstration project, and the cost of volunteer labor. A motion to

approve this as written, with a name change to indicate it is a demonstration project, was unanimously passed. Jerry Purdy volunteered to monitor this project.

**Agenda Item #7: Review and consider grant reports for projects:** #10 Watershed Protection for the Drinking Water Source of the Chalk Bluff Water Treatment Plant. Bill Bradley stated that the weir, installation, and the sampling site are in good shape, but the concern is the cost to reroute the drainage out of the Highland Ditch and back into the river. Tracy distinguished between the several Chalk Creek projects. Terri Svetich clarified the location and talked about turbidity levels and piles of manure. John Bronder gave a synopsis about his efforts regarding this application, such as using the land around the railroad tracks to settle out contaminants. Terri added that they'd like to mitigate it before it gets to the Highland Canal.

#20 Assessment of Petroleum Impacts to the Truckee River from Direct Stormwater Discharges. Mike Brisbin received an e-mail from Damian saying they may not have enough data to do the job they wanted to do, that they are waiting for storm events. Mike wrote back saying he would be in favor of giving them a time extension. Sylvia commented this isn't an action item and should be agendaized for next time if the board wants to take formal action on an extension. Mike said Damian wasn't asking for an extension but was just commenting.

#25 Bioavailability of dissolved organic nitrogen originating from natural sources and wastewater effluent in the Truckee River. Mike Brisbin reported that they've done everything they said they were going to do, and they've asked for a time extension to repeat the work to verify a seasonal effect. The final report is due in September.

#26 Truckee River Tall White Top Eradication Project at Mogul and Steamboat Creek. Jerry Purdy reported that he was unable to get a hold of Jerry Keir this week. Janet and Tracy indicated that there is a report and photos that indicate they did do a White Top eradication. Susan asked if a retreatment is needed. Jerry Purdy said he will look into that. The matter will be put on the agenda for an update at the next meeting, with a full-blown revisit in the spring if necessary.

#28 Restoration of Riparian Vegetation in a Channel at Sapphire Ridge in the Chalk Creek Sub Watershed. Bill Bradley reported there is regrowth and excellent results in the drainage, indicating it should have been called a demonstration project and has resulted in cooperative effort among departments to get things taken care of. Lynell Garfield commented on how the project has really taken off.

**Agenda Item #8: Committee & Staff Comments:** Michael asked Sylvia if she had any comments on how the group conducts its business. Sylvia commented it is important to continue the effort to make sure the TMWA Board is aware of the good work this fund is accomplishing, and that beneficiaries of the fund can occasionally express appreciation at board meetings. There was some discussion about periodically having an agenda item at the board meetings to tell them of the successes that have gone on and make these projects as

visible as possible. Also, Tracy agreed to send thank-you letters to the private sector when they're willing to help with a problem.

Janet indicated the next meeting is on October 3rd, and the focus will be reviewing final reports and brainstorming. There was some discussion regarding value of volunteer hours on the RFPs.

Sylvia commented that the fund, being housed at Community Foundation, could receive funds from other sources.

**Agenda Item #9: Public comment:** Cathy Brandhorst made a general statement about the Truckee River not being cleaned up anymore.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in Session on October 3, 2008.