

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 5, 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., December 5, 2008.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; 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; Chris Askin, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; Members of the Public: Terri Svetich and Lynell Garfield, City of Reno; Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council; Mickey Hazelwood, The Nature Conservancy; Matthew Setty, JBR Consultants; Shawn Gooch and Jim Litchfield, City of Sparks; Suzy Johnson and Ed Dawson, Jeff Codega Planning & Design; Keith White, UNR graduate student; Ryan Banta, Ph.D., Desert Research Institute; and Dean Adams, Ph.D., UNR, College of Engineering.

**Agenda Item #1: Roll Call:** Roll call was taken and a quorum was noted. It was noted that Michael Cameron, Jason Dukes and John Mosley have proposals and would decide whether or not to participate in today's discussions. Michael and John left the meeting and did not participate in discussion or voting; Jason stayed.

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

**Agenda Item #3: Public Comment:** Suzy Johnson indicated a party from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would be on call by phone to answer any questions.

**Agenda Item #4: Fund Balance Report:** Chris indicated a loss of \$21,000 in the month of October, and that we have unrestricted fund balance as of the end of October, with \$363,874.49 available to spend. Ron stated that the TMWA Board is concerned about the economy and is being very cautious, that \$1,080,000 was budgeted but has not been forwarded to the fund yet. Sylvia said the board wanted the fund advisors to make recommendations on a priority basis, with a note on urgency of funding. Ron added that Dave Aiazzi requested another report regarding an analysis of past projects.

**Agenda Item #5: Approval of the October 2008 Summary Meeting Minutes:** A motion passed unanimously to approve the October 3, 2008 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary).

**Agenda Item #6: Consider Grant Proposals to Truckee River Fund:** The group prioritized the list of grant proposals; and due to the current economic condition, the following grant proposals were not funded: #54, Snapshot Day; #55, Adopt-A-Stream; #64, BMPs for Nevada Tahoe Conservation District; and #65, Double Diamond Wetlands 5 & 6.

The following grant proposals were considered at length and approved:

#56, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Invasive Aquatic Species Integrated Management Strategy, full amount of \$118,000, with a suggestion that TRPA needs to solicit funds from California and Nevada.

#59, City of Reno Public Works, TDS Sulfate Reducing Wetland Pilot Project, full amount of \$163,000. Terri Svetich and Matt Setty commented.

#61, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, Truckee River Cleanup Day, #61, full amount of \$26,975.

#53, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Aleck Streambank Restoration, \$75,000, subject to them getting the other funding source. John Mosley came back into the meeting to answer questions.

#58, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Area WCSO Community Work Program, Truckee River Restoration Projects, Weed Control, full amount of \$12,280.

#63, The Nature Conservancy, Independence Lake, Forest and Wildfire Management, \$237,110 (\$612,208 requested amount), with conditions that it not be used for endowment and that it not be spent until the property closes. Mickey Hazelwood made comments. The letter of agreement should also state that it is for implementation of the forest and wildfire plan.

#60, City of Reno Public Works, McKinley Arts & Cultural Center LID Demonstration Project, full amount of \$115,500, with the condition that 319 funding materialize. Lynell Garfield answered questions and provided comments. The letter of approval should include support for the LID ordinance and BMPs governing the LID.

#62, City of Sparks, Construction of Pioneer Dam Modification, full amount of \$500,000, with comments from Shawn Gooch and Jim Litchfield. Jason Dukes removed himself from the discussion and abstained on the vote.

The following grant proposal was discussed and not approved: #57, Board of Regents NSHE, Identifying Non-point Sources of Nutrients to the River from Groundwater in the Verdi/Mogul Area, \$68,428. Ryan Banta provided comments.

**Agenda Item #7: Review 2009 Meeting Calendar:** The January 18, 2009 meeting was rescheduled to January 9th. The Executive Committee will try to meet on January 5th. There was discussion about the reporting schedule and, also, preparing an objective review to present to the board regarding benefits of the projects. Tracy has started to create a matrix to help the group evaluate the projects and see where they fall.

**Agenda Item #8: Committee & Staff Comments:** Jerry commented about the possibility of the group providing the opportunity to do some good for some people through our grant process. There was discussion about, in the next RFP, putting in an element that proposers are encouraged to suggest things that will provide employment. Sylvia pointed out that the board will be considering the river fund agreement at the December meeting.

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

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in Session on January 9, 2009.