

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2017

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, June 2, 2017.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Michael Cameron; Bill Bradley; Mike Brisbin; Susan Lynn; Don Mahin; and Brian Bonnenfant; Also: Tracy Turner and Lauren Renda, both with Community Foundation; and Sonia Folsom with TMWA; Member of the Public: Kerri Lanza, City of Reno.

\* 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. New Committee member Brian Bonnenfant said a few words about himself.

**Agenda Item #2: Public comment:** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #3: Approval of the agenda (for possible action):** The agenda was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #4: Approve the February summary meeting minutes (for possible action):** The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for February 17, 2017 was unanimously approved.

**Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report:** Tracy stated that we have \$404,691.60 available to spend. She added that she learned from TMWA that due to a rate hike and some ramifications related to that, our distribution anticipated to arrive in August will be only \$450,000. Sonia explained TMWA's budget considerations and that we'll have the full amount of \$850,000 for FY18, adding that John Enloe reminded the TMWA Board that the original amount was \$1 million. Janet noted that we will be having a normal RFP process in the fall based on this.

**Agenda Item #6: Hear nominations for and possibly elect vice chair for Advisory Committee (for possible action):** Janet stated that Tom Swan, who had been the vice-chair of this Committee, resigned last meeting. She described the vice chair position. There was

discussion by the group, and Susan Lynn volunteered to do it for a year starting today. A motion to nominate Susan Lynn as vice chair was unanimously passed.

**Agenda Item #7: Hear report from Truckee River Watershed Council projects, including the impact of trash on the river and nutrient loading; future plans (Lisa Wallace):** Tracy indicated that she communicated with Lisa Wallace yesterday, who stated that she is not planning to come today, but if there is an opportunity to reschedule, she would be delighted to do it. Since the next meeting will be a grant meeting, it will be rescheduled to the December meeting.

**Agenda Item #8: Hear reports on projects completed in the last year: #133 Tahoe Resource Conservation District Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program (Mike Brisbin); #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife New Zealand mud snail and aquatic invasive species outreach for the Truckee River (Bill Bradley); #137 Nevada Land Trust Alum Creek water quality improvement (Bill Bradley); #142 Truckee River Watershed Council Truckee Wetlands Restoration Project (Candice Elder); #164 City of Reno Cemetery Drain (Susan Lynn); #166 City of Reno Virginia Lake (Mike Brisbin); #179 Sierra Nevada Journeys (Janet Phillips).**

Before reporting on the projects, Mike indicated that project #141, regarding milfoil eradication, may have been overlooked. Tracy and Lauren will look into it.

Regarding #133 Tahoe Resource Conservation District Truckee Regional Aquatic Invasive Species prevention program (Mike Brisbin), Mike Brisbin indicated that that was the program that was set up to do boat inspections, and we were the seed money to make that happen. He reported that the grantee completed and exceeded the activity specified in the proposal, were under budget. deemed their project a success, exceeded expectations, that the dollars contributed to implementation of a regional program go much further than they would if each jurisdiction developed a program in isolation, that we were the nexus to bring it together, and that they met and exceeded stated goals. For the most part, they are now self-funded.

Regarding #135 Nevada Department of Wildlife New Zealand mud snail and aquatic invasive species outreach for the Truckee River (Bill Bradley), Bill Bradley apologized and stated he will have the report ready at the next meeting.

Regarding #137 Nevada Land Trust Alum Creek water quality improvement (Bill Bradley), Bill Bradley apologized and stated he will have the report ready at the next meeting.

Regarding #142 Truckee River Watershed Council Truckee Wetlands Restoration Project (Candice Elder), Candice Elder was not present, so this item will be heard at a future meeting.

Regarding #164 City of Reno Cemetery Drain (Susan Lynn), Susan Lynn reported that the project is completed except for repair to a sheet of concrete for the trucks to pull closer to the drain and clean out debris, sediment. She stated that they have cleaned the sediment catchment basin at least twice. When she checked with Theresa Jones, she was told that they pulled out probably six dump trucks full of sediment and debris. So it's doing its job. She added that Theresa Jones also said that because there was such heavy loading in this project, that the city might be looking at another one farther up the watershed to capture more sediment, that they'd come back with another application.

Regarding #166 City of Reno Virginia Lake (Mike Brisbin), Mike Brisbin reported that the grantee completed and exceeded activities specified in the proposal; they deemed their project a success, exceeded expectations; they've done four scientific reports that have come out of this; and there's good progress in improving overall water quality, but more needs to be done, especially regarding improving circulation; they met and exceeded their goals.

Regarding #179 Sierra Nevada Journeys (Janet Phillips), Janet Phillips reported that this is one of those perennial things, that there's not much to report like construction or implementation, but that they did send in a report that looked good. Tracy and Lauren will check to see if they have the report, and if they do, they'll email it to everyone and take it off the list.

**Agenda Item #9: Committee and staff comments:** Michael commented about how members not coming to the meetings should be handled. Tracy said she'll update the attendance report.

Michael commented that The Nature Conservancy's floodplain restoration downstream has all worked.

Bill commented on an article in the paper earlier this week regarding the diversion structure down at Glendale has now turned into a drowning machine, and TMWA's putting up signs above the diversion to warn rafters and that they plan on doing work as soon as they were able to access it.

Sonia commented that the TMWA summer party is Saturday, July 15th from 11:00 to 3:00, to let her know if you're coming.

Janet commented that "Rivers for Change," an advocacy group for river preservation, will be floating through the canyon from Boca to Verdi on Tuesday, so if anyone wants to float or hike or run or bike. The group's goal is to go from the source to the sea on a bunch of different rivers, and they're looking for publicity and for people to cheer them on.

Janet commented that the Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway is now open from Verdi to Floriston. Also, they broke ground yesterday on the next section, which is up near Boca.

Tracy announced that June 15th is her last day with the Community Foundation, that she's moving on, that nine of the 10 years she's been with the Community Foundation she's gotten to work with this group, that it's certainly been a pleasure, and that she has learned so much. She added that she's leaving the group in the very capable hands of Lauren Renda, who has been sitting in on meetings and learning over the last year. She tearfully stated that she'll miss everyone. There were many comments of thanks from the group for getting this process up and running, for doing a great job, that she has been indispensable to this group, and that she'll be missed. There was a round of applause for Tracy.

**Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: August 18, 2017 (for possible action):** The next meeting is Friday, August 18th. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item #11: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker):** There was no public present, so no public comment.

**Agenda Item #12: Adjournment (for possible action):** The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m. No action was taken.