

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 22, 2019

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, November 22, 2019.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Susan Lynn (phone), Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron; Bill Bradley; Mike Brisbin; Don Mahin; Ron Penrose; and Brian Bonnenfant; Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano, LLP; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA; Members of the Public: Nate Allen, WaterStart.

* 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 (for possible action): The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approve the August Field Trip minutes: The August 16, 2019 field trip minutes was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the August summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for August 23, 2019 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Fund balance report: Lauren stated that we have available to grant \$197,936 for the spring 2020 cycle. This is due to the fact that we had a larger fall granting cycle, and we also had a large Nevada Land Trust spring grant that wasn't awarded until the fall and was not showing on our books until just recently.

Agenda Item #7: Hear nominations for and elect chair and vice chair for Advisory Committee (for possible action): Janet noted that these elections usually happen in even years and that the agenda should have only said to elect a vice chair. Susan Lynn announced that she is stepping down both as vice chair and as a committee member. Sylvia provided

input regarding electing the vice chair for the remainder of Susan's term and then having a vote for both officers in the normal cycle. A motion to nominate Brian Bonnenfant to serve the remainder of Susan Lynn's term as vice chair was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #8: Discuss possible revisions to Spring Request for Proposal application (for possible action): Janet asked TMWA to begin the discussion. John Enloe stated that there's been a lot of discussion and that TMWA is getting more and more behind the Portland Loo restroom, One Truckee River restroom project effort, as more entities and agencies are coming to the table with funding. He described many action items recently, including that an interlocal agreement with Washoe County was approved for the purchase of restrooms, the easement with City of Reno and Brodhead Park to install the first Portland Loo got approved, NDEP has funding paying for a half-time river ranger to help with public outreach regarding the Portland Loo, One Truckee River has funding, Renown came up with maintenance funds, and the Health Department has funding for maintenance and Sharps receptacles in the restrooms. He talked about putting together a summary of how much the Truckee River Fund has contributed over the years toward the river corridor cleanup management to show the TMWA Board that there's already been a lot of money directed towards this effort. And when the TMWA Board meets in December and discusses parameters and direction for the spring RFP, John can bring them suggestions and guidance from the advisory committee. There was a discussion by the group about various options and suggestions.

A motion was made to maintain our current form of our RFP, but in a cover letter sent out to potential spring grantees we inform them of the limited funding that we have available for projects, the recognition by the advisory committee that the homeless issue and its impact on water quality is a pressing problem for the Truckee Meadows, and in light of that pressing problem and the multiple comments from state, county and city officials we are asking our potential grantees to attempt to look at projects that would assist in the development of facilities along the urban Truckee River corridor that will improve water quality, that we will not be excluding consideration of other projects but we're hoping to see a focus on urban Truckee River corridor improvements, and that the Executive Committee of the Fund is delegated to evaluate the TMWA Board's interest following the December meeting and, if necessary, make suggested changes to the letter that will accompany the spring RFP. The motion was unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #9: Hear reports on completed projects: TRF #206 (Brian Bonnenfant); TRF #214 (Ron Penrose):

#206, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area Project: Brian Bonnenfant reported that this is the old Rosewood Golf Course and turning it back to a wetlands and nature trail and education. He provided an evaluation. Due to the government shutdown, staff turnover at National Park Service, and their initial public meeting drew so many people and so much feedback and response, their goal with the initial funding that was to develop a plan for the park was pushed back, so they'll have it done by the end of the year.

In the meantime, they secured additional funding and implemented an operational plan already. So after the master plan is completed in December, the planning phase will be completed. They're very happy with the progress. This project is done. Their next phase is trail building and noxious weeds, which we awarded them in 2019.

#214, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative: Ron Penrose reported that he will get the written report back to Lauren soon, but he has been monitoring this whole program for a long time. He noted that they have a pretty good curriculum, involve quite a number of schools, do classroom education, and take a field trip typically to McCarran Ranch to look at remediation activities that were done out there. Also, they measure outcomes by doing pre and post assessments, and that the kids do learn, and watershed protection and things that are important for the Truckee River and water in general sticks with the kids at an early age. This is a good program.

Agenda Item #10: Review and approve draft 2020 calendar (for possible action): The 2020 calendar was reviewed. A motion to approve the 2020 calendar was unanimously passed.

Agenda Item #11: Committee and staff comments:

Susan commented that she has an outstanding report to do for #204, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, 2019 Education River Cleanup. Lauren indicated that she has the report. As Susan has resigned, but they did the project, and there are no red flags, this project was deemed to be done.

Sylvia commented that it is possible for us to augment this fund from other sources. On the website there is a slot for donations. But if there are individuals that the Community Foundation can tap into, particularly if they can do it on an unrestricted basis, that would be really worthwhile. We could put this on an agenda for future discussion.

Sylvia commented that she would like to personally thank Susan for so much service to this fund, that she really appreciates it, that it's been successful largely because of Susan's efforts, and that it would be nice if TMWA Board might do something to recognize her service. There was applause from everyone.

Brian commented that the county lands bill is back and winding through the process, and they have a flyer of the goals and objectives. The cities and county would sell it to developers. Developers would pay for it. And then the funds would be used in other projects to conserve sensitive areas. So there's already been some focus by at least the county about applying some of those funds in the land bill to the river.

Agenda Item #12: Next meeting: February 28, 2020 (for possible action): The next meeting date will be February 28, 2020. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #13: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. No action was taken.