

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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, February 28, 2020.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Don Mahin; Ron Penrose; Mike Brisbin (phone); Bill Bradley; and Candice Elder; Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; Sonia Folsom, TMWA; and Sarah A. Ferguson, Esq., McDonald Carano, LLP; Members of the Public: Chris Binder, Tahoe Rim Trail Association; Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill, both with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Lisa Wallace and Eben Swain, both with Truckee River Watershed Council; Iris Jehle-Peppard, One Truckee River; and Nora Richter and Chris Cutshaw, both with Friends of Nevada Wilderness.

* 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, which included a change to move Agenda Item #6, goals, ahead of Agenda Item #7, grant proposals, was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approve the November summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for November 22, 2019 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report: Lauren stated that there is currently \$273,099, with a distributable amount of \$197,900, with the difference being already allocated to other projects, either waiting for bills or in reserve.

Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action): Discussion under Item #7 preceded this item and reminded the group that the TMWA Board wants to focus on urban contamination

issues. The following grant proposals were considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#229, Tahoe Rim Trail Association, Enhancing Water Quality Along the Tahoe Rim Trail in Tahoe City, amount requested \$6,606. Chris Binder was present and provided input and answered questions. Lisa Wallace also provided some input regarding other road and trail stream crossings that are failing as well. There was discussion about supporting the incredible Tahoe Rim Trail but that this is not the time to use some of the money to improve a single drainage crossing. For that reason, the full amount requested of \$6,600 was unanimously declined.

#230, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor, amount requested \$30,912. The full amount requested of \$30,912, with a request to look at the downtown situation next time, was unanimously approved. Eaton Dunkelberger and Sean Hill were present and provided input and answered questions. Lisa Wallace provided input regarding the water purveyors in Truckee.

#231, Truckee River Watershed Council, Coldstream Canyon Sediment Reduction Project, amount requested \$50,000. The full amount requested of \$50,000 was unanimously declined because the project doesn't fit the criteria right now, with directions that staff should explain to the TMWA Board why erosion control is also important, and the proposer is encouraged to resubmit it at our next funding meeting in the fall. Eben Swain and Lisa Wallace were present and provided input and answered questions.

#232, Truckee Donner Land Trust, Truckee Springs Open Space Trail Planning, amount requested \$25,000. The full amount requested of \$25,000 was unanimously declined because it is not a viable project at this time. Janet abstained from the vote due to her active role in trailbuilding. Vice Chair Brian Bonnenfant chaired this item after input from Ms. Ferguson. No one was present representing this proposal.

#233, Sierra Watershed Education Partnership (SWEP), Water Quality and Watershed Education Projects/Programs, amount requested \$15,000. The full amount requested of \$15,000 was unanimously declined because it doesn't fit the criteria this time around of focus on the urban corridor here in Reno.

#234, Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-seeding #8, amount requested \$28,549. The full amount requested of \$28,549 was unanimously approved. It was noted that the distinction between this project and some of the upstream sediment projects is it's in more immediate proximity to the points of diversion. Nora Richter and Chris Cutshaw were present and provided input and answered questions. Iris Jehle-Peppard commented that it's valuable to mention that it's a prioritized action item of the One Truckee River partnership; and Sonia will make sure that goes into the presentation staff makes to the Board.

#235, One Truckee River, One Truckee River Overall Support, amount requested \$74,293. The full amount requested of \$74,293 was unanimously approved, and it was noted that this is the only proposal we got that actually targets what the TMWA Board said they wanted to focus on. Brian Bonnenfant abstained from the vote because he is a member of both OTR and NLT. Iris Jehle-Peppard was present and provided input and answered questions.

Project advisors for the approved proposals were assigned as follows: #230, Michael Cameron; #234, Brian Bonnenfant; and #235, Bill Bradley.

Agenda Item #7: Discuss possible changes to Truckee River Fund goals (for possible action): This item was heard before Agenda Item #6 per a change in the agenda as noted in Agenda Item #3. Janet stated that this a continuation from our last meeting in November and that it came up because of the TMWA Board's remarks. Sonia described the TMWA meeting in December when John Enloe presented to the Board for discussion the TRF grant priorities and guiding documents per a request to specifically have projects that improve the water quality and address the homeless sanitation issue in the downtown corridor of the Truckee River, which is why Bill Bradley then wrote a letter for the spring proposal to draw out key projects. But TMWA's guidance didn't preclude other projects. She stated that they're eager to see the Portland Loo project first phase and described the funding for that project. There were questions, comments and discussion regarding the wishes of the TMWA Board and the projects to be heard today, and the process to review today's proposals then went forward as usual.

Agenda Item #8: Discussion and possible plan for 2020 field trip (for possible action): There was discussion about where and when to go on a field trip, with an idea of possibly seeing the Loo once there's enough construction on the ground to get an idea about it. This item was deferred till the next meeting. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #9: Committee and staff comments: Ron Penrose announced he's resigning. He'll send an email that that's his intent. He stated that he has enjoyed this committee since its inception and has always felt that this was kind of the missing link for protecting surface watershed, with TMWA's overall water quality programs. There were comments regarding filling that position.

Susan wasn't present, but we were going to mention our appreciation of her service.

Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: May 15, 2020 (for possible action): The next meeting is set for May 15th. No action was taken.

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

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. No action was taken.