

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2020

(Meeting via Zoom and teleconference)

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, August 21, 2020, via Zoom and teleconference.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Don Mahin; Mike Brisbin; Bill Bradley; and Michael Cameron; Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA; Members of the Public: Chris Fichtel and Kris Kirkpatrick, both with The Nature Conservancy; Lisa Wallace, Truckee River Watershed Council; Eaton Dunkelberger and Joan Grover, both with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Greyson Howard, Truckee Donner Land Trust; Bojana Vujeva and Dana Searcy, both with Washoe County; Catrina Peters, Washoe County Human Services; Joanne Lowden, Washoe County Parks; Miranda Sanford and Chantel Dominguez, both with Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation; Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Jeff Daniels and Rishi Parashar, both with Desert Research Institute; and Iris Jehle-Peppard, One Truckee River.

\* 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. Special instructions regarding participating in a Zoom meeting were given.

**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 28, 2020 was unanimously approved. Michael Cameron abstained from the vote because he was not present at the February 28th meeting.

**Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report:** Lauren stated that there was a gift from TMWA in July in the amount of \$650,000 and that the amount available to spend is \$739,339.58. This amount is what is available for both today's proposals and the spring proposals.

**Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action):** The following grant proposals were considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#236, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor, amount requested \$32,041. The full amount requested of \$32,041 was unanimously approved. Eaton Dunkelberger was present and provided input and answered questions. Joan Grover was also present.

#237, The Nature Conservancy, Developing Forest Resilience to Fire - Independence Lake, amount requested \$40,755. It was noted that since Michael Cameron is no longer with TNC, he no longer has a conflict of interest and can vote. The full amount requested of \$40,755 was unanimously declined. As this project can be delayed until early 2021, the applicant was encouraged to reapply. Chris Fichtel was present and provided input and answered questions. Kris Kirkpatrick was also present.

#238, Parks Foundation, Doggie Ambassador Project, amount requested \$32,028. The full amount requested of \$32,028 was unanimously declined. The applicant was encouraged to reapply when they can include coverage across all jurisdictions (City of Reno, County of Washoe, and City of Sparks). Miranda Sanford and Chantel Dominguez were present and provided input and answered questions.

#239, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, 2021 Spring Great Community Cleanup, 2021 Fall Truckee River Cleanup, Adopt-A-River & Adult Outreach and Education, amount requested \$74,245. The full amount requested of \$74,245 was unanimously approved. Christi Cakiroglu was present and provided input and answered questions.

#240, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, Truckee River Parks and Open Space Weed Management and Revegetation, amount requested \$45,000. The full amount requested of \$45,000 was unanimously approved. Joanne Lowden was present and provided input and answered questions.

#241, Truckee River Watershed Council, Restoration: Coldstream Canyon and Bear Creek, amount requested \$136,500. The amount of \$86,500 for the Coldstream Canyon portion was unanimously approved. The amount of \$50,000 for the Bear Creek portion was unanimously declined. Lisa Wallace was present and provided input and answered questions. She indicated that both are high priority projects, but that even without receiving the \$50,000 Bear Creek portion, they'll decrease the scope of the project accordingly and will finish the

project this year but won't work as far downstream. The group felt that it would be good to have this money available for our spring cycle.

#242, Truckee Donner Land Trust, Truckee Springs, amount requested \$75,000. The full amount requested of \$75,000 was unanimously declined. It was noted that historically we have not participated in land or water right acquisitions. Greyson Howard was present to provide input and answer questions.

#243, Board of Regents, NSHE, obo the Desert Research Institute, Occurrence, Fate and Risk of PFAS in the Truckee River, amount requested \$65,414. The full amount of \$65,414 was unanimously denied. It was noted that this type of project is not seen as a priority for the managers at TMWA. Jeff Daniels and Rishi Parashar were present and provided input and answered questions.

#244, Washoe County, Encampment Clean-up and Unsheltered Individual Data Collection, amount requested \$179,932. The full amount of \$179,932 was unanimously approved. Dana Searcy and Bojana Vujeva were present and provided input and answered questions. Also present was Catrina Peters. Iris Jehle-Peppard was present and spoke on behalf of this proposal, saying that it hits the mark to addressing solutions to encampments.

Project advisors for the approved proposals were assigned as follows: #236, Ron Penrose; #239, Candice Elder; #240, Michael Cameron; #241, Mike Brisbin; and #244, Brian Bonnenfant..

**Agenda Item #7: Discuss nomination for officers (for possible action):** Janet began the discussion by stating that with Susan Lynn's resignation there are currently 8 fund advisors, and Ron Penrose may also resign soon. There was discussion regarding possible candidates who might be willing to serve. Lauren will do some follow-up and then send out an email when a position is formally available and for which governmental entity. A motion to nominate Janet Phillips for another at least one-year term as Chair and to nominate Brian Bonnenfant as Vice Chair, and give Janet the opportunity after the next year to say if she is willing to continue on in that position or if it's time for somebody else to take the lead, passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item #8: Committee and staff comments:** Michael commented that we need to be consistent about whether we allow overhead as match. Janet stated that we might as well put that in the RFP. She also stated that if we simply do not fund land and/or water rights acquisitions, we ought to say that in the RFP.

**Agenda Item #9: Next meeting: November 20, 2020 (for possible action):** The next meeting is set for November 20th. Possible agenda items include an update from One Truckee River and clarification of items in the RFP that were commented on in Agenda Item #8. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item #10: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker):** There was no public comment.

**Agenda Item #11: Adjournment (for possible action):** The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. No action was taken.