

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2021

(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, February 19, 2021, via Zoom and teleconference.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chair; Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Don Mahin; Mike Brisbin; Bill Bradley; Michael Cameron; Candice Elder; Terri Svetich; and Jim Smitherman. Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA; Sylvia Harrison, Esq. and Sarah Ferguson, Esq., both with McDonald Carano; Members of the Public: Christi Cakiroglu and Mark Cameron, both with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Michele Prestowitz with Truckee River Watershed Council; Iris Jehle-Peppard with One Truckee River; Carrie Jensen with Urban Ecology Solutions, consultant for One Truckee River; Heidi Anderson, Sarah Holcombe, Spencer Cox and Corrine Hanson, all with Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation; Eaton Dunkelberger, Sean Hill and Joan Grover, all with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Meghan Walsh with Great Basin Outdoor School; and Nora Richter 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. Janet welcomed Terri Svetich and Jim Smitherman as our two newest members. Sylvia Harrison announced that she has retired as of the beginning of the year and that her current status with McDonald Carano is Senior Counsel, and added that Sarah Ferguson will be taking over as legal advisor for this committee; before leaving the meeting, she stated that working with this committee has been one of the best things she's ever done in her life and that she loves and will miss everyone, she'll be checking in. Sarah Ferguson was welcomed. Christi Cakiroglu announced that she is the outgoing Executive Director of Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, and she wanted to say good-bye to this board and introduce the new Executive Director, Mark Cameron; she thanked the group for its long-time support of KTMB, added that from that we have formed the One Truckee River partnership and initiative, she's very proud to have been part of that project. The group applauded and thanked Christi for all she's done for

the river. Mark Cameron gave some introductory remarks, indicating that he's happy to be here and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Agenda Item #2: Public comment: Bill Bradley commented that he misses seeing the paper on the easel and is concerned about how we're going to do this today on Zoom, and Lauren stated that she will share the spreadsheet on the screen and can type in there.

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

Agenda Item #4: Approve the November 2020 summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for November 20, 2020 was unanimously approved. Jim Smitherman abstained from the vote because he wasn't a member at that time. Terri Svetich's inquiry to receive the previous presentations made by Karma Box and One Truckee River was addressed.

Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report: Lauren stated that available to spend is \$389,589.32. In answer to Michael Cameron's question regarding what to expect as next year's allocation, John Enloe indicated it will likely be less than 850, assume 750.

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:

#245, Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor, amount requested \$31,035. The full amount requested of \$31,035 was unanimously approved. Eaton Dunkelberger, Sean Hill and Joan Grover were present to provide input and answer questions.

#246, Truckee River Watershed Council: Bear Creek Lower Meadow Restoration Project - Phase 2 Construction, amount requested \$51,250. The full amount requested of \$51,250 was unanimously approved. Michele Prestowitz was present and provided input and answered questions. Michael Cameron requested that the award letter reflect our request that TRWC consider their monitoring program and adjust it as possible to provide the information we need for the Truckee River, for Nevada downstream TMDLs as well as the water quality standards; Ms. Prestowitz indicated that they can definitely discuss it and look into the details on that.

#247, Truckee River Foundation for One Truckee River: One Truckee River Partnership, River-Friendly Landscape pilot, and engagement with the public, amount requested \$259,090. The reduced amount of \$196,590 was unanimously approved, which reflects the full duration of their proposal, but leaves out the River-Friendly Landscape pilot, which relates to Chalk Creek, with the suggestion that they come back with a reworked proposal on

that portion of the project. Brian Bonnenfant abstained from the vote because he is on the OTR board. Iris Jehle-Peppard was present and provided input and answered questions. Also present was Carrie Jensen, who provided additional input.

#248, Friends of Nevada Wilderness: Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-Seeding #9, amount requested \$16,445. The full amount requested of \$16,445 was unanimously approved. Nora Richter was present and provided input and answered questions.

#249, Great Basin Outdoor School: Lower Truckee Snapshot Day, Spring & Summer Day Camp Watershed Education Initiative, amount requested \$15,925. The full amount requested of \$15,925 was unanimously approved. Meghan Walsh was present and provided input and answered questions.

\$250, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation: Doggie Ambassador Project Awareness Campaign, amount requested \$31,075. This was declined with a 5-4 vote, but with encouragement to come back with a restated, revised proposal focusing on health and safety and their social media and ad campaign. Spencer Cox, Sarah Holcombe, Heidi Anderson and Corrine Hanson were present to provide input and answer questions.

Project advisors for the approved proposals were assigned as follows: #245, Michael Cameron; #246, Terri Svetich; #247, Terri Svetich; #248, Brian Bonnenfant; and #249, Jim Smitherman.

Agenda Item #7: Review completed projects:

- a. **#220 Washoe County Parks & Open Space:** Weed Treatment and Revegetation Project along Truckee River, \$45,000 (Mike). Mike Brisbin indicated that he hasn't finished his report. This review was deferred to the next meeting.
- b. **#226 Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation:** Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area: First Year Operational, \$101,526 (Brian). Brian Bonnenfant described this project as being out at the Rosewood Golf Course and that we toured it on one field trip. He reported that they got some AmeriCorps that volunteered, and that they completed all the activities, met expectations, removed the species, completed the trail, and did what they said they were going to do. Due to COVID, they were not able to open to the public.
- c. **#234 Friends of Nevada Wilderness:** Mount Rose Noxious Weed Monitoring, Treatment, and Re-Seeding #8, \$28,549 (\$762.14 returned to Fund) (Brian). Brian Bonnenfant reported that they're doing a good job, now they're reseeding, and they're up there to check on the reseeding efforts this springs.

Agenda Item #8: Reassignment of Ron Penrose's projects:

- a. #221 Nevada Land Trust for OTR: River Restroom Project lead by One Truckee River. This project has been reassigned to Jim Smitherman. The project is ongoing and needs a final report. Lauren will send Jim the final report when she gets it.
- b. #222 Great Basin Institute: Galena Creek Ecological Restoration & Demonstration Project. This project has been reassigned to Terri Svetich. The project is ongoing and needs a final report. Lauren will send Terri the final report when she gets it.
- c. #223 Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative. This project has been reassigned to Michael Cameron. The final report has been submitted and just needs final review and evaluation. Lauren will send the final report to Michael.
- d. #236 Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative for the Urban Truckee River Corridor. This project has been reassigned to Michael Cameron. The final report has been submitted and just needs final review and evaluation. Lauren will send the final report to Michael.

Agenda Item #9: Discussion and possible plan for 2021 field trip (for possible action):

Janet noted that we didn't have a field trip in 2020. After a brief discussion and no desire to have a field trip this year, it was decided to not have one in 2021. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #10: Committee and staff comments: There were no committee and staff comments.

Agenda Item #11: Next meeting: May 21, 2021 (for possible action): The next meeting is set for May 21, 2021. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #12: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #13: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. No action was taken.