

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2011

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, December 2, 2011.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Jerry Purdy, Bill Bradley*, Mike Brisbin, John Mosley, Susan Donaldson, Becky Stock; Also: Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose, TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Members of the Public: Lynda S. Nelson, Washoe County; Lynell Garfield, City of Reno; Karen Mullen, Nevada Land Conservancy; Jim Litchfield, City of Sparks; Michael A. Drinkwater, City of Reno; Bob Foerster, Nevada Rural Water Association; Crystel Montecinos, Tigren, Inc.; and Vahid Behmaram, Washoe County.

* Committee Member arrived after roll call.

** Committee Member left before adjournment

Agenda Item #1: Roll Call: Roll call was taken. A quorum was noted.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of the agenda: The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #3: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #4: Fund balance report: Tracy stated that the amount available to grant is \$497,620.81.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the October summary meeting minutes: The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for October 7, 2011, was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Review and approve 2012 meeting calendar: After discussion by the group of the new meeting calendar, it was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #7: Review and approve spring 2012 Request for Proposal: Tracy summarized and described changes to the Request for Proposal. The group then unanimously approved this spring 2012 Request for Proposal.

Agenda Item #8: Discuss and possible adoption of a policy regarding projects involving the acquisition of real property or water rights using Truckee River Fund monies:

Sylvia shared her thoughts with the group, stating that while there's not necessarily a legal prohibition, there are some significant policy questions. She indicated it's hard to envision what opportunities may arise in the future but that they should be properly vetted. After a lengthy discussion by the group, it was decided that a written policy is not necessary and that Tracy can represent the history and feelings of the group to callers with questions.

Agenda Item #9: Consider soliciting proposals for watershed restoration in response to Caughlin fire:

Janet indicated that she received a call from Lynell Garfield, who's working with a group of people regarding restoration who would like to make a proposal. Lynda Nelson, Lynell Garfield and Karen Mullen were present and gave a preliminary overview of the burn area and areas that need emergency erosion control treatment. The group discussed and considered at length the possibility of taking action to invite an out-of-cycle RFP. A motion to offer a special RFP specific to emergency stabilization in the Caughlin fire burn area passed unanimously. Becky Stock recused herself and abstained from the vote. The group then discussed the short time frame, schedule, quorum, and solicitation list, and set a meeting for December 12th.

Agenda Item #10: Discuss committee interest in possible future proposals for bridge funding for water operator certification training:

For informational purposes, Ron gave the background for this agenda item and described how NDEP has temporarily run out of their grant funding which supports training workshops, that TMWA relies on this training, that there is a nexus with the Truckee River Fund, and that in the future there may be funding problems. Bob Foerster explained the fiscal impact that Nevada Rural Water, the current contractor with NDEP providing this training, is facing.

Agenda Item #11: Committee & staff comments: John spoke about the idea of this group considering funding for a contiguous watershed-based guidance document, including the upper portions of the watershed, for implementation of projects that need to get done on the river. Ron talked about the scope of work he previously put together and indicated that it could be developed into a document which would help guide and prioritize our projects. Jerry suggested getting a map of the watershed from Tahoe to Pyramid that shows places where things have happened and includes statements of fact.

Agenda Item #12: Public comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #13: Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in session on February 24, 2012.