

# MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

## TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2009

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., April 3, 2009.

**Those Present:** Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairperson; Tom Swan, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron, Jerry Purdy, Mike Brisbin, John Mosley; Also: Sylvia Harrison\*, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP; Tracy Turner, Community Foundation; Ron Penrose\*, TMWA; Members of the Public: None.

\* Arrived after roll call.

**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: Approval of the February 2009 summary meeting minutes:** A motion passed unanimously to approve the February 27, 2009 Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary).

**Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report:** Tracy reported the fund balance as of January 1, 2009 was \$1,417,561.44, with no losses as the money is still invested in a money market. She noted the top expenses amount of \$3,879.01 is from the last report and should be removed; so less the approved grants, there is a little over \$80,000 available to grant, which is not enough to offer an RFP right now. Michael commented that the Independence Lake public access planning project is completed, and they will be returning around \$18,000 that they will not need, bringing the new amount available to grant up to around \$100,000. Tracy suggested the group consider moving a portion of the fund balance into investables. A motion passed unanimously to accept the fund balance report, and it was commented that letting the Community Foundation continue managing the money is a good idea.

**Agenda Item #6: Discussion re: development of a committee response to TMWA's staff presentation on their fiscal year financial projections:** The group discussed the possibility of offering to take a reduced funding level, that Janet, Michael and Bill Bradley had met with Mike Carrigan, and Janet spoke with Dave Aiazzi on the phone, to discuss that,

and that the group has an opportunity to send the TMWA Board an indication of our thoughts. Discussion followed about how and when would be best way to accomplish this, that we want to maintain the momentum we've gained to date and still be able to get a lot of work done. There was discussion also about the timing of RFPs, timing of starting of projects and possible changes to the RFP. Sylvia suggested that the fund advisors recommend to the board a temporary measure. A motion passed unanimously that the following language will be presented to the TMWA Board: The committee (advisors) voted that a temporary reduction in 2009 to 2010 funding would be appropriate in these financial times, and we can remain effective with a temporary 25 to 50 percent reduction in funding.

**Agenda Item #7: Project status reports:** Michael reported on project #41, Great Basin of Nevada Conservation Corps, that they have successfully completed all three parts of the project at less than half of the funding amount requested and that they requested to use the balance of the funds to do a second year of treatment. Due to the fact that weed control is a multiyear exercise, approval was given for doing a second year of treatment. He suggested inviting Wendy Trowbridge to come and talk with the group at a future meeting about their budget for the proposal and, also, an upcoming proposal. There was further discussion about getting together with Wendy, Sue Donaldson, Becky Stock and Sonya Hem, because of their expertise on weeds, to share questions and get them thinking and try to get them to come forward with a proposal to develop a framework regarding controlling weeds.

Jerry reported on project #26, Great Basin of Nevada Conservation Corps, that the work was successfully completed. He showed pictures of the crews and treatment area.

Michael reported on project #42, the Hawken fire project for \$28,000, that the report may not be complete, because he thought it was more money than that, and he was unable to contact Sonya Hem yesterday. Ron indicated there were three grants, that the last one, for \$28,000, may require Michael and Sonya to go up and take a look at the entire project after the snow melts.

Regarding the forest thinning project at Independence Lake, Michael stated that NV Energy has authorized The Nature Conservancy to do the thinning on their property, and The Nature Conservancy will provide documentation to that effect.

Regarding #49, the Crane Ditch at Curti Ranch status report, Jerry indicated the source of the coliform was found, but there is no definite answer for removing it.

Tom reported on #36, the basic aquatic species and management strategy, that 64 out of the 10,000 boats inspected at Cave Rock and Sand Harbor were treated. He said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife has hired an invasive species coordinator for Lake Tahoe. They're looking for funding of \$653,000. He presented a March 16th front-page article about how Tahoe boat fees may rise to try to control the quagga mussel. Also, he said that at South Tahoe they looked at 50,000 boats and found one quagga mussel.

Janet reported on #18, the storm drain stenciling project for \$9,000. She indicated that although this project got off to a slow start, they were able to collaborate with the town of Truckee and county programs for runoff mitigation and management, and they've leveraged what we intended should happen into a much bigger and better outcome.

The group decided to finish the status reporting at the next meeting.

**Agenda Item #8: Discussion and possible approval of the revisions to standard request for proposal (RFP) form:** Tracy presented a detailed summary of the parts of the RFP that were changed as a result of previous comments from the group. After a lengthy discussion by the group about the possible changes, including measurable benefits and outcomes, applying a maximum, revisiting the 180-day requirement, and general format of the RFP, it was decided to continue this item to the next meeting, with the idea that finishing the status reports at the next meeting could bring up other things to be reflected in this RFP.

**Agenda Item #9: Review 2009 Calendar , confirm meeting dates, and schedule of possible field trips:** After discussion regarding going on field trips, the group opted to not spend money on field trips. A motion passed unanimously to approve the calendar, except delete the April 28th and May 12th field trip dates.

**Agenda Item #10: Committee & staff comments:** Ron mentioned that he is starting to work on developing the overall Truckee River watershed master plan, which will largely involve a summary of what is already out there. He hopes to get a first cut out the first week of June. Tracy indicated that could change what we do on parts of the RFP. Ron also described his plan regarding a construction and improvement project this fall on the canal in the Mesa Park, Mae Ann area, including rolling in a portion of the runoff project, improving water quality to the Chalk Bluff water treatment plant, that Terri had identified.

**Agenda Item #11: Public comment:** There was none.

**Agenda Item #10: Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Approved by the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee in Session on June 5, 2009.