

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2018

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the certified transcript for the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 17, 2018.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chairman; Susan Lynn, Vice Chairman; Michael Cameron; Mike Brisbin; Candice Elder; and Brian Bonnenfant Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe and Sonia Folsom, both with TMWA; and Sylvia Harrison, Esq., McDonald Carano, LLP; Members of the Public: Nathan Daniel, Geanette Orton, Genevieve Darling and Haley McGuire, all with Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation; Christi Cakiroglu, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful; Eaton Dunkelberger and Joan Grover, both with Sierra Nevada Journeys; Lisa Wallace and Eben Swain, both with Truckee River Watershed Council; Mickey Hazelwood, The Nature Conservancy; and Theresa Jones and Jeff Mann, both with City of Reno.

* 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 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approve the February summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for February 23, 2018 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Approve the June summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Minutes of the June 1, 2018 meeting was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #6: Fund balance report: Lauren stated that we did receive a gift from TMWA of \$850,000 for the cycle. She added that we have \$859,329.86 available to spend for the fall and spring cycles, which is the fund total of \$934,329 less the \$75,000 reserve.

Agenda Item #7: Hear nominations for and possible election of chair and vice chair for Advisory Committee (for possible action): A motion for Janet to continue to be chair and for Susan to continue to be vice chair for a two-year term was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #8: Possible special RFP cycle for proposals concerning sanitation (for possible action): Janet explained that, finally, someone is proposing to do something about the human sanitation problem along the river, but they were not able to get their information in for this cycle, and that they would like it if we could do a special RFP cycle specific to sanitation sometime in the next couple of months. John Enloe described efforts going on to try to pilot tests of rest room facilities along the river, adding that finding capital for implementing these facilities is a high priority for the TMWA Board. After discussion, a motion that we hold a special RFP cycle for a sanitation proposal was unanimously approved. Janet noted that Item 12 on this agenda will address a date for that special RFP.

Agenda Item #9: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action): #204 KTMB: \$70,760; #205 SNJ: \$36,207; #206 TMPF: \$54,770; #207 City of Reno: \$23,472; #208 TNC of NV: \$57,826.09; #209 TRWC: \$100,000; #210 TRWC: \$50,000; #211 TRCD: \$346,520.76; #212 NTCD: \$232,687.50; #213 City of Reno: \$126,000: Michael stated that he will be leaving the room for the discussion regarding #208 and will not be voting on that proposal. There was a comment regarding whether or not we are trying to leave some money in the fund for the special RFP cycle voted on in Agenda Item #8. Janet indicated that we're trying to push money requests out into the future. The grant proposals were considered at length and voted on by the group and approved, rejected/declined, or action taken as follows:

#204, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, 2019 Spring Invasive Weed Pull & Fall Truckee River Cleanup, \$70,760: Christi Cakiroglu was present and stated that they would be fine with splitting the proposal into two parts, adding that they already have Truckee River Fund funding for the river cleanup this fall (2018), and they would come back in the spring cycle to request funding for the fall 2019 river cleanup. The reduced amount of \$31,640 was then unanimously approved for the 2019 Spring Invasive Weed Pull portion of the proposal. Christi was asked to resubmit an application that shows that it's only for the 2019 Spring Invasive Weed Pull.

#205, Sierra Nevada Journeys, Watershed Education Initiative, \$36,207: The full amount of \$36,207 was unanimously approved. Eaton Dunkelberger and Joan Grover were present, and Eaton provided input and answered questions.

#206, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation, Truckee Meadows Nature Study Area Project: Planning Phase, \$54,770: The reduced amount of \$38,400 was approved 5-1. Nathan Daniel, Geanette Orton, Genevieve Darling and Haley McGuire were present and provided input and answered questions. The proponents offered to remove their administrative overhead, which lowered the amount proposed to \$38,400.

#207, City of Reno, 2nd Truckee River Cleanup Crew, \$23,472: The full amount of \$23,472 was unanimously approved. Jeff Mann was present and provided input and answered questions.

#208, The Nature Conservancy in Nevada, Truckee River Watershed Forest Restoration, \$57,826.09: The full amount of \$56,826.09 was unanimously approved; Michael Cameron left the room during the discussion, and he abstained from the vote. Mickey Hazelwood was present and provided input and answered questions. Lisa Wallace gave a hats off to Mickey and TNC and staff that he's been able to work with at the Humboldt-Toiyabe and the Tahoe National Forest and the strong partnership he's been able to gain with them.

#209, Truckee River Watershed Council, Restoration Projects: Donner Creek and Dry Creek Meadow, \$100,000: The reduced amount of \$92,000 was unanimously approved. Lisa Wallace and Eben Swain were present and provided input and answered questions. Lisa offered to reduce the requested amount by the modest amount of \$8,000, which was for project management and her staff time, stating that she could fund that in another place, but that the other costs are hard costs without a ready additional source of approach.

#210, Truckee River Watershed Council, Truckee River Water Quality Monitoring Program, \$50,000: Eben Swain and Lisa Wallace were present and provided input and answered questions. When asked, they stated they could do one year at half the price of the two years in the proposal. The reduced, halved amount of \$25,000 for one year was approved 5-1.

#211, Tahoe Resource Conservation District, Truckee River Watershed AIS Survey and Control, and Trash Removal, \$346,520.76: A motion to not fund this proposal at any level, zero dollars, was unanimously passed. The thought was that if there was a problem with milfoil, we'd see it in the river by now. Candice Elder was not present at the time of the vote and so did not vote. No one from TRCD was present at the meeting.

#212, Nevada Tahoe Conservation District, Burnt Cedar Beach Water Quality Improvement Project, \$232,687.50: A motion to not fund this proposal, zero funding, was unanimously passed. Candice Elder was not present at the time of the vote and so did not vote. This was based on how we have evaluated these proposals in the past and that there wouldn't be any material interest to TMWA ratepayers. No one from NTCD was present at the meeting.

#213, City of Reno, Chalk Creek Restoration Project, Sapphire Ridge and Royal Vista Way, \$126,000: A motion to not fund this proposal, zero funding, was unanimously passed. Staff from TMWA indicated they thought that there was a jurisdictional distinction that was of importance to them. The proposer is invited to come back later. Theresa Jones was present and provided input and answered questions.

The projects awarded were assigned for reporting requirements as follows: #204 to Susan Lynn; #205 to Ron Penrose; #206 to Brian Bonnenfant; #207 to Susan Lynn; #208 to Candice Elder; #209 to Bill Bradley; #210 to Mike Brisbin;

Agenda Item #10: Review completed projects: Janet stated that this item shouldn't be on this agenda, but that it should be on the next agenda, so we'll defer this item until the next meeting.

Agenda Item #11: Committee and staff comments: Sylvia commented that the Community Foundation is able to augment the funds that exist for the Truckee River Fund through other sources, that it's something to keep in mind. As a topic for the next meeting, it's for this group to make sure that we're sensitive about any implications of that.

Sylvia suggested, as a future agenda item, to discuss whether we want to narrow or modify our criteria and make that a little more explicit in the RFP. Candice suggested that we revisit the changes we made to the RFP not too long ago. Brian suggested segmenting into education, design, monitoring, applied, and prioritizing those.

Candice suggested adding to the RFP a checkbox for monitoring proposals and whether they are coordinating with other agencies. Michael suggested a more general question about whether the effort being proposed is coordinated with others similarly related. Janet suggested talking about that in the context of our RFP review.

Agenda Item #12: Next meeting: November 30, 2018 as scheduled; consider moving to October 12th or 19th (for possible action): We will not have a meeting on November 30th. The next meeting will be Friday, October 19th, at 8:30 a.m. We will need to put out an RFP on the sanitation issue. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #13: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): There was no public comment.

Agenda Item #14: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m. No action was taken.