

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 20, 2022

(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, May 20, 2022, via Zoom and teleconference.

Those Present: Committee Members: Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Michael Cameron; Mike Brisbin; Don Mahin; Jim Smitherman. Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; John Enloe, TMWA; Members of the Public: none.

* 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 at this time.

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 18, 2022 was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Review completed projects:

- a. **#251 Sierra Nevada Journeys:** Watershed Education Initiative, \$30,055 (Michael):

Michael Cameron stated that with this grant they appeared to have been able to get back out into the field for their instruction. This was after they'd had several grants where they had started to do all of their programming online, which was successful and where they were able to actually reach more people online, but with the obvious loss of the experience of being in the field. But in this most recent grant, they met all

their objectives, and the good news was they were able to get back out into the field.

- b. **#221 Nevada Land Trust for OTR:** River Restroom Project lead by One Truckee River, \$124,976 (Jim):

Jim Smitherman stated that they completed their project, which had to do with their lead in the installation of the Portland Loo and, also, outreach to the community around Brodhead Park. Their stated goals for this project were to extend project concept to gain more support to provide outreach and communication to nearby neighborhoods around the restroom and then to grow One Truckee River to increase engagement with residents along the river. They met all their goals and exceeded many of their goals. He added that they did a good job, and they're continuing on in a lot of the efforts that are encompassed under this grant. He gave kudos to Iris, that she's taken that organization and just made it an exemplary type of not for profit that's getting a whole lot done with not a whole lot of resources.

- c. **#222 Great Basin Institute:** Galena Creek Ecological Restoration & Demonstration Project, \$35,054 (Terri):

Lauren Renda presented Terri's project evaluation in her absence. They partially completed the activities specified in the proposal. The pandemic limited their ability for direct student engagement. Educators elected to pursue online courses for teaching credits. They met their expectations. GBI staff were able to modify their educational curriculum, provide more remote opportunities. They were able to pivot and make the best of a tough situation. They met their stated goals. They were able to modify their outreach approach, still provide valuable education interaction to the public. The established restoration sites will provide ongoing benefits.

Agenda Item #6: Update on filling Candice Elder's upcoming vacancy on TRF

Advisory Committee: Lauren stated that she thought that Janet had an update on that, that she had someone in mind. And so, without Janet here, this item will be moved to the next meeting agenda.

Agenda Item #7: Discuss feedback about overhead funding related to projects (for possible action): Lauren stated that after the last meeting, when this group did not fund overhead-specific items on budgets, there was some feedback from grantees who had applied multiple cycles and were confused because they had received funding to cover overhead as long as it did not exceed 25 percent in the past, but they weren't sure why it wasn't being funded last cycle. After discussion by the group, a motion was passed unanimously to not change our current program, to keep it at 25% and continue with that policy. A second motion was passed unanimously to authorize Lauren to adjust the RFP to clarify that the

Truckee River Fund itself is willing to fund up to 25% of indirect costs and/or overhead and to give Lauren the latitude to decide how to make that adjustment. A third motion was passed unanimously to authorize Lauren to make another adjustment to the RFP that signals to the applicant that they may be asked at the meeting or even perhaps ahead of time to make adjustments to their budget and to give Lauren the latitude to make that change to the RFP.

Agenda Item #8: Committee and staff comments:

Michael requested that Janet be given a recap of the conversation regarding Agenda Item #7. Brian said he'll send her an email and explain what we voted on today and where we're at. Lauren will send a revised RFP with these items adjusted to Janet and Brian, or the Executive Committee, earlier than we would for our agenda setting meeting, just to have a chance to look them over.

John commented that TMWA directly funded \$50,000 with the National Forest Foundation for that ambassador program above the Whites Creek Mount Rose water treatment plant, which was part of the impetus for all of the gyrations we went through at the last meeting trying to find funding for that. But we did fund that directly. He'll email their CFO and ask him what that final amount is. Lauren said it is really helpful to put that in the RFP announcement, so that grantees know what the full funding that they are applying to is.

John commented that Steph Morris and Kara Steeland have been working with a bunch of stakeholders, primarily in California, regarding a forest management project called the Ladybug Project, which is thinning and restoration work up around Stampede Reservoir, and TMWA's Board approved \$500,000 towards that project and were totally supportive of that effort. It's a positive step forward.

Agenda Item #9: Next meeting: August 19, 2022 at 8:30am; consideration for in-person meeting (for possible action): The next meeting is set for August 19, 2022 at 8:30am. 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 9:22am. No action was taken.