

MEETING MINUTES (TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)

TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2022

(Meeting via Zoom and in person)

The following meeting minutes is a summary of the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee meeting held at 8:30 a.m., Friday, July 19, 2022, via Zoom and in person.

Those Present: Committee Members: Janet Phillips, Chair; Brian Bonnenfant, Vice Chair; Don Mahin; Mike Brisbin; Jim Smitherman; Terri Svetich; Bill Bradley; Dave Stanley. Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Northern Nevada; Sonia Folsom and Kara Streeland, TMWA; Sarah Ferguson; Members of the Public: Michele Prestowitz and Beth Christman, TRWC; Mark Cameron and Matt Bruback, KTMB; Sean Hill, SNJ; Iris Jehle-Peppard and Mandy B., OTR; Heidi Anderson and Sarah Holcombe, TMPF

* 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 May summary meeting minutes (for possible action): The Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for July 8, 2022 was unanimously approved with Janet and Don abstaining.

Agenda Item #5: Fund balance report

Lauren presented the fund balance report and noted that the amount available to spend was \$761,159.55 for the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 grant cycles.

Agenda Item #6: Review grant proposals to Truckee River Fund and select projects to be recommended for funding (for possible action):

#264, Truckee River Watershed Council: Lower Hoke Meadow and State of Donner Lake, amount requested \$206,000. The full amount requested of \$206,000 was unanimously

approved. Michele Prestowitz and Beth Christman presented the proposal. Janet asked why TMWC decided to combine projects and Beth explained that these 2 projects had funding gaps that needed to be filled. Janet inquired as to the short timeline for closing data collection in October; Michele noted that they had already started in May under other funding so the TRF grant would help to close out the project.

#265, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful: KTMB's 2023 Great Community Cleanup, Truckee River Cleanup, Adopt-A-River Program, & Adult and Community Education Program, amount requested \$91,585. A reduced amount of \$81,460 was unanimously approved with KTMB's offer to reduce the adult education program by \$10,125. Matt Bruback and Mark Cameron presented the proposal. Janet asked if the cleanup area includes Larkin Way; Mark responded that it was included in partnership with the City of Sparks and coordination with local law enforcement re: encampments.

#266, Sierra Loma Homeowners Association: Peavine Ravine Cleanup and Restoration Project, amount requested \$80,000. Withdrawn due to not being an eligible organization.

#267, Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative, amount requested \$30,542. The full amount requested of \$30,542 was unanimously approved. Sean Hill presented the proposal. Bill asked if the program would be delivered in-person and Sean answered that SNJ planned to conduct their programming in-person, but that scheduling fieldtrips is happening at a slower pace due to the teacher/bus shortage. Sean also mentioned that SNJ was able to provide successful programming virtually during the pandemic.

#268, One Truckee River under the Truckee River Foundation: OTR Brodhead Park Restoration Project: Phase II, amount requested \$79,791.33. The full amount requested of \$79,791.33 was unanimously approved. Iris and Mandy presented the project. Janet asked about collaboration with Downtown Reno Partnership. Iris noted that OTR is working with them and that there is a plan for more parks, lighting, etc.; OTR can provide restoration improvements and river access that would reduce erosion at riverbanks. Collaboration would also occur on engineering components.

Bill asked for clarification on the design funding; Iris stated that some funding would come from TRF and NDEP would provide the rest. She also noted that OTR would not be requesting the additional 40% (which amounts to ~\$150,000 to \$200,000) from TRF; OTR has proposals in to Conserve NV and NDEP for this. Brian noted that this was a high-priority project with many stakeholders and agencies involved. Iris stated that this project could serve as a pilot program to see what is discovered at the river.

#269, Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation: Rosewood Nature Study Area: Interpretive Signage Project, amount requested \$86,900. Heidi Anderson and Sarah Holcombe presented the project. Mike moved to decline the project for funding; Bill seconded, and the motion to passed to not fund the project.

Janet asked about the cost of signage and if it was possible to get cheaper materials. Heidi explained that TMPF would cut the kiosk first in an effort maintain quality material for the signs. Bill and Dave also thought the cost was high for the signage budget.

Agenda Item #7: Review Completed Projects

Terri Svetich reported on TRF #227 from The Nature Conservancy: Truckee River Watershed Forest Restoration Implementation and Community Outreach – Phase 2.

Lauren reported on TRF #258 from Sierra Nevada Journeys: Watershed Education Initiative for Urban Truckee River Corridor for Michael Cameron who prepared the evaluation.

Janet requested that the completed evaluations be shared with the committee ahead of the meeting at which they will be reported on.

Agenda Item #8: Discuss finding Secretary to record meeting minutes:

Dave has a recommendation and will send contact information to Lauren after the meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Committee and staff comments:

Sonia reminded the committee that the TMWA picnic is on 8/20/22. Janet noted that the next meeting would be the election of officers and that she would be stepping down.

Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: November 18, 2022 at 8:30am; consideration for in-person meeting (for possible action): The next meeting is set for November 18, 2022 at 8:30am. The meeting will be hybrid, with in-person and virtual options. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment (limited to no more than three minutes per speaker): None

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment (for possible action): The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. No action was taken.

Minutes prepared by Lauren Renda