

**MEETING MINUTES
(TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY)**

**TRUCKEE RIVER FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 17, 2024**

(Meeting via Teleconference and In-Person)

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 17, 2024, via Zoom teleconference and in-person at.

Those Present:

Committee Members: Brian Bonnenfant, Chair; Jim Smitherman Vice Chair; Bill Bradley; Mike Brisbin; Peter Gower; Don Mahin; Terri Svetich.

Also: Lauren Renda, Community Foundation of Western Nevada; Sonia Folsom, Nate Allen, Kara Steeland, TMWA; Sara Ferguson, Council for TRF; Susan Merideth, TRF Minutes Recorder.

Members of the Public: none

- + Committee member arrived after roll call ++ Committee member left meeting before adjournment
* Asterisks (*) denote non-action items

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: Bill Bradley motioned to approve the agenda for the May 17th meeting, and Jim Smitherman seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #4: Approve the February 16, 2024 summary meeting minutes: Jim Smitherman motioned to approve the Meeting Minutes (Transcript Summary) for February 16, 2024 as written and Bill Bradley seconded the motion. The summary meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item #5: Updates from TMWA*

- a. TMWA Board action on the TRF's spring proposals

The TNWA Board approved all RFPs recommended for funding. The Board noted that for projects downstream from Glendale (east of the water treatment plant) they would prefer to see matching funding from other stakeholder agencies. The River Stewards RISE project is one such project that secured matching funding from City of Reno.

- b. Funding projections for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 grant cycles

Sonia Folsom confirmed with their CFO that TMWA will be allocating \$550,000 (with zero fund balance carryover) to be split between the next two funding cycles for Fall 2024 & Spring 2025. Reduced funding is due to various factors, including redirecting some money to cover USFS forest thinning in priority areas.

Agenda Item #6: View video of Friends of NV Wilderness' weed removal program*

The Committee viewed a 7-minute video, *Patagonia Weed Warriors*, showing Friends of Nevada Wilderness staff (Chris Cutshaw & others) and Patagonia staff & volunteers in the Mt Rose Wilderness removing invasive musk thistle and highlighting the differences between native and invasive thistle species. The video also provides a brief overview of FNW & its mission.

Agenda Item #7: Review completed projects*

- a. **TRF #275 Indigenous Peoples Council for Healing Waters Institute: River Justice**, \$95,718 (Dave)

Lauren Renda reviewed the Project Evaluation submitted by Dave Stanley in April, where he reported all three categories met or exceeded their activities and the project overall exceeded expectations and goals.

- b. **TRF #257 Prosser Basin Sediment Reduction Plan: Truckee River Watershed Council**, \$44,000 (Mike)

Mike reported that the sediment source assessment has been completed and maps have been produced. Other activities were completed as specified, and a final reduction plan has been developed. The project has been deemed a success, and they met or exceeded stated goals, including submitting a draft reduction management plan to the land owners. The plan has been adopted and one owner has already completed the work recommended while another is set to begin work in 2024.

Agenda Item #8: Discuss nomination of officers:

Every 2 years Committee Members are up for nomination, and 2024 is open to nominations.

Bill Bradley nominated Jim Smitherman for the incoming Chair position and Terri Svetich for Vice-Chair. Mike Brisbin seconded the motion, and the Chair and Vice-Chair assignments were unanimously approved by the Committee.

Agenda Item #9: Committee and staff comments*:

Brian reported on the River Justice field trip to the Lower Truckee River and found it to be both enlightening and very interesting. He is concerned about the large homeless encampment that has developed downstream of Glendale that is certainly impacting the river in both Washoe and Storey counties.

Kara reported on the Truckee River rafting event from Mayberry Park to Rock Park on May 15th. A lot of groups were in attendance including One Truckee River, Group River Justice/Healing Waters Institute, RISE and KTMB.

Upcoming events:

- 40th Anniversary Celebration on the Truckee River anniversary @ McCarran Ranch today at 4pm (Friday)
- A memorial for Janet Phillips will be held at the Fleish Bridge near Farad tomorrow, May 18th (Saturday)

Agenda Item #10: Next meeting: August 16, 2024 at 8:30am:

The next meeting is set for August 16, 2024 at 8:30am. Bill motioned & Jim seconded to approve the next meeting date.

Agenda Item #11: Public comment*:

None

Agenda Item #12: Adjournment*: The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am.