

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Sparks Council Chambers, 431 Prater Way, Sparks, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and Determination of presence of a Quorum

Chairman Carrigan called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. There was a quorum present.

<u>Commissioners Present:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Mike Carrigan	Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”)
Vaughn Hartung	Washoe County
Neoma Jardon	TMWA
Steve Cohen	South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (“STMGID”)
Kitty Jung	TMWA
Sandra Ainsworth	Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)

<u>Commissioners Absent:</u>	<u>Representing:</u>
Jenny Brekhus	City of Reno
Geno Martini	Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (“TMWRF”)
Ron Smith	City of Sparks

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Carrigan asked Commissioner Hartung to lead the WRWC in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the minutes of the September 18, 2013, meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER COHEN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Report by the Desert Research Institute (“DRI”) on its Cloud Seeding Operations for the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe Basins for the past water year, and status of its Cloud Seeding Coalition efforts; discussion and possible approval of funding in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the Regional Water Management Fund to support similar Cloud Seeding Operations for the upcoming water year; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute an Interlocal Agreement with DRI for that purpose – Jeff Tilley, PhD, DRI. (For Possible Action)

Jeff Tilley, DRI, reviewed information included in the staff report and gave a presentation on the DRI cloud seeding operations program in the Tahoe and Truckee Basins.

Chairman Carrigan suggested that Mr. Tilley speak with the ski resorts in regard to finding funding partners. Chairman Carrigan stated that TMWA has a fund to improve the Truckee River and suggested submitting paperwork for a grant from them.

Commissioner Cohen asked about State funding. Mr. Tilley responded that he believes the State will eventually be providing some funding and they are waiting on the decision about the FAA test facility.

COMMISSIONER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH.

Commissioner Hartung offered to work with Mr. Tilley in trying to negotiate some type of participation from Squaw Valley Ski Resort. Commissioner Jung stated that she would like to be involved as well.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion and possible approval of the 2012-2013 WRWC Financial Statements and audit opinion – Ben Hutchins, Washoe County, and Zeth Macy, Bullard Macy Group. (For Possible Action)

Ben Hutchins, Washoe County, introduced Zeth Macy with Bullard Macy Group. Mr. Macy presented the fiscal year 2013 Audit Report Financial Statement.

COMMISSIONER COHEN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Discussion and possible approval of a Second Amended Cooperative Agreement with Washoe County to provide staff services for the WRWC and the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission; and possible direction to staff – Ben Hutchins and Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager, reviewed information included in the staff report regarding possible approval of this Agreement. Ben Hutchins, Washoe County CSD Finance and Customer Services Manager, reviewed information included in the staff report regarding indirect expenses.

Chairman Carrigan asked how the request for a three-year term might be affected by the merger with Washoe County Resources and TMWA and suggested approval of the Agreement for only one year.

John Rhodes, Legal Counsel, stated that he does not see that the merger would affect this in any way because the WRWC stands as a separate entity and the WRWC is contracting with Washoe County for staff services. Mr. Rhodes further clarified that the contract is not with a County department, it is with the County as a governmental entity.

After some discussion regarding the estimated budget expenses related to reimbursement to Washoe County for in-kind services, it was decided to approve the Agreement for only one year at this time.

COMMISSIONER JUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE FOR ONE YEAR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2014 calendar year – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER CARRIGAN AS CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER COHEN MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER HARTUNG AS VICE-CHAIRMAN, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN CARRIGAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

COMMISSIONER COHEN MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH AS SECRETARY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIRMAN CARRIGAN MADE A MOTION TO ELECT COMMISSIONER COHEN AS TREASURER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Possible direction to staff regarding agenda items for the January 15, 2014, meeting and other future meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

It was decided that there are no pressing matters that need to be addressed by the WRWC in January. Mr. Smitherman stated that the WRWC will need to meet again in either March or April for a preview of the budget that will be presented for approval in May. Chairman Carrigan asked Mr. Smitherman to schedule the next WRWC meeting immediately following a TMWA meeting in either March or April.

11. Commission Comments

None

12. Staff Comments

Mr. Smitherman introduced Christine Birmingham who will be preparing the meeting minutes now that Niki Linn has retired from the WRWC recording secretary.

13. Public Comment

None

14. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER JARDON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:36 AM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2014.

Mike Carrigan, Chairman