

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at the Sparks Council Chambers, Legislative Building, 745 Fourth Street, Sparks, Nevada.

1. Roll Call and Determination of Presence of a Quorum

Chairman Hartung called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott
Sandra Ainsworth
Naomi Duerr
Vaughn Hartung
Jeanne Herman
Neoma Jardon

Appointed by:

City of Sparks
Sun Valley General Improvement District (“SVGID”)
City of Reno
Washoe County
TMWA
City of Reno

Commissioners Absent:

Bob Lucey
Ron Smith

Appointed by:

TMWA (STMGID Replace)
City of Sparks

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Hutchinson.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

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

5. Introduction of New WRWC Trustees

City of Sparks Council Member Donald Abbott and City of Reno Council Member Neoma Jardon were introduced as new WRWC Trustees.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the January 18, 2017, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER HERMAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 18, 2017, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion on the development of a regional storm water drainage Geographic Information System (GIS) map, including procedure, required entities / parties, and scope and funding, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager; and Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)

(This item was heard after Agenda Item 8.)

Chair Hartung requested this agenda item and would like it to extend to include White Lake in Cold Springs, Silver Lake in Stead, and Swan Lake in Lemmon Valley.

There was discussion regarding the need to combine each local governments' existing GIS data for drainage. Staff engaged in preliminary discussions with Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency ("TMRPA") staff to inquire about compiling drainage mapping information in GIS format.

Jeremy Smith, TMRPA GIS Coordinator, expressed interest in helping to compile and maintain a regional dataset and stated that he would first need the approval of the Regional Planning Governing Board ("RPGB").

Mr. Smitherman recommend that the scope of work be presented to the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission ("NNWPC") for technical review and recommendation to the WRWC.

There was discussion regarding the cost and timeframe for this project. After approval by the RPGB for TMRPA staff to work on this project, a scope of work will be prepared and presented to the NNWPC and then to the WRWC for final approval.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO COORDINATE WITH TMRPA STAFF TO DEVELOP A SCOPE OF WORK TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE NNWPC FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Review, discussion, and possible approval of the draft WRWC tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2017 – 2018, and possible direction to staff regarding the time and place for a public hearing on the tentative budget – Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner, presented an overview of the staff report on the WRWC tentative budget. The report includes revenues and expenses for staff and non-staff professional services. The included budget summary and worksheets show details for professional services related to priority projects and routine operating expenses. On February 1, 2017, the NNWPC reviewed and approved the draft tentative budget and made a recommendation to the WRWC for approval.

Mr. Wessel and Mr. Smitherman answered questions from the Commissioners regarding details of various projects included in the budget.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFT WRWC TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 – 2018, DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT AND FILE THE TENTATIVE BUDGET AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE, AND PROVIDE NOTICE, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE

BUDGET AT 9:30 A.M. ON MAY 17, 2017, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Presentation on the 2016 Comprehensive Regional Water Management Plan, recommended by the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”) for adoption by the WRWC, including a report on the public hearing held March 1, 2017, discussion on the public review and adoption process, and possible direction to staff – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman presented an overview of the staff report highlighting key chapter updates. The schedule for adoption of the Plan was also included in the staff report. After the Plan is adopted it will be submitted to the Regional Planning Commission (“RPC”) for a review for consistency with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan.

John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel, explained the procedure for any additional policies the WRWC would like included in the Plan.

COMMISSIONER ABBOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT ON THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND DIRECT STAFF TO SCHEDULE AND PROVIDE LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 19, 2017, AT 9:00 A.M., FOR THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE PLAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AINSWORTH. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Report on legislative activities, including Bill Draft Requests and Bills pending in the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature, as of March 9, 2017, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC / NNWPC, and possible approval or revision of recommendations made by the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee – John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Rhodes presented an overview of the staff report highlighting BDRs and Bills that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC and NNWPC. The report includes recommendations made by the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee taking neutral/watch positions on the BDRs and Bills of interest.

The WRWC Legislative Subcommittee met and elected Commissioner Duerr as Chair and Commissioner Abbott as Vice Chair. Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017.

COMMISSIONER DUERR MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND APPROVE THE SUBCOMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) MEMBERS PRESENT.

11. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

The next WRWC meeting will be April 19, 2017, and agenda items will include a public hearing for the possible approval of the 2016 Regional Water Management Plan, and a scope of work for the development of a regional storm water drainage GIS map.

No action was taken.

12. Commission Comments

None

13. Staff Comments

None

14. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2017.

Chairman, Vaughn Hartung