

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

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

The regular meeting of the Western Regional Water Commission (“WRWC”) Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, May 17, 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 9:30 a.m. There was a quorum present.

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott
Sandra Ainsworth
Naomi Duerr (by phone)
Vaughn Hartung
Jeanne Herman
Neoma Jardon
Bob Lucey
Paul McKenzie
Ron Smith

Appointed by:

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

Commissioners Absent:

None

Appointed by:

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Flansberg.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JARDON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the April 19, 2017, Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 19, 2017, MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. PUBLIC HEARING on the WRWC Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; discussion and adoption of the WRWC Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 - Jim Smitherman, WRWC Water Resources Program Manager. (For Possible Action)

Jim Smitherman presented information included in the staff report on the WRWC budget.

[The public comment portion of the hearing was opened.] There were no requests to speak.

[The public comment portion of the hearing was closed.]

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. Discussion and possible approval of a Sixth Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement (“ILA”) with the City of Reno, in an amount not to exceed \$262,500 from the Regional Water Management Fund (“RWMF”), to support the Truckee Meadows Storm Water Quality Management Program for fiscal year 2017-2018; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute a Sixth Amendment for that purpose – Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel, WRWC Water Management Planner. (For Possible Action)

Chris Wessel gave a brief presentation of information included in the staff report for this ILA amendment.

COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

8. Discussion and possible approval of a Third Amendment to the ILA with the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (“TMWA”), in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 from the RWMF, to continue the Water Usage Review Program for fiscal year 2017-2018; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute a Third Amendment for that purpose - Jim Smitherman and Chris Wessel. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Wessel presented information included in the staff report for this ILA amendment.

COMMISSIONER JARDON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

9. Discussion and possible approval of a First Amendment to the ILA with the University of Nevada, Reno (“UNR”), in an amount not to exceed \$243,178 from the RWMF, to continue the Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration Project for fiscal year 2017-2018; and, if approved, authorize the Chairman to execute a First Amendment for that purpose – Jim Smitherman. (For Possible Action)

Mr. Smitherman presented information included in the staff report for this ILA amendment.

COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HERMAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

10. Report on legislative activities, including Bills pending in the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature, that may affect or are of interest to the WRWC / Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (“NNWPC”); possible approval or revision of recommendations made by staff and the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee; and possible direction to staff – John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel. (For Possible Action)

John Rhodes, WRWC Legal Counsel, presented the staff report on the status of Bills being tracked. He reported that the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee recommends removal of AB109 from the list of Bills to track and to add AB379 with a neutral watch recommendation.

There was discussion regarding whether or not AB379 would take parks and trails owned by the cities and county and turn them over to another group. If this is the case, the WRWC would like to take a position of opposition to that Bill.

COMMISSIONER SMITH MADE A MOTION TO DELETE AB109 FROM THE LIST AND ADD AB379 WITH A NEUTRAL WATCH, HOWEVER IF STAFF AND LEGAL COUNSEL CONCLUDE THAT AB379 WOULD TAKE AWAY ANY POWERS UNDER THOSE PROPOSALS FROM THE CITIES OR THE COUNTY, THE RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE OPPOSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCKENZIE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) 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 June 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. Tentative agenda items include: status report on the Advanced Water Treatment Technologies Demonstration Project; renewal of contracts, report on project description for the storm water GIS map.

Commissioner Jardon asked about potential options for WRWC funding if it is decided in a future meeting to move forward with dissolving the WRWC.

Mr. Rhodes explained that the funding will continue to go to the WRWC until the legislation is changed. The funds are not banked but are spent on approved projects and carrying out duties and obligations given to the WRWC by the legislature. He also stated that the last action taken by the WRWC on this topic was to postpone any discussion of dissolving the WRWC until the next legislative session.

Commissioner Smith stated that the opportunity to decide on whether or not to recommend dissolving the WRWC will be in November or December of 2018.

No action was taken.

12. Commission Comments

Commissioner Lucey noted there is language included in AB379 that confirms there is no obligation for a body to participate in a proposed GID.

13. Staff Comments

None

14. Public Comment

None

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2017.

Chair Vaughn Hartung

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