

**WESTERN REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The Western Regional Water Commission (WRWC) Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at the Sparks Council Chambers, 745 4th Street, Sparks, Nevada, and conducted the following business.

1. Roll Call

Chair Hartung called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. There was a quorum present. Chair Hartung stated that Commissioner Severt has not yet been sworn in so she will be a non-voting member for now.

Commissioners Present:

Donald Abbott
Paul Anderson
Jenny Brekhus
Naomi Duerr (zoom)
Vaughn Hartung
Alexis Hill (zoom / in person at 9:33)
Ed Lawson for Dahir (absent at 9:38)
Susan Severt

Appointed by:

Truckee Meadows Water Reclamation Facility (TMWRF)
Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) (Sparks)
TMWA (Reno)
City of Reno
Washoe County
TMWA (Washoe County)
City of Spark
Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)

Commissioners Absent:

Vacant

Appointed by:

TMWA (STMGID Successor)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Severt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER LAWSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of the Minutes from the October 19, 2022, WRWC Meeting (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY CHAIR HARTUNG. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

6. Approval of the Minutes from the November 2, 2022, Concurrent Meeting of the WRWC and Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission (NNWPC) (For Possible Action)

COMMISSIONER BREKHUS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

7. WRWC Resolution 23-1 – Resolution of appreciation for the service of Sandra Ainsworth as a Commissioner of the WRWC (For Possible Action)

Chair Hartung read the Resolution into the record.

CHAIR HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

8. WRWC Resolution 23-2 – Resolution of appreciation for the service of Bob Lucey as a Commissioner of the WRWC (For Possible Action)

Chair Hartung read the Resolution into the record.

CHAIR HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

9. Action, discussion, and possible direction to staff to form the WRWC Legislative Subcommittee for the 2023 session of the Nevada Legislature – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager, presented the staff report.

CHAIR HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO ESTABLISH A WRWC LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO TRACK AND POSSIBLY ADVANCE POSITIONS ON PENDING LEGISLATION THAT MAY AFFECT OR BE OF INTEREST TO THE WRWC/NNWPC, TO BE COMPRISED OF COMMISSIONERS HILL, DUERR, AND DAHIR, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LAWSON. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

10. Action, discussion, and possible approval of an amended scope of work and additional \$14,220 in funding, not to exceed \$63,618 from the Regional Water Management Fund to the National Water Research Institute for the OneWater Nevada Expert Panel – Kim Rigdon, Water Resources Program Manager (For Possible Action)

Ms. Rigdon presented the staff report. The NNWPC forwarded a recommendation for approval of this amendment. The staff report includes information regarding the scope of work and notes that this amended professional services agreement adds an additional panel briefing to address questions from panel members.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED NWRI SCOPE OF WORK AND ADDITIONAL \$14,220 IN FUNDING, NOT TO EXCEED \$63,618 FROM THE RWMF, AND A PROJECT COMPLETION DATE OF JUNE 30, 2023, AND AUTHORIZE THE PROGRAM MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

11. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding agenda items and dates for future WRWC meetings

Ms. Rigdon reviewed the 2023 WRWC meeting schedule.

(Commissioner Hill present in person at 9:33 a.m.)

COMMISSIONER HILL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CALENDAR AS PROPOSED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BREKHUS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SEVEN (7) VOTING COMMISSIONERS PRESENT.

12. Public Comment

None

13. Commission Comments

Commissioner Lawson provided an update on how Commissioner Dahir is doing.

(Commissioner Lawson absent at 9:38 a.m.)

Commissioner Anderson thanked Ms. Rigdon for the book she shared with the WRWC.

Chair Hartung welcomed Commissioner Severt.

14. Staff Comments

Ms. Rigdon reported that on December 22 the Regional Planning Commission found the Regional Water Management Plan in conformance with the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan. She also reported that Mickey Hazelwood resigned his position on the NNWPC.

15. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Christine Birmingham, Recording Secretary

Approved by Commission in session on _____ 2023.

Chair Vaughn Hartung

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