

TAHOE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Attendees:

District Directors:

**Robert Anderson, President
Carl Ribaldo, Vice President
Joyce Blackstone, Treasurer
Heather Segale, Director**

District Staff/NRCS

**Dave Roberts, District Manager
Holly Nattress, Admin. Manager
Kim Boyd, BRP Manager
Peter Brumis, Public Outreach Specialist
Eben Swain, WRP Manager
Chuck Taylor, NRCS**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting was held in the Plaza 89 Conference Room, 870 Emerald Bay Rd., So. Lake Tahoe, CA.

II. DIRECTORS' ROLL CALL

Present for Roll Call: President Anderson, Vice President Ribaldo, Treasurer Blackstone, and Director Segale. Director Antonucci was absent.

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM AUDIENCE – Nothing under this item.

IV. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Anderson requested that the report from NRCS be moved before the Financials, as Chuck Taylor is not able to stay long.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Treasurer Blackstone, seconded by Director Segale, for approval of the agenda, as amended, passed unanimously.

VII. NRCS – July 2011 Activity Report - Received and filed.**

VI. FINANCIALS**

1. Invoice Transmittals

Motion by Vice President Ribaudo, seconded by Treasurer Blackstone, for approval of the invoice transmittals, as submitted, passed unanimously.

2. Financial Summary w/Cash Balance, A/R & A/P - Received and filed
3. TRCD 2011 – 2012 Final Draft Budget

Motion by Treasurer Blackstone, seconded by Vice President Ribaudo, for approval of the final budget, passed unanimously.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Treasurer Blackstone, seconded by Vice President Ribaudo, for approval of the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously.

IX. CONSENT FORWARD – Nothing under this item.

X. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing under this item.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sierra Coordinated Resources Management Council

Motion by Treasurer Blackstone, seconded by Vice President Ribaudo, to withdraw from the above mentioned Board, passed unanimously. Staff will draft a letter notifying the group that the TRCD is withdrawing and not appointing another member at this time.

XII. REPORTS

1. Budget Committee – See minutes

2. Executive Committee – President Anderson stated that an Executive Committee meeting was not called since most items on the agenda covered old business.
3. Personnel Committee

President Anderson asked if there is anything related to personnel coming up. Dave Roberts stated that he and Holly Nattress will be interviewing for the Financial Manager position on September 19th and 20th of next week. He said the need for someone full-time is critical.

4. Comments from Staff

Pete Brumis said that he had been doing a lot of community outreach for the District which includes a component of public feedback. The booth at the Farmers' Market has been key in getting the public educated about what the District is currently doing. A new "Tahoe Keepers" program has been implemented for owners of non-motorized watercraft. It is a self-certification that represents them always cleaning, draining, and drying their watercraft before entering the lake. Autumn Fest is coming soon. It will be at the Community College on September 25th and will serve as the platform for introducing the Districts new branding outreach.

Eben Swain stated that he has been very active in the Community Watershed Partnership program recently. He also mentioned that the District has hired Kim Gorman as the Watershed Coordinator. She is a Tahoe local and has worked at Lahonton during the TMDL study, the USFS, NTCD for a short time, and with a degree in water chemistry, she also is a biology professor at the Community College.

Kim Boyd reported that the Watercraft Inspection Program has encountered several instances of impeller damage during decontamination procedures. This has led to changes and improvements to protocol during the inspections. Kim also mentioned that with quagga mussels being found in Lake Lahonton, only 40 miles away from Lake Tahoe, it is imperative to continue researching fund sources. Members of the Board offered to contact local politicians for support.

Dave Roberts reminded the Board that the CARCD Annual Conference will be held on November 8 – 11, 2011. It will be in Stockton, CA this year. He reported that several staff members will attend and present at the conference. Dave reminded the Board that NRCS cannot attend unless a Board member from our District attends. President Anderson asked that staff review all the organizations to which we belong, and determine if the benefits we receive justify the annual

dues. Dave also said that he met with Norma Santiago, El Dorado County Supervisor, regarding the CWP and that she was ecstatic about the program. She is motivated to spread the word and immediately got it on the TRPA Governing Board and the El Dorado County Board meeting in October. He stated the staff is currently preparing to submit applications/proposals to several entities for future funding to continue with current programs/projects at the District.

5. Comments from Directors

Director Segale reported that TRCD and UCD partnered at the Greenthumb Tuesdays at the fish hatchery. She suggested that Courtney Walker and Nicole Cartwright could give a presentation to the AmeriCorps in the future. She thought a presentation on the CWP would also be beneficial. She mentioned some upcoming lectures at TERC and hopes that the District is also recruiting for her seat on the Board.

Treasurer Blackstone said that she was at the College a few days ago and is very impressed with the demonstration garden. Kudos to Jen Cressy and Nicole Cartwright.

Vice President Ribaldo asked to move the November meeting to the afternoon as he has a conflict in the morning. It was determined to have the meeting between 1 and 3:00 pm. on the 8th of November. He also mentioned that he would like an update on the Strategic Plan. He feels that a 60 or 90 day update would be sufficient.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vice President Ribaldo, seconded by Treasurer Blackstone, to adjourn at 10:55 am, passed unanimously.

Robert Anderson, President

Holly Nattress, Administrative Manager

** Depicts items out of order.