

Churchill County Mosquito, Vector and Noxious Weed Abatement District
Board of Trustees
Churchill County, Nevada
7400 Reno Highway
Fallon, NV 89406
Meeting June 9th, 2022
OPEN MEETING SESSION

1. Call to Order

Chairwoman, Christy Lattin called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairwoman, Christy Lattin
Vice Chairman, Mike Spencer
Trustee, Marion Jonte
Trustee, Tom Hutchings
Trustee, Cynthia McGarrah

Legal Counsel, Ben Shawcroft
District Manager, Nancy Upham
Assistant Manager, JD MacKay
Board Secretary, Melania Sagi

Public Present

None

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment:

None

4. Review and Adoption of the Agenda:

District Manager, Nancy Upham requested the agenda be adopted as is. Trustee, Marion Jonte made a motion to adopt the agenda as is. Vice Chairman, Mike Spencer seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Approval of Minutes from May 19th, 2022:

Mr. Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19th, 2022. Mr. Jonte seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Certificate of Posting:

Ms. Upham stated that the agenda was posted in accordance with NRS.

7. Correspondence:

1. 5/04/2022 Alexa Robinson—Weed Notices. These are the notices that the County sends out when they notify property owners about noxious weeds on their private property.
2. 5/04/2022 Pam Moore—Budget and Tax Rate Notice. Mandatory notice posted by the County with the local newspaper.
3. 5/06/2022 Jennifer Corrigan—Indian Health Services Contacts. Ms. Upham and Assistant Manager JD MacKay met with Indian Health Service. They provided Management with updated contact information.
4. 5/11/2022 Brenda Hunt—Launch of Explore Your Watershed. This contains good information from the Carson Water Subconservancy.
5. 5/12/2022 Laura Morrow—NVCA-Question & Follow Up. Nevada Vector Control provided follow up answers from a meeting with their lab representative.

8. Appointment:

None

9. Old Business:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the building dedication plaque. Ms. Upham explained that it has been challenging finding a photo for a bas relief that would complement Mr. Hal Newman. She requested suggestions from the Board members for bullet points to create the plaque instead. Ms. Lattin suggested researching all of Mr. Newman's influences in the County.

10. New Business:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a big screen TV for the facility. CWSD requested the use of the District facility on June 15th. Management has been considering purchasing a projector or big screen TV for training and Zoom meetings. With this request it would provide the ideal opportunity to make that purchase. The cost will not be so great that formal Board approval is needed but it will be a great improvement to the facility.
2. Discussion of Ethics & Open Meeting Law Training for Board Members on July 13th, 2022. This meeting will provide current and future Board members with applicable training for their position. There was a brief discussion on whether the training should be compensated. Ms. Lattin explained that it was a part of the job and should not be extra pay. Mr. Jonte proposed that the training was only for their position on the Board and benefited the District, as such it would be prudent to further discuss compensation. Ms. Lattin suggested that it could be revisited at the next meeting.

11. District Manager's Report and Operations Review:

Ms. Upham explained that Management has sent four (4) flights over the Tribal Wetlands already this season. Management presented the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Land and Water Representatives with a cost breakdown of total treatment and man hours spent in the wetland this season by the District. This information has motivated the Fallon

Paiute-Shoshone Tribe to reassess their budgetary needs moving forward. It is not cost effective for the District to continue to cover those expenses when the County property tax payers need to be a priority. Management will continue to assist, educate, and facilitate the Tribe's independence in mosquito control. It is arduous but necessary.

12. Board Member's Reports:

Ms. Lattin mentioned that it may be prudent to inform the public of what goes into mosquito abatement. She suggested Management write an article or make a public post for the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Lattin also requested for a way to update the public on any problem areas. Board Secretary, Melania Sagi said she could upload a map on the District's website with trapping locations and testing results.

13. Any Request for Future Agenda Items:

- Discussion on whether the Board members should be compensated for the Open Meeting Law Training.
- Discussion on purchasing a vehicle for the District.
- Discussion on a 5% living cost increase for the employees

14. Expenditures:

May 2022 Expenditures
Payroll: \$46,873.99
Expenses: \$18,891.23
Total: \$66,253.22

Mr. Jonte made a motion to accept the May 2022 expenditures. Ms. McGarrah seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

15. Public Comment:

None

16. Adjournment:

Ms. Lattin adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.



SIGNATURE:

Chairwoman or Vice Chairman

DATE:

11-16-22