



Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 9 am

TMWA Conference Rooms
1355 Capital Blvd, Reno, NV

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Chair LaRiviere called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. A quorum was established with voting members: Tray Abney, Dave Aiazzi, Matthew Duplantis, Marge Frandsen, Mike Kazmierski, Bob LaRiviere, Dick Mills, Julia Ratti, Scott Smith, and Rod Young. Non-Voting Members Jay Aldean and Dean Schultz were also present. Members Andrew Diss, George Robison, Mike Sprinkle and Lea Tauchen were absent.

Dave Aiazzi introduced himself, stating that he is a former Reno City Council person and was asked by Mayor Schieve to serve on this committee.

TRFMA staff present: Laura Bayer, Danielle Henderson, Eric Scheetz, Lori Williams, and Michael Wolz.

B. Public Comment – Laura Bayer announced that written public comment had been received from Jeff Church and was distributed to the Committee Members prior to the meeting and entered into the record.

C. Approval of Agenda for September 6, 2017 (*For Possible Action*)
Motion 2017.9.6.1C to approve the agenda for September 6, 2017.
Moved: Member Abney Seconded: Member Ratti
Passed Unanimously

D. Approval of Draft Minutes of August 17, 2017 Meeting (*For Possible Action*)
Motion 2017.9.6.1D to approve draft minutes for August 17, 2017.
Moved: Member Ratti Seconded: Member Young
Passed Unanimously

E. Announcements – TRFMA Executive Director Jay Aldean announced:

- George Robison, Governor Sandoval’s appointee was unable to attend this meeting but plans to be at all future meetings.
- TRFMA staff will be meeting with the Corps next week to discuss the 100-year plan.

2. ITEMS 2, 3, AND 4 WERE OPENED SIMULANTEOUSLY BY CHAIR LaRIVIERE
Presentation and discussion of past flooding on the Truckee River, the amount of damage caused by those flooding events, the history of the development of the Truckee River Flood Protection Plan and the TRFMA, and the history of interactions with the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Members

Bob LaRiviere, Chair
Tray Abney, Vice Chair
Dave Aiazzi
Jay Aldean
Andrew Diss
Matthew Duplantis
Marge Frandsen
Mike Kazmierski
Dick Mills
Julia Ratti
George Robison
Dean Schultz
Scott Smith
Mike Sprinkle
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Rod Young

3. Presentation and discussion of the Truckee River Flood Protection Plan elements and project flood plains.
4. Presentation and discussion of the estimated cost to design and construct the Truckee River Flood Protection Plan and the anticipated project phasing.

Public Comment

Jane Lyon is very disappointed in the apparent double taxation. Citizens are already paying for flood control; would like to do it only once, not twice.

Carole Fineberg had spoken to Legislators that voted for AB375 stating that the Legislators wanted to help the North and South Valleys, however the current tax goes toward river flooding only. She asked the committee to consider not raising real property taxes again.

Jay Aldean, TRFMA Executive Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file). He explained the Direct Benefit Area (DBA) as property that flooded before construction of the project, but will not flood after project completion. In response to a question from Chair LaRiviere, Aldean noted that people who are in the Truckee River floodplain will be out of the floodplain upon project completion so they won't need flood insurance.

In response to a question from Member Mills, Aldean explained that the TRFMA Board has not voted on the engineering definition of the DBA. Aldean also explained that the flood project is not designed for a 100-year flood in downtown Reno. Virginia Street Bridge was built to standards that do not apply to adopted FEMA mapping standards for a 100-year storm event; the bridge would have had to be raised two or three feet.

Aldean explained that the DBA is based on the total square footage developed on the lot. There are close to 4000 lots to be surveyed. An assumption made during analysis is that about 20% of the properties in the DBA will drop out due to their elevation. There will be a variance application process for which property owners can file.

In response to an inquiry from Member Ratti, Aldean explained that the square footage of every story of a building counts toward the DBA fee because it is based on the economic viability generation of all floors. General Counsel Wolz clarified that these decisions have been made by staff during the cost estimation process; the Board has not voted on these rules. These are staff planning decisions that affect the cost estimates. Member Ratti inquired if some of these decisions are based on what is legally defensible; yes per Wolz.

In response to an inquiry from Member Aiazzi, Aldean noted he will revisit the inclusion of the WalMart property in the DBA.

Member Young asked for an updated map showing the current floodplain given completion of all the river projects to date.

Committee Member Ratti left at 9:43 am

Member Frandsen requested a list of properties purchased and demolished, as well as relocation costs, to account for the \$48 million listed in the capital projects budget. Frandsen also reminded members to please identify themselves before speaking for the record.

John Sherman, Fiscal Solutions, LLC., a consultant for TRFMA, did a presentation (copy on file) regarding costs which had been compiled by HDR Engineering, Inc. to show the impact on each phase. In general, the project components start in the west and go to the east (with a few exceptions). There are 11 phases. There will be an additional cash requirement in FY 19 and 20. Beginning next meeting, he will go into great detail of DBA fees, etc.

Chair LaRiviere asked that HDR Engineering's Project Phasing, Schedule and Tasks Costs provide what it would cost to complete the project in ten years. Sherman will show that at the next meeting.

Member Frandsen inquired when is the bond repayment period up when the \$2 million will be available; Sherman will provide that information at the next meeting.

Member Aiazzi requested staff add dollar figures to each project listed in the yellow map book. These figures should include what we have budgeted and what other entities could contribute.

In response to an inquiry from Member Aiazzi regarding looking at flooding in areas other than along the Truckee River, General Counsel Wolz stated that there is no mandate from the legislation for the Committee to look at the costs for flood mitigation in other areas as outlined in the second half of AB375, but the Committee could do so.

Member Schultz asked staff to escalate the 2016 to 2017 costs since construction costs are going up. John Sherman replied that staff has inflation indexes and will share that at the next meeting. Schultz also inquired if the flood proofing of homes on the east side of airport will flood the airport. Aldean replied that is the difficulty and complexity of the hydraulics in this area; the airport may not be flooded from the river, but there may be other areas. General Counsel Wolz suggested bringing a post-project floodplain map to the next meeting.

5. Committee Member Comments, Requests, and Future Agenda Items -

Member Smith requested that future minutes have staff assignments/action items listed. At the first meeting, General Counsel Wolz was going to look into if the fee can be charged if the ballot question is defeated; Wolz replied that the TRFMA Board has authority to impose the fee and yes, a fee can go ahead without a tax ballot question passing.

6. Public Comment – Chair LaRiviere called for Public Comment and hearing none, he closed this item.
7. Adjournment (For Possible Action)
Motion 2017.9.6.7 to adjourn at 10:41 a.m.
Moved: Member Frandsen Seconded: Member Aiazzi

Summary of Committee Member Requests from September 6th Meeting

- A. Provide an updated map that shows the current floodplain given completion of all the river projects to date (requested by Young).
- B. Provide a list of properties purchased and demolished and relocations to account for the \$48 million spent in capital projects funds (requested by Frandsen).
- C. On HDR Engineering’s Project Phasing, Schedule and Tasks Costs provide what it would cost to complete the project in ten years (requested by LaRiviere).
- D. Provide information on when the bond repayment period is up and the \$2 million will be available; Sherman will provide that information at the next meeting (requested by Frandsen).
- E. Add dollar figures to yellow map book pages; also notate what TRFMA has budgeted for each component and what other entities could contribute (requested by Aiazzi).
- F. Escalate costs on the HDR document from 2016 to 2017 costs (requested by Schultz).
- G. Provide a summary of action items on future meeting minutes (requested by Smith).

Respectfully submitted,
Laura J. Bayer, FCPNC Liaison

Approved in Session on September 22, 2017.