



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Friday, June 13, 2014 – 8:30 a.m.

Washoe County Commission Chambers
1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call, Establishment of Quorum and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. A quorum was established with Directors Robert Cashell, Oscar Delgado, Vaughn Hartung, Kitty Jung, Geno Martini, and Ron Smith present.

TRFMA staff present included: Jay Aldean, Laura Bayer, Ed Evans, Mimi Fujii-Strickler, Kathy Garcia, Danielle Henderson, Lori Williams, and Michael Wolz.

Director Delgado led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Public Comment - Chair Smith called for Public Comment and hearing none, closed this item.

C. Approval of Agenda (For Possible Action)

Motion 2014.6.1C to approve the agenda of June 13, 2014.

Moved: Director Martini

Seconded: Director Cashell

Passed Unanimously

D. Approval of Draft Minutes of April 11, 2014 Meeting and May 15, 2014 Special Meeting (For Possible Action)

Motion 2014.6.1D to approve the draft minutes of the April 11, 2014 Meeting and May 15, 2014 Special Meeting.

Moved: Director Hartung

Seconded: Director Martini

Passed Unanimously

E. Announcements / Clippings

Executive Director Aldean announced:

- The President signed the WRRDA Bill yesterday.
- Copper pipe was stolen from the Bristlecone building pump house. It will cost approximately \$4000 to re-mount the hydro pneumatic tanks with PVC to put them back in service which is necessary for irrigation and to provide some fire protection.
- TAC Chair and Vice-Chair are now Kimble Corbridge and Kerri Lanza respectively.
- Washoe County employees, including TRFMA staff, who took pay cuts in 2010 will be receiving cost of living adjustments of 1.5% in July 2014 and 1% in January 2015 as well as a \$1000 lump sum payment in August. Aldean will bring an item to the Board next month to revise the Executive Director and General Counsel contracts to provide for the same COLAs.

- Aldean will also bring a contract with state lobbyist Alfredo Alonso to the July Board meeting so that he can begin lobbying efforts as soon as possible.
- Kimley-Horn is essentially complete with the scope of work outlined in the regional hydrologic model contract.

In response to an inquiry from Director Jung, Mimi Fujii-Strickler stated that Washoe County Sheriff's investigators took fingerprints and photos of the break-in at the Bristlecone property but noted that often thieves take scrap metal and go to California to sell it.

2. **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) report and discussion. Possible action to provide direction to staff. (For Possible Action)** - Kimble Corbridge, TAC Chair, introduced himself and reported that Mr. Aldean keeps TAC up to date on what is going on.

Mark Cowan, Corps Planning Supervisor, joined the meeting via telephone.

3. **Discussion of flood project status and next steps to be taken in the development of the Flood Project and a flood protection fee, and presentation and discussion of the Truckee River Flood Project Next Steps Timeline** - Mr. Aldean displayed a plaque staff had made to thank the Corps team for getting the project through to Congress. He will be presenting this plaque to the Corps at the PRB meeting in July.

Aldean reviewed the *Next Steps* spreadsheet noting:

1. The Corps needs to develop policies and guidelines on the WRRDA including the amendment in Section 136 of WRRDA which Senator Reid added for TRFMA. This will take a significant amount of time, possibly six months or longer, for the Corps' legal and planning staff to review our section of WRRDA.
2. We assume there will not be enough money in the Corps' budget to work on our project. There are other huge projects, Katrina, Sandy etc. with higher B:C ratios, so we will have to enter into an MOU with the Corps for this review. The Corps will have comments they need to address in their review and there will be a process for the Corps to make changes to our plan, in the form of a supplemental EIS. We have an EIS for a 50-year plan so all we have to do is supplement that to make it a 100-year plan. We expect a plethora of agency comments. We will have to revise the local plan to accommodate the regulatory comments.
3. Public release of EIS is planned for the end of 2015, beginning of 2016.
4. Agency Technical Review (ATR) is the final step in the review then it gets signed.
5. The project design is planned to start around 2018.
6. Development of the flood fees is a long process.
7. The Corps' hydraulic model is what determines the elevation of flooding. Downtown is difficult to model. FCS can adjust the fees based on the hydraulic modeling results.
8. We will present the preliminary calculations to the Board in a presentation and ask for Board's approval. Staff will be asking the Board to go out for a significant contract to do detailed flood calculations for houses being placed in floodplain. At this time FEMA does not show them in the floodplain but they are. We want to have rock-solid documentation in order to make our fees more justifiable.
9. Alfredo Alonso will help TRFMA include the fee on the Washoe County Treasurer's bill. This requires a change to the NRS. We would be a line item on the tax bill similar to the remediation item currently on the tax bills. In response to an inquiry from Chair Smith, General Counsel Michael Wolz indicated that based on conversations with TMWA, being on the Treasurer's bill would save TRFMA an

- C. *Monthly reports for both March and April 2014 on the Authority's financial status and related financial activities. Possible action to provide direction to staff. (For Possible Action)* - Lori Williams, Sr. Financial Analyst, reviewed the April 2014 numbers, noting the net sales tax is running 7.5% over last year's distribution; we had budgeted for 2% so we are seeing some additional income there.

Motion 2014.6.5C to accept the report.

Moved: Director Hartung

Seconded: Director Cashell

Passed Unanimously

- D. *Review and possible approval of the FY2015 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for submission to the State of Nevada per NRS 354.5945 as presented or with changes. (For Possible Action)* - Lori Williams, Sr. Financial Analyst, will be submitting the five-year CIP to the State. It is required by August 1st along with the Debt Management Policy.

Motion 2014.6.5C to accept the report.

Moved: Director Martini

Seconded: Director Cashell

Passed Unanimously

General Counsel Wolz asked that the motion be amended to "**approve the FY 2015 Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan as presented.**"

**Moved as amended: Director Martini Seconded as amended: Director Cashell
Passed Unanimously as Amended**

6. **Discussion regarding results of the performance evaluation of TRFMA Executive Director Jay Aldean in accordance with §2.03 of his Employment Agreement. Possible action to provide direction to staff. (For Possible Action)** - Laura Bayer, Administrative Assistant II/Human Resources Representative, reported on the evaluation process, noting that evaluation forms were sent to the six board members; the report in the agenda book represents the four forms which were returned.

Chair Smith thanked Mr. Aldean for his hard work. Director Cashell agreed, noting that Mr. Aldean has done an outstanding job; Director Martini also agreed. Aldean commented that he tried hard to build credibility and appreciates the support from all the Board members.

7. **Working Group monthly report and possible action to provide direction to staff. (For Possible Action)** - Danielle Henderson, Natural Resource Manager, presented the report.

8. **Board Member Comments, Requests and Future Agenda Items**

Director Cashell directed staff to prepare letters to Senator Reid and his staff to thank them for helping us. Chair Smith concurred, adding a thank you to Mary Conelly who was present in the audience.

9. **Public Comment** – Chair Smith called for Public Comment, hearing none, he closed this item.

10. **Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura J. Bayer, Recording Secretary

Approved in Session on August 8, 2014.