

CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
September 12, 2023

DIRECTORS:

Todd Westergard (left early #8)
John Capurro
Mike Nevin
Ernie Schank (Zoom, late #7)
Karen Baggett
Ty Minor (Zoom)
Tyler Henderson
John Enloe (Zoom, left early #10)

ABSENT:

Pete Olsen
Ed James

Staff

Mary Pat Eymann

OTHER:

Kayla Dowty, Engineer
Leo Bergin, Attorney
Ron Penrose, Superintendent
Chad Blanchard, FWM

GUESTS:

1. CALL THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

President Westergard called the regular meeting to order.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

3. APPROVE AGENDA –

❖ Director Capurro made a motion to accept agenda as posted; seconded by Director Baggett; motion carried.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 2023, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND CHECKS WRITTEN AS SUBMITTED –

❖ Director Capurro made a motion to approve the and financials as submitted; seconded by Director Henderson; motion carried.

5. WATER MASTERS REPORT AND DISCUSSION – Chad Blanchard

A complete copy of the Water Report is available at District Offices or on the internet at troa.net and the SNOTEL report at wcc.sc.egov.usda.gov/reports/SelectUpdateReport.html

6. DISCUSSION, ACTION, AND DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING REQUEST FROM USGS FOR ASSISTANCE IN MATCHING FUNDS PROJECT FOR GAGE MONITORING NEAR FORT CHURCHILL – Director James

This will be discussed at the next meeting as Director James was not present.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT POSITION FOR THE DISTRICT – Director Westergard

Mr. Penrose is retiring at the Superintendent and expressed his pleasure in serving the District for many years as both a Board member and Superintendent.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE RIVERSIDE DRIVE INUNDATION AND POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT – Ron Penrose, Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

Superintendent Report regarding complete information regarding this issue was provided and available at District offices.

CTWCD met with Trina Magoon and John Flansberg from the City of Reno at City Hall on June 29th. Kayla Dowty, Lori Williams, and Todd Westergard attended. Overall, it was a great meeting with positive communication. Meeting notes are as follows:

- Kayak Park - there was discussion of the maintenance agreement governing the removal of sediment at the whitewater park.
 - We clarified that the maintenance agreement exists in the form of the Martis Agreement.
 - John Flansberg confirmed with Travis Truhill (City of Reno) that the Martis Agreement would be useful in designating additional funding and a separate maintenance agreement would not be needed.

- Riverside Drive – there was discussion regarding USACE’s interpretation of Riverside Drive: that although the original USACE Project did not contain the 14,000cfs flow at Riverside, it is now the responsibility of CTWCD & City of Reno to maintain flow in the channel/prevent flooding at the design capacity.
 - We noted that CTWCD’s ability to directly construct improvements necessary to mitigate/prevent flooding in that location are limited, and that role must be largely filled by City of Reno.
 - CTWCD and others have documentation of the original design deficiencies in the Riverside vicinity. Updated models show several breakouts at approx. 11,000cfs. TRFMA recognizes the need for improvements in this location and has included it in their published improvement plans.
 - The bridge replacement projects being undertaken by RTC will influence and be influenced by flood mitigation improvements at Riverside. We may be able to expand the Keystone bridge replacement to mitigate the flood risk within the project area.
 - J-U-B has prepared a proposal to CTWCD to design a floodwall along Riverside Drive between Keystone Avenue Bridge and the Arlington Avenue Bridge. The design flow rate to mitigate is 14,000cfs.

- West Street Plaza – there was discussion regarding improvements at West Street Plaza result is inundation of properties adjacent. There is effectively a hole in the flood wall.
 - These improvements were not permitted. USACE confirmed that a 408-encroachment application would be required to get the alteration permitted.
 - City of Reno should include emergency provisions for containing flow at this location during flood events (Plywood in openings). These provisions should be included in their Flood Response Emergency Plan (FRAP). City of Reno to confirm – CTWCD to follow up.

Ms. Dowty requested a proposal from J.U.B Engineering for a conceptual design for Riverside Dr. to contain 14,000 cfs from Booth St. Bridge to the Kayak Park. (available at District offices). The total cost is \$79,000, which is higher than Ms. Dowty expected. The proposal is a lump sum proposal, and we can always request time and expense. The broader item for discussion is if the Board is interested in having J.U.B. do the design. Ms. Dowty feels that in a way it shows the USACE that the Board is taking the issue seriously and shows the City of Reno we have a heavy hand in participating. And if CTWCD does the conceptual design they will need to execute. In terms of budget, is this something the Board wants to consider and may want to hold off on issuing the grant applications this year?

** Director Westergard left the meeting sick**Director Capurro took over the meeting**

Discussion:

Director Schank – CTWCD accepted the Martis Agreement which had with it a dam upstream which if we had the ability to use would probably prevent us from hitting that 14,000 cfs. Mr. Schank has always been concerned about the Riverside Dr situation and trying to correct it, so in terms of not giving grants for one year this is something that is for the benefit of everyone and is something that probably should be pursued. Mr. Schank feels that the City of Reno should also be on board and commit that they will do something if we get the design.

Director Enloe – Does not feel the cost is not out of line for what they are doing but has a question regarding task 3 (conceptual design) that there are a lot of sheets that may not be necessary at this time. Getting the concept conceptual design is important at this time but some of the other things could be put off reducing cost at this time. Mr. Enloe does agree that it is an important project that the District does need to figure out a way to move forward with.

Director Capurro – Agree that need to figure out a way to fix this part of the River.

Attorney Bergin – Before entering into this agreement, we need to get some concurrence from the City of Reno.

Engineer Dowty – Per the Martis Creek Agreement can the CTWCD demand from the City the work be done?

Director Capurro – what would the minimum demand requirement from the City of Reno be for the CTWCD to proceed with the conceptual design? Will the City Council need to approve?

Attorney Bergin – yes.

Engineer Dowty – this could be made a requirement for the Keystone Bridge project.

- ❖ Director Schank made a motion for Engineer Dowty and Attorney Bergin to draft a letter to the City explaining the proposal from J.U.B. and that the District is willing to move forward with the conceptual design, but we need a commitment from the City of Reno that they will move forward with budgeting for the project and work with the District to solve the problem; seconded by Director Henderson; motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING ENCROACHMENT PERMITS AND REQUESTS – Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

Kayla has a regularly scheduled meeting with USACE which has proved to be very beneficial.

Existing applications:

1. City of Reno, Booth Street Siphon project is at the USACE but has made no project.
2. Arlington Bridge Replacement – gone through a couple question cycles with USACE.

Upcoming applications:

1. 25 White Fir
2. Verdi Bridge Replacement

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD DIRECTION REGARDING MAINTENANCE DEBRIS REMOVAL WORK, EMERGENCY DEBRIS/DEPOSIT REMOVAL WORK AND AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES FOR SUCH WORK – Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

11. ENGINEER/CONSULTANT REPORT –Kayla Dowty

See Engineer's Report

12. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Ron Penrose

Nothing to report.

13. LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Leo Bergin

Nothing to report.

14. SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT – Mary Pat Eymann

Nothing to report.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

16. BOARD COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Future Agenda Item Requests:**
1. USGS request (agenda item #6)
 2. Riverside Dr. Inondation (agenda item #8)
 3. Superintendant position (agenda item #7)
 4. Grant funding.

Board Comments:

17. ADJOURNMENT -

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Next regular meeting
October 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**

Todd Westergard,
President

Mary Pat Eymann,
Secretary/Treasurer