

**Round Hill General Improvement District
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 17, 2011**

Tuesday

6:00pm

1. Meeting Called to Order. (Side A/c#1)

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Glen Smith.

2. Pledge of Allegiance. (Side A/c#2)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Glen Smith.

3. Roll Call. (Side A/c#5)

Chairman Glen Smith, Vice Chairman Steve Teshara, Trustees Wesley Rice and Steve Seibel were present. Trustee Chuck Fagen was absent. The District Manager, Administrative Assistant and District Counsel were present. Mahmood Azad of Douglas County and Karin Staggs of the Nevada Tahoe Conservation District were present.

4. Public Comment. (Side A/c#8)

None

5. Approval of Agenda. (Side A/c#10)

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Rice/Teshara 4-0 approved.

6. Discussion and possible action on a presentation from Douglas County regarding a request for a \$1,000.00 commitment to establish a storm water coalition of GID's located at Lake Tahoe within Douglas County. (Side A/c#12)

Since there are multiple agencies in Douglas County that are responsible for maintaining the stormwater infrastructure located in their jurisdictions, and since the NDEP approach requires all of the entities within the County to comply with the TMDL requirements through a Memorandum of Agreement, Douglas County has recommended that the area storm water agencies form a coalition. The purpose of the coalition would be to promote efficiencies and facilitate common decision making capabilities.

Mr. Azad reported that Douglas County has already contributed about \$20,000.00 toward the creation of a storm water coalition of GID's at Lake Tahoe to respond to TMDL requirements. All together, Douglas County has spent \$163,000.00 in funding on TMDL mitigation. Douglas County has also taken the lead on the GIS mapping of storm water infrastructure.

Motion to approve the Douglas County request for a \$1,000.00 commitment to establish a storm water coalition of GID's located at Lake Tahoe within Douglas County. Teshara/Rice 4-0 approved.

7. Discussion and possible action to accept the prescribed changes to the 2011 / 2012 Tentative Budget. (Side A/c#467)

No changes to the existing tentative budget were suggested and no motion was made on this item.

8. Consent Calendar. (Side B/c#34)

Motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. Rice/Seibel 4-0 approved.

9. Staff Reports. (Side B/c#104)

The District executed the purchase and sales agreement with Nevada Division of State Lands (NDSL) for the purchase of land coverage for the new tank at the office site. The purchase and sales agreement was sent to the title company, escrow closed and the permit was received today.

Requests for bids were advertised in the Record Courier on May 6, 2011. There was a pre-bid conference scheduled for the afternoon of May 12th. All prospective bidders were required to attend that conference. Bids will be opened on May 27th. A bid award is tentatively scheduled for the June Board meeting.

District staff met with staff of the Lahonton Water Quality Board. This was a preliminary, informal meeting to discuss RHGID and TWSA opposition to the proposal to allow the use of herbicides / pesticides in Lake Tahoe. Lahonton's recommended approach seems too open ended and contains too many unknowns to be readily accepted by water utilities at this time. Additional discussions with Lahonton are anticipated to address our concerns. The staff at Lahonton was amenable to the water purveyor's concerns and encouraged participation at their public hearing. A second meeting included representatives from the NDEP drinking water program, the Nevada division of water resources and the California Department of Public Health.

District staff met with members of other Tahoe basin public utilities to discuss the development of a standardized basin-wide Memorandum of Understanding (M.O.U.) with the TRPA. Currently, each entity has an individual M.O.U. with the TRPA. A standardized M.O.U. would increase efficiencies and eliminate inconsistencies. This process is a result of the consideration of providing funding to the TRPA for a dedicated planner for local public utility entities.

District staff inspected the sewer manholes in Pinewild to determine if there were any manhole sections that were in dire need of repair / rehabilitation. All of the manholes inspected were in satisfactory condition at this time and were not in need of immediate attention.

District staff met with Farr West Engineering to discuss the preparation of a presentation for a rate hearing scheduled for the July Board meeting. All comments received by the Board will be incorporated into any rate increase recommendations.

The Public Employees Benefit Program is significantly changing its approach to providing its members with health insurance coverage. They are changing to a high deductible health plan with a health savings account, effective July 1, 2011. In anticipation of the changes, District staff is determining the effects of the changes and considering health insurance alternatives. District staff attended a phone conference with the health insurance providers to better understand the implications of the proposed changes.

The 2010 Water Quality Report and the 2011 spring newsletter were mailed to Ross Cooper and all Round Hill residents on May 12th.

John and Andy deserve congratulations and thanks for assisting law enforcement personnel in locating a man hiding in the Round Hill neighborhood on April 29th. John and Andy located the man hiding in the leaves near the treatment plant and reported his location to the authorities.

District Counsel and Manager Reed continue to monitor Legislative Bills.

Chairman Smith stated that there may be more grant funding related to the Fire Safe Chapter. He will keep the District informed with any updates as they arise. The District will forward all pertinent information via District billings to Round Hill residents.

10. Correspondence. (Side B/c#318)

No discussion.

11. Adjournment. (Side B/c#325)

Motion to adjourn. Seibel/Rice 4-0 approved.

Attest:



Glen Smith
Chairman



Steve Teshara
Vice-Chairman