Churchill County Mosquito, Vector and Noxious Weed Abatement District

Board of Trustees

Churchill County, Nevada

7400 Reno Highway

Fallon, NV 89406

Meeting January 29, 2021

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, Michael Spencer

Trustee, Marion Jonte, Jr.

Trustee, Tom Hutchings

Legal Counsel, Ben Shawcroft

District Manager, Nancy Upham

Assistant Manager, JD MacKay

**Public Present**

Candidate, Cynthia McGarrah

Candidate, Barry Stewart

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Public Comment:**

None

1. **Review and Adoption of the Agenda:**

District Manager, Nancy Upham stated that as is would be fine. Trustee, Marion Jonte, made the motion to adopt the agenda as is. Vice Chairman, Michael Spencer, seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

1. **Discussion and Approval of Minutes:**

None

1. **Certificate of Posting:**

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

1. **Correspondence:**

The correspondences were the letters of interest from candidates Mr. Barry Stewart and Ms. Cynthia McGarrah to fill the trustee vacancy.

1. **Appointment:**

None

1. **Old Business:**

None

1. **New Business:**

Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a new Board member to fill the vacant Board position. Chairwoman, Christy Lattin began by thanking both candidates for their interest in the position. Ms. Lattin had suggested Cynthia McGarrah to throw her name in the hat because of her active involvement in the community. She felt that since the staff was half female there should be another female on the Board.

Trustee, Marion Jonte introduced Barry Stewart stating that he has known Mr. Stewart for about 25 years. Mr. Stewart is retired and would be able to dedicate his time to the District and Mr. Jonte believes Mr. Stewart would be a great asset. Mr. Jonte agreed with Ms. Lattin that both are excellent candidates, however, the best person for the job should not be contingent on their gender. He granted that Ms. Lattin does an excellent job and District Manager, Ms. Upham, is better than any other in the state. Mr. Jonte asked that the Board vote carefully.

Mr. Spencer asked the candidates: "What do you think is the most important quality that a board member can have?" Mr. Stewart responded that the most important quality a board member could have would be open minded, knowledgeable, concerned and to try and make the best decision possible for the good of the Board. Ms. McGarrah responded that in addition to Mr. Stewarts great points, she would say dependability would be the most important. To be present and available as there may be times when a situation arises outside of 9 to 5. Mr. Spencer thanked them both.

Trustee, Tom Hutchings had no questions but added that both were highly qualified. Mr. Jonte made the motion, based on the information given to the Board by the candidate's letters of intent, to elect Barry Stewart as the next board member. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion. Ms. Lattin requested raised hands and counted three including Mr. Hutchings.

Ms. Lattin made the motion to nominate Cynthia McGarrah to fill the vacant seat on the board. Mr. Spencer seconded the motion. Mr. Hutchings voted "aye" and Ms. Lattin clarified his intent. Mr. Hutchings responded that Mr. Stewart was highly qualified but rounding out the board with a lady may be better. Ms. Lattin, Mr. Spencer, and Mr. Hutchings voted in favor; Mr. Jonte opposed. Ms. McGarrah was voted in 3-1.

Ms. McGarrah thanked the Board for their trust. Ms. Lattin thanked Mr. Stewart and requested him to try again in two years as he in a valuable asset to the community. Ms. Upham added that in her years of service there had never been such a competitive group of qualified candidates to fill one appointed position.

1. **District Manager’s Report and Operations Review:**

None

1. **Board Member’s Reports:**

None

1. **Any Request for Future Agenda Items:**

None

1. **Expenditures:**

None

1. **Public Comment:**

None

1. **Adjournment:**

Ms. Lattin adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.

SIGNATURE: Chairwoman or Vice Chairman

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