

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CHURCHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

155 N. Taylor St., Fallon, NV 89406

July 20, 2022

Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:15 PM on July 20, 2022.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Gregory Koenig
Commissioner Justin Heath
County Manager Jim R. Barbee
Comptroller Sherry Wideman
Deputy District Attorney Joseph Sanford
Deputy Clerk to the Board Pamela D. Moore
Deputy Clerk Renae Paholke
Commissioner H. Peter Olsen, Jr.
Clerk/Treasurer Linda Rothery

ABSENT:

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the board and public.

Public Comment:

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment. County Manager Jim Barbee introduced Jake DeDecker with Cooperative Extension. Mr. DeDecker said I look forward to learning more from the faculty and staff and partnering in the community. I have a background in agriculture. I was in 4-H and FFA as a kid. I grew up on a family farm in Illinois and my dad and brothers still farm there. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions. I look forward to serving the employees here.

Verification of the Posting of the Agenda:

It was verified by Pamela D. Moore, Deputy Clerk to the Board, that the Agenda for this meeting was posted on the 14th day of July, 2022, between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 PM at all of the locations listed on the Agenda, in accordance with NRS 241.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agenda as submitted or revised:

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agenda as submitted.
Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on:

A- June 15, 2022.

The Minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2022 are presented for the board's consideration

and approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on June 15, 2022 as presented. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Appointments:

A. A- Consideration and possible action re: Update of current activities, plans, or actions related to the Bureau of Land Management's Carson City District.

Jake Vialpando, Acting Field Manager of the Stillwater Field Office, will provide an update of current activities, plans, or actions related to the Bureau of Land Management's Carson City District.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

Shevawn Sapp, from the Stillwater Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, had a slide presentation as follows:



BLM-STILLWATER FIELD OFFICE

Shevawn Sapp said regarding the Dixie Meadows Geothermal Project, we are involved in litigation and are working through developing a Biological Assessment on the toad, then we will send that to the Fish and Wildlife Service so they can make a determination on whether or not it will put the toad in jeopardy. It will be a lengthy process.

The Geothermal Lease Sales will occur in August this year. There are a number of parcels for the Carson City District and I think for Churchill County the only one we have is up in the very northern piece of Dixie Valley. That one is around 1,200-1,800 acres, somewhere in there.

Regarding the Vegas to Reno race, Tonopah is the lead office on that this year but we definitely have a part in completing the determination of the NEPA adequacy. We are working with them. I don't have any timelines for when we anticipate getting that on the street. That race will be held at its normal time in late August.

We have had a slow start to our fire season. All of the fires in the Carson City District have all been human started. Churchill county has not had any fires as of yet.

We are having our Resource Advisory Council meeting that will start in Elko this year. This will be the first one we have had in over a year.

We are getting geared up for Halloween at Sand Mountain, which is our biggest weekend of the year for that.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none. This item was presented for informational purposes only and no action was taken.

B- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Interlocal Cooperative Agreements with funding in the amount of \$7,500 for the Lahontan Conservation District and \$5,000 for the Stillwater Conservation District, retroactively to July 1, 2022, with an update on activities.

Christy Sullivan, District Clerk, will provide an update on activities for the Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District. The county has a longstanding history of supporting the two districts, and because the county continues to provide annual support, the understanding of commitments between the two entities are outlined in Interlocal Cooperative Agreements. The current Interlocal Cooperative Agreements were approved with an effective date of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. The Interlocal Cooperative Agreements being presented today are proposed to be effective retroactive July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District are meeting on July 19, 2022 to consider approval, and following these meetings, the agreements will be brought over to the county for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners on July 20, 2022.

The Interlocal Cooperative Agreements between Stillwater Conservation District, Lahontan Conservation District, and the county outline the intent and responsibilities of the Districts and the county. The Chairperson for each District Board has also included a cover letter (attached) requesting funding support from the county for FY23, per the terms of the agreements. Lahontan

Conservation District requests \$7,500 and Stillwater Conservation District requests \$5,000. These requests are the same amount as FY22, and have been budgeted to continue in FY23.

FISCAL IMPACT: FY23: \$7,500: Lahontan Conservation District

FY23: \$5,000: Stillwater Conservation District

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: The funding levels for the two Conservation Districts has not changed in the last fiscal year. When the FY20 budget was being developed the same amount of funding was requested and approved within the Community Support Budget, therefore, funds are available should the Board approve this request.

FUNDING SOURCE: Community Support / Grant Lahontan Cons Dist: 100-401-70160

Community Support / Grant Stillwater Cons Dist: 100-401-70170

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Christy Sullivan had a slide presentation as follows:

Lahontan Conservation District

The mission of Lahontan Conservation District is to provide technical resource and educational services to people, groups, and agencies by identifying resource issues and creating programs to address THOSE issues.

There are five elected officials on the Lahontan Conservation Board; one appointed Churchill County Representative, one Contract Employee, and one Employee of the District.

CHAIRMAN NEIL OLSEN	SEC/TRE MORENA HESER	DEPUTY PHILIP MOORE
MEMBER ERNIE SCHANK	MEMBER ROBERT FAGUNDAS	COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUSTIN HEATH
EQUIPMENT MANAGER LARRY MILLER	DISTRICT CLERK CHRISTY SULLIVAN	



STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

CHAIRMAN BONNIE LAWRENCE	VICE CHAIR WES VIERA	SEC/TRE SHARON HARTER
MEMBER TEVOR DE BRAGA	MEMBER CORTNEY DAHL	COUNTY COMMISSIONER JUSTIN HEATH
DISTRICT CLERK CHRISTY SULLIVAN		

BILL WASHBURN



The Lahontan Conservation District Board members meet the second Tuesday of every month in the conference room at the Agriculture Service Center, 111 Sheckler Road Fallon, Nevada.

The Stillwater Conservation District Board members meet the second Thursday of every other month

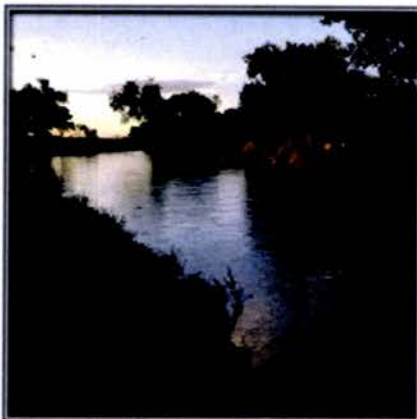
* The District works in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Fallon Field Office.

CHURCHILL COUNTY



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MOSQUITO & WEED
ABATEMENT DISTRICT

STATE OF NEVADA



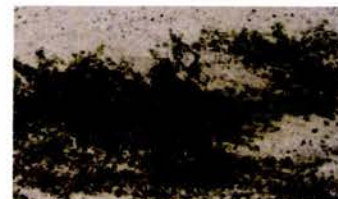
Carson Water Subconservancy District.

*Lahontan Conservation District received funding from CWSD Carson Water Subconservancy District. The program is for the Carson River, We work with TCID to clear brush and sediment from riverbank starting from Diversion Dam and continuing downstream to Bafford Lane. Remove sediment build up above Hwy 50 bridge, Hwy 95 bridge, and above and below Bafford bridge. Having a steady stream flow reduces erosion and helps reduce the change of the water system caused by obstructions in the river.

Weed Spray Class

The District's Noxious Weed program is to control the spread of Invasive/Noxious species and minimize the effect that these weeds have on the environment, the economy, and the agricultural community in Churchill County. The District continues to work with Churchill County Mosquito Weed Abatement to provide the community with an opportunity to take advantage of free chemical to spray their weeds.

The program is funded by the CWSD. The landowners are given 2, 4-D to spray their own properties. Landowners treat acres of white top, knapweed, puncture vine in the Lahontan Valley.





NACD National Association of Conservation District

The Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation District participated in the NACD poster contest. Posters are judged by the Board, with prizes awarded to local winners.

This year's theme was "Watersheds Our Water, Our Home". Kids in Kindergarten through 12th grade were encouraged to submit a poster depicting the theme.

CARSON RIVER WORKDAY!

*The Lahontan Conservation District, with River Wranglers, Churchill County FFA, and Oasis FFA held the Carson River WorkDay. The location of the event took place at Rambling River Ranch. Over 350 fifth grade students from Numa Elementary, 50 High school student from Churchill County High School and 50 Oasis Academy students spent the day learning about the Lahontan Valley, the Water Cycle, the Carson River Watershed, and the importance of Soil.



RANGE CAMP

Both the Lahontan and Stillwater Conservation District sponsored 2 youths to attend the Nevada Youth Range Camp. Nevada Youth Range Camp gives teenagers the best opportunity to learn about Nevada desert, mountain rangelands and diverse ecosystems. Nevada Youth Range Camp focuses on relationships between people and rangeland. Campers learn about plants, wildlife, water, and soil in order to make good decisions about rangeland management and use. They learn skills and explore careers in rangeland and related resource management. Camp was held on Fathers Day weekend.

TREE SALE

*The Conservation District conducts an annual tree sale where bare root plants are sold and range in size depending on the species selected. The trees and shrubs are selected based on the Lahontan Valley's soils and the plants are drought tolerate. The trees purchased must be used for windbreak, soil erosion control, riparian restoration, or wildlife habitat improvement. Prices range from \$3.00 - \$4.50.



SCHOLARSHIP

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts Scholarship applications are distributed to the Churchill County High School and the Western Nevada College.

RAMBLING RIVER

Lahontan Conservation District monitors the Rambling River Ranches Conservation Easements by taking pictures and documenting all the necessary paper work. The District monitors the easements to make sure the easement is in compliance with the terms of the agreement.



BENCH BOTTOM

The Lahontan Conservation District assists NRCS with the Bench/Bottom Program to help water right owners get their bench allocation reinstated on their property. You can find more information about Bench/Bottom program on the website.



SNAPSHOT DAY

Snapshot Day is a one-day, volunteer based event designed to collect watershed information during one moment in time. Volunteer leaders are trained, and these leaders accompany teams of volunteers to various pre determined sites to collect information relative to the health of our watersheds.

The purpose of this effort is two-fold:

- TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND STEWARDSHIP, AND
- TO COLLECT VALUABLE WATER QUALITY INFORMATION



Vice-Chairman Koenig said is the Stillwater Conservation District almost the exact same thing, just in a different location? Do you have a presentation on the Stillwater Conservation District? Christy Sullivan said I did Stillwater. Some of the things that were in there were for Stillwater. Sometimes they don't get funding through CWSD, so they really don't do so many programs. They only have the website that they help with. They don't do the weed program. They have a separate weed program. They help with the poster contest and the slide show also. They are just a little bit different group of people out there.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperative

Agreements effective July 1, 2022 with the Lahontan Conservation District and the Stillwater Conservation District and approve funding in the amount of \$7,500 for the Lahontan and \$5,000 for the Stillwater Conservation Districts. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

C- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of Agreements with Spencer Kelsey, LCSW, and Jessica Homer, LCSW, and the Churchill County Juvenile Probation Office for services provided at the office for juveniles at a cost of \$100 session, individual therapy/no shows \$50, group therapy \$25 per client, and mental health assessments at \$300, retroactive to July 1, 2022.

Motulalo Otuafi, Chief of the Juvenile Probation Office (JPO), is requesting that Agreement with Spencer Kelsey be renewed and that a new Agreement be approved with Jessica Homer for the provision of counseling services at JPO. Mr. Kelsey's Agreement includes an increase in terms of payment and both are asked to be approved retroactively to July 1, 2022. The costs associated for these services are \$100 per session, individual therapy/no shows \$50, group therapy \$25 per client, and mental health assessments at \$300. Staff requests approval of both agreements.

FISCAL IMPACT: Estimated average costs are \$3,000 from Detention Contracted Services and \$8,000 from JPO Contracted Services.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As counseling services are utilized, they will be billed accordingly.

FUNDING SOURCE: 100-247-52400 Detention Contracted Services and 100-244-52400 JPO Contracted Services.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Motulalo Otuafi, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, made this presentation as outlined above. Vice-Chairman Koenig said how much was our total last year? Motulalo Otuafi said we are budgeted for Contracted Services, which is for \$58,000, and we were \$800 below that after it was all said and done. I believe that was because we were able to work with some people that were working with us on the rates. Vice-Chairman Koenig said the goal would be to have Jessica Homer doing most of that fact-to-face? Motulalo Otuafi said that is the goal. Mr. Kelsey would do Zoom as needed. If there is ever a time that she goes on vacation or if she is sick, then we would call him. Our primary will be Jessica Homer.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Agreements with Spencer Kelsey, LCSW, and Jessica Homer, LCSW, for the provision of counseling services at JPO as outlined, retroactive to July 1, 2022. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

D- Consideration and possible action re: Application for funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the 2022 Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair.

A copy of the Application for funding submitted by the Fallon Festival Association, Inc. is attached. The Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair is being held August 26 - 28, 2022, and is an annual recurring event. The festival has been a part of Churchill County for the past 37 years and is a tradition for many. The event helps promote tourism as well as providing for a fun, family-

friendly environment that promotes the Fallon area by celebrating our agricultural past and present, showcasing local talent, and supporting Nevada businesses.

This application has been reviewed for completion of required materials and the criteria appropriate to warrant county funding (such as: non-profit status, funding sources, community benefit, etc.) The application submitted by the Fallon Festival Association Inc. indicates a required amount of \$10,000 in support funding from the county, which is the same funding level the county has provided in the past.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$10,000

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: As the county has a longstanding history of supporting this event, our FY23 budget included support for the Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair in the amount of \$10,000, so there are adequate resources budgeted to continue supporting this event.

FUNDING SOURCE: Community Support Funding/Fair Committee Expenses (100-401-55710)

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Zip Upham, with the Cantaloupe Festival and Country Fair, made the presentation as outlined in the Agenda Report. He said, originally, we had hoped to do most all of it inside the Rafter 3C event center but that is not going to happen. Most of it will be at the fairgrounds and we will have 2 concerts and the Cutest Cowboy and Cowgirl contests inside the Rafter 3C. Given the way the public events have been going this year, we are expecting our attendance to be bigger than it has been in the past. A couple of concerns we have this year are challenges we will have with the Rafter 3C. The primary concern is security. We are working with the Sheriff's Office to provide some assistance for security for the festival at large. It bleeds over into the concerts. We are looking at hiring outside security at the concerts so that things don't get out of hand. The other challenge is going to be cleaning up the facility so it is returned clean. We have the added problem of back-to-back concerts. There is one on Friday night and one on Saturday night. We will need to clean up the venue between those two events and then clean it up again after the Saturday event because we have the Cutest Cowboy/Cowgirl Contest inside. We are looking at what it is going to take and how we are going to go about either with volunteer effort or hiring out a custodial outfit to clean it up. I am now realizing that it is going to be quite the undertaking of this structure.

County Manager Jim Barbee said I have had conversations with the Sheriff and I just want to reinforce, and I know that you have already talked to Jorge about some of these concerns, but I just want to reinforce that the Sheriff's Department is not security. If they are there, things didn't go well. It is for an emergency response, just to reinforce, because it has been a learning curve for us on this side of things after the events and the number of folks that we have gotten there and then the condition that, inevitability, it is in, is a big lift, so I would encourage you, it is probably something beyond volunteers to be able to, at least between those two concerts and following each one of those because people have a good time in there and that is what we want but, it comes at a price. Zip Upham said we are going to have the Elks who does our beer and wine sales and Troy's Doubleshot Bar, who does the cantaloupe daquiris, are going to have a presence in the event center for the concerts but we are not doing food. We hope that we will have a little bit less trash generation and mess to clean up but, I suspect, it is not going to be much less, but it will be a big lift. I am thinking my retirement job should be custodial for the

Rafter 3C event center.

In discussions with the Sheriff, I understand they are not for security but are available for a response and they want to have a presence just in the evening but they are not going to be our concert security. We need to figure it out exactly. One of the challenges for that building is how many entrances and exits there are. When you put a couple thousand people inside, how do you maintain crowd control and people not just flowing into the building the way you don't want them to. We are working through those details. We are looking forward to having a great event and the rest of the festival including the carnival and a lot of the educational aspects of the event are going on as normal and we hope to have a wonderful festival this year.

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve funding for the Fallon Cantaloupe Festival & Country Fair in the amount of \$10,000 for Fiscal Year 2023. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Letters Received:

A- Annual Report of the Department of Indigent Defense Services, Framework for Success, July 1, 2022.

The Nevada Department of Indigent Defense Services provides a copy of Annual Report of the Department of Indigent Defense Services for 2021. With this report, the department sought not only to compile the necessary data and information but to provide a snapshot of the present and to share their vision for the future. The vision includes building strength in numbers and creating sustainability for the long haul.

The department has spent over two years setting the framework across the state for a stronger and more sustainable system of indigent defense. They have now begun building that framework and are committed to continuing to provide the leadership necessary to see the work completed.

The report also compiles uniform workload data from indigent defense providers in 15 counties, including caseload numbers, types of cases, and dispositions. This is the department's first annual report in which this data has been available and it represents the first time such uniform data has been gathered and made available to the public. This new data does more than just comply with the reporting requirements of *Davis*, it gives us new information. The department will use this information to develop a better support network and provide improved access to resources for all Nevada communities.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

B- Nevada Division of Environmental Protection's notification of its Proposed Nevada Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Public Comment Period.

Pursuant to the public hearing requirements in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 section 102, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is issuing the

following notice and is taking comments on the proposed Nevada Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Planning Period (SIP), along with the proposed Withdrawal and Replacement of Elements of the 2012 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and 2015 Ozone NAAQS Infrastructure SIPs.

On January 10, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) finalized changes to the Regional Haze Rule, which requires each state to submit periodic state implementation plan revisions addressing regional haze visibility impairment. The SIP is submitted to address certain requirements of 40 CFR part 51 section 308 and demonstrates that the State of Nevada has met the requirements of the regional haze program for the second planning period. The NDEP will submit the final version of the proposed SIP to USEPA by August 15, 2022, requesting approval.

In addition, the NDEP is withdrawing certain elements of the 2012 PM2.5 and 2015 Ozone Infrastructure SIPs addressing CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) for interstate visibility transport, and submitting in their place updated elements, as indicated in Appendix I of the proposed Nevada Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Planning Period. The NDEP is requesting the USEPA approve the withdrawal and replacement of these elements.

The NDEP's Regional Haze SIP for the Second Planning Period and related materials are available on the NDEP website at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts>. Access to the draft document may also be obtained by contacting Andrew Tucker at NDEP, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9499; or e-mail atucker@ndep.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Regional Haze SIP submittal or to request a hearing should submit their comments or request in writing either by mail or email to Andrew Tucker at the above address. A request for a hearing must be received by July 25, 2022. Written comments will be received by the NDEP until 5:00PM PST, July 25, 2022, and will be retained and considered.

Upon receipt of a valid written request, the NDEP will hold a public hearing in Carson City on July 28, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Humboldt Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 901 S. Stewart Street, Carson City, NV.

Virtual Meeting Information via Microsoft Teams

- Join on your computer or mobile app.
- Call In (audio only): +1 (775) 321-6111, Conference ID: 432 059 251#
- If receiving this document as a hard copy, you can access the meeting information at <https://ndep.nv.gov/posts> and search for the Regional Haze Public Notice. An agenda will be posted on the NDEP web site at least 3 working days before the hearing. Oral comments will be received at the hearing. If planning on joining in person, please note that you must wait for an escort before proceeding to the hearing room. If no request for a public hearing is received by July 25, 2022, the hearing will be cancelled. Persons may check the status of the hearing on the NDEP web site or you may call the NDEP Bureau of Air Quality Planning at 775-687-9349.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

C- Bureau of Land Management's notification of its Final Decision Drought Response Actions for the Diamond Springs Allotment.

This Final Decision is a result of an ongoing cooperative effort with Dan & Steven Venturacci to alleviate livestock impacts on native habitat and riparian areas during the current ongoing drought. Under the BLM grazing regulations, this Final Decision will become effective upon issuance in accordance with 43 CFR §4110.3-3(b). This Grazing Decision temporarily modifies the current terms and conditions for Dan & Steven Venturacci's Permit #2703237. In addition to modifying the terms and conditions, the permittee has voluntarily agreed to apply for 29% non-use for the duration of the decision, which equates to 1,079 Animal Unit Months (AUMs) of non-use. The permittee may take a larger amount of non-use and will discuss actual permitted use with the BLM on an annual basis. A Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) has been completed, which tiers to the Battle Mountain Drought Management Environmental Assessment (EA #DOI-BLM-NV-B0000-2012-0005-EA).

The Diamond Springs Allotment is located at the northern end of the Diamond Mountain Range and encompasses the foothills west of the Diamond Range and nearly half of Diamond Valley. The allotment is in Eureka County, Nevada and is approximately 25 miles north of Eureka, NV. There are 72,271 acres administered by the BLM in the Diamond Springs Allotment. Dan & Steven Venturacci are the only permitted grazing operators on this allotment.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 100% of the State of Nevada is experiencing severe drought or worse (See map below). Also, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Eureka County experienced extreme and exceptional drought conditions throughout most of the summer last year.

To provide immediate protection for riparian areas, upland plant communities, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources that experienced extreme drought conditions in the 2021 grazing year and for the potential for similar conditions to persist into 2022, temporary changes to the grazing permit terms and conditions are necessary. The MLFO proposes to temporarily modify the proposed season of use. This temporary drought decision will remain in effect for the 2022 and 2023 grazing years. If drought conditions do not persist into 2023 and the Permittee and BLM both agree to return to the FMUD rotation the authorized officer may authorize grazing in accordance with the 1994 FMUD.

The appeal and any petition for stay must be filed at the office of the authorized officer, Jon D. Sherve, Field Manager, Mount Lewis Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Within 15 days of filing the appeal and any petition for stay, the appellant also must serve a copy of the appeal and any petition for stay on any person named in the decision and listed at the end of the decision, and on the Office of the Solicitor, Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-1712, Sacramento, California 95825-1890.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 4.471(c), an appellant may petition for a stay of the final decision pending appeal by filing a petition for stay along with the appeal within 30 days after receiving the final

decision.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

D- Vernon A. Takata's Letter to the *Reno Gazette Journal* regarding Senator Catherine Cortez Masto.

A letter addressed to Senator Cortez Masto and sent to the *Reno Gazette Journal* was provided for the board's information. The letter states:

Dear Rural Republican for Cortez Masto:

I can see your benefit by Sen. Masto 's actions on your behalf. However, the harm that Masto's political party is doing to the greater population is far worse.

Look at the southern borders and the Federal Government passing of the responsibilities on to the states (if not individuals). "Build Back Better" stimulus which probably added to our inflation problem (and may not have been necessary). The administration's fumble of exiting Afghanistan -leaving billions of dollars of military equipment to the enemy (not to mention the unnecessary loss of lives). And appointing a man to Secretary of Transportation "who takes paternal leave in the middle of a world pandemic" (only aggravating the supply side of the inflation equation). A Vice-President who funds the release of peaceful protestors who burn down and destroy private and public property. Catherine Cortez Masto stands with these people. We do not hear from her any questions regarding these people's abilities to govern, their competence, integrity or purpose.

You can take your personal gains from Sen. Masto, but the real issue is, "is there enough in there for the rest of us"? The flaw that I see with Democrats is a lack of personal character and virtue. Do not mistake accomplishments, decorum or a relationship between benefactors and beneficiaries for virtue (and I mean: yours, mine or Masto's).

The record is plain and clear. Democrats have not delivered to most of the rest of us. They demonstrate incompetence. To think that an opposite party or any individual in that party cannot deliver a better result is fantasy. It is Democrats who drew the line in the sand that divides us.

Respectfully,

Vernon A. Takata
Reno, NV

CC: Dan Mason Show, US Rep. Mark Amodei, Churchill County Commission, Adam Laxalt for US Senate, Sam Brown

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

E- NACo's Executive Summary Overview of the Final Rule for ARPA Fiscal Recovery Funds for Counties.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), enacted in March 2021, provided a historic investment in our nation's counties to help address and respond to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and support long-term economic recovery. The State and Local Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund, part of the ARPA, allocates \$65.1 billion directly to every county, parish and borough across the nation. The National Association of Counties (NACo) was instrumental in ensuring this critical funding was enacted into law to support your residents' and communities' public health and wellbeing, and spur economic recovery.

These funds provide direct, flexible aid for every county, parish and borough in America and are a key component of our local recovery efforts. As directed by the ARPA and U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury), counties can invest Recovery Funds in a broad range of programs, services and projects under four broad categories: replace public sector lost revenue; respond to public health and negative economic impacts; provide premium pay for essential workers; and invest in broadband, sewer and water infrastructure.

On January 6, 2022, the Treasury released the Final Rule to guide the implementation of these funds. Since the Recovery Fund was established, NACo has worked closely with the Treasury to ensure that county recommendations and priorities were included in the Final Rule, which included additional flexibility for counties to invest in broadband and services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, such as capital investments in public facilities, and investments in housing and neighborhoods.

Thank you for your leadership in making America's counties stronger. For more information about NACo and how your county can become involved, visit www.naco.org/join.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

F- Bureau of Land Management's notification of the annual Vegas to Reno Off-Highway Vehicle Race to be conducted August 12 - 13, 2022.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides notification of the annual Vegas to Reno Off-Highway Vehicle Race to be conducted August 12 - 13, 2022. The race will start near the town of Beatty and end near the town of Dayton. The race course will cross through or run near allotments, rights-of-way, claims, county roads, or other interests on public lands within Churchill County.

This event is in compliance with the BLM's mission to provide multiple uses of public lands under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act and, considering permit stipulations, will cause little or no inconvenience to you or your staff. The State of Nevada, Esmeralda, Mineral, Churchill, Nye and Lyon counties support this event to bring tourism and economic stimulus to rural areas.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley King, Outdoor Recreation Planner, at 775-482-7833. Thank you for your cooperation.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

G- Churchill County School District's Augmented Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022.

The Churchill County School District provides a copy of its Augmented Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 for public information.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: None; Informational Only

New Business:

1:55 PM A- Consideration and possible action re: Approval of the Churchill County Debt Management Policy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

The purpose of the Churchill County Debt Management Policy is to manage the issuance of Churchill County's debt obligations and to maintain the county's ability to incur debt, maintain good credit ratings and other long-term obligations at favorable interest rates for capital improvements, facilities, and equipment beneficial to the county and necessary for essential services.

It should be recognized that there are no predetermined debt level/credit rating formulas available from the rating agencies. Many factors are involved. To arrive at a credit rating judgment regarding an issuer's credit worthiness, the rating agencies analyzed the issuer in four interrelated areas: economic base, debt burden, administrative management, and fiscal management.

FISCAL IMPACT: The County revenue bond debt went from \$22,991,129 to \$22,303,862 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, with a capital lease balance of \$9,142. CC Communication's revenue bond debt went from \$6,000,000 to \$14,658,000 and with the customer service center capital lease balance of \$493,778 as of June 30, 2022.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Comptroller Wideman had the following PowerPoint presentation:

Churchill County's Debt Management Policy

Presented to the
Board of County Commissioners

July 20, 2022
Sherry Wideman, CPA
Comptroller

Policy Statement

- The purpose of the debt management policy is to manage the issuance of the County's debt obligations and maintain the County's ability to incur debt and other long-term obligations at favorable interest rates for capital improvements, facilities, and equipment beneficial to the County and necessary for essential services.

Key Elements in Policy

- Protection of Bond Ratings
Finite capacity to issue debt at a given credit level
4 Areas of interest: Economic Base, Debt Burden, Administrative Management & Fiscal Management
- Current Debt Positions
- Debt Service Requirements Principal & Interest
- Future Capital Projects

Current Outstanding Debt

General County Debt

Jail Construction Loan - USDA 2.75%

Revenue Bond Series 2017A \$ 7,921,851

Revenue Bond Series 2017B \$ 5,674,011

Civic Center Construction Loan 2.35%

Revenue Bond Civic Center \$ 8,708,000

\$22,303,862

CC Communications

Revenue Bond 2.185% \$ 5,658,000

Revenue Bond 3.390% \$ 9,000,000

\$14,658,000

Total Outstanding Debt **\$36,961,862**

Debt Payments FY 2022 & 2023

County Annual payments:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$687,267	\$589,676	\$1,276,943
2023	\$705,360	\$575,082	\$1,280,442

CC Communications Annual payments:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2022	\$342,000	\$118,354	\$ 460,354
2023	\$636,000	\$382,962	\$ 1,018,962

Total 2023 \$1,341,360 \$958,044 \$2,299,404

Debt Collateral Summary

General County Debt:

Jail and Civic Center Financing

Secured by:

Maturity date: December 29, 2049 and April 1, 2041 totaling \$22,303,862
Balance in Debt Service fund \$2.97 million as of 6/30/2022

.25% Sales Tax Infrastructure
15% Federal PILT
15% Geothermal Rents

CC Communications Debt:

Total \$14,658,000

Supported by user fees

Possible Future Projects

- District Court Expansion
- County Wastewater System Improvements
- Economic Development of Industrial/Commercial
- Library and Museum Expansion
- Parks & Recreation Capital Projects
- Road Equipment and Road Projects
- Land, TDR and Water Right Acquisitions

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve Churchill County's Debt Management Policy for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 and to provide copies to the Department of Taxation and the local Debt Management Commission as required by statutes. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consent Items:

A- Consideration and possible action re: Report of the condition of each fund in the treasury and the statements of receipts and expenditures pursuant to NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

A Fund Balance Report is attached indicating the beginning balance, receipts, disbursements, and the ending balance of each fund for Churchill County as required by NRS 251.030 and NRS 354.290.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

B- Consideration and possible action re: Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department's Revenue Report for June 2022 showing a total of \$42,383.75 in revenue for the month.

The Public Works, Planning & Zoning Department submits its Revenue Report for the month of June 2022, showing a total of \$42,383.75 in revenue. This report is provided for the

Commissioners' review and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$42,383.75 in revenue for the month.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees to off-set services provided by the department.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

C- Consideration and possible action re: Building Department's Revenue Report for June 2022 totaling \$28,474.55

The Building Department provides its Revenue Report for June 2022 for the board's consideration and acceptance. A total of \$28,474.55 was received for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$28,474.55

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees are collected to help offset the services provided.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

D- Consideration and possible action re: Building Permit Activity Report for June 2022.

Provided for the board's review is the report showing 38 permits issued in the month of June 2022. Included in the 38 permits is 1 single-family-dwelling, 6 commercial permit, 1 industrial permit, 4 manufactured home permits and 7 septic permits.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

E- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for June 2022 totaling \$16,744.75 in revenue for the month.

Churchill County Recorder, Tasha Hessey, provides her Recorder's Monthly Apportionment Report for June 2022 totaling \$16,744.75 in revenue for the month.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$16,744.75 in revenue.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees help to off-set services provided.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

F- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's 4th Quarter Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) Report for April - June 2022.

Recorder Tasha Hessey provides her 4th Quarter Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) Report for April - June 2022. Further details can be found by reviewing the report.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

G- Consideration and possible action re: Recorder's 4th Quarter Report for Mining Claim Filing Fees for the period April - June 2022.

Recorder Tasha Hessey provides her 4th Quarter Mining Claim Filing Fees Report for the period

of April - June 2022 required by NRS 517.185. Details can be obtained from reviewing the report.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

H- Consideration and possible action re: Sheriff's Civil Report for June 2022 showing a total of \$25,133 in revenue for the month.

Sheriff Richard Hickox provides his Civil Report for the month of June 2022, showing a total of \$25,133 collected as revenue for the month. This report is provided for the board's consideration and acceptance.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$25,133.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT: Fees collected help to off-set the costs for providing the services.

FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund.

ACTION REQUESTED: Accept

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Commissioner Justin Heath made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Gregory Koenig seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Consider Future Agenda Items:

There were no future Agenda items suggested.

Commissioner and Management Staff Reports:

Chairman Olsen was not present.

Commissioner Koenig reported on the following topics:

- I had a Museum Board meeting. They hired a new director to start in August.

Commissioner Heath reported on the following topics:

- I had a Lahontan Conservation District meeting.

County Manager Barbee reported on the following topics:

- I went to a family event in Oregon.
- We are very excited for the new Museum Director to start. He has a diverse background in running museums. Fox news highlighted where he is currently working in Wyoming and the collection of the largest privately owned military equipment. He has a pretty interesting background.

- We are just working on business development and home development stuff.

Sheriff Hickox was not present.

Comptroller Wideman reported on the following topics:

- We are still working on closing the Fiscal Year.
- We are starting our audit of PERS.

Clerk/Treasurer Rothery was not present.

Pam Moore reported on the following topics:

- Things are so busy in our office. Everybody is working hard. The FY 22-23 tax bills have hit mailboxes. Approximately 14,000 secured and unsecured tax bills were mailed out. We just continue to collect money and work on all the things that we are doing.

Civil Deputy DA Sanford reported on the following topics:

- I have been fortunate enough to get another person in the Civil Office. Jeff Weed has been working in the criminal office for the last 6 years and will help the county with any issues. He has a lot of experience having been with us for a while and is a Fallon native.

Claims and Payroll Transmittals:

The Claims and Payroll Transmittals were submitted for the board's consideration and approval.

Public Comment:

Vice-Chairman Koenig asked if there was any public comment but there was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Approved:


H. Peter Olsen, Jr., Chairman

Approved:


Greg Koenig, Vice-Chairman

Approved:


Justin Heath, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Rothery, Clerk/Treasurer



Renae Paholke, Deputy Clerk