



Vya Conservation District
Agenda for Mass Meeting for Supervisor Election and Regular Board Meeting
November 2, 2022; 1:00 p.m

Video Access:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84116151207?pwd=ZTBONXZNU25EWUNyZzIMN2IWS3RYUT09>

Call in Number: +1 669 900 6833 US
Meeting ID: 841 1615 1207 Passcode: 266701

Rockin' TD Ranch; 102645 SR 34, Long Valley (Vya), NV 89412

****Notice: Members of the public who wish to vote in the supervisor election MUST attend the meeting in person at the address above. NO votes may be collected via video or conference call.**

CALL TO ORDER AT:

ROLL CALL: Jerry Gillogley Pati Smith	Diane Hagelthorn Stobiecki Steve Smith	Martishia Romesha Tony Stobiecki
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QUORUM:

OTHERS PRESENT: Loraine Colbert, PaperWork Partners

OPENING REMARKS BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

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Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically disabled persons to participate in the meeting. Please contact the district at vyaconservationdistrict@vyacd.org in advance so that arrangements may be made.

RECESS FOR ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS VIA MASS MEETING: Tony Stobiecki

Washoe County Election Designee: Loraine Colbert

Election to be held by secret ballot.

Supervisors up for Election: Tony Stobiecki, Jerry Gillogley, Pati Smith

Nominations:

Votes counted by:

Election Results:

RESUMED MEETING AT:



FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

1. Discussion and Possible Approval of Election Results: Tony Stobiecki

The board votes to accept the election results. Newly elected supervisors are:

Terms will begin on January 2, 2023 and expire on December 31, 2026

NOT FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- A. NRCS Report—Bryon Hadwick or representative
- B. BLM Report: Kevin Kunkel
 - a.
- C. DCNR Report: Melany Aten
- D. Update on funds received from NDOW: Tony Stobiecki
 - a. Notice on 10/7/22 from the State of [NV Office of the Controller](#) that funds had been direct deposited to our account in the amount of \$50,143.00 for payment of work done at Rockin' TD for the Wet Meadow Enhancement Project.
- E. Update on payment to Kevin Swift for Rockin TD Wet Meadow Enhancement Project:
 - a. Kevin Swift was paid Oct. 12 via check. He picked it up at NRCS in Alturas.
 - b. The check we received was for \$50,143. Kevin's charges were \$43,603. The CD received \$6,540 in admin. fees.
- F. Update on Lawson Aerator Project: Tony
 - a. The Interlocal Agreement with NDOW has been approved and Tony has signed the Task Order.
 - b. Email comments from Tori: "...NDOW has already identified a tractor operator, and I am coordinating with him already. I am hoping to keep things pretty simple for the conservation district; basically you will just have to receive his invoice and then bill NDOW in turn.....The tractor work should be taking place before Thanksgiving, but we don't have an exact date yet. You all are welcome to come out during the tractor days, so you can see the Lawson in action."

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION, Cont.,

- 2. Discussion and Possible Approval of Minutes of [September 14, 2022](#) meeting—Tony
 - a.
- 3. Discussion and Possible Approval of Treasurer's Report—Pati
 - a. Account balances:
 - i. Checking:
 - ii. Savings:
 - iii. Scholarship sub-account:
 - iv. Total:
 - b. Timecard hours for Sept. 14, 2022 through Nov. 1, 2022:
- 4. Discussion and Possible Approval of items related to use of VCD weed abatement funds being used outside of Washoe County: Tony Stobiecki
- 5. Discussion and Possible Approval of items related to Dugway Cattle Guard: Tony Stobiecki
- 6. Discussion and Possible Approval of items related to NDA Noxious Weeds Grant Submission: Melany Aten
 - Melany submitted the grant proposal ([Vya Conservation District EDRR Rural Highway Treatment Proposal](#)) on Oct. 21, 2022
- 7. Discussion and Possible Approval of items related to FWS Murphy Springs Ranch Fence Project: Tony



- a. Cheryl Mandich email comments: The Murphy Springs Fence Project is on hold. During a conversation with the landowners last Friday, the discussion included some planned activities that I wasn't aware of when the agreement was created. We're planning on another site visit to discuss the fencing project. It will be mid- to late November before this visit will occur. I did suggest that they might want to include a conservation district board member as the funding is coming through the VCD.
- 8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Hunting Economics Virtual Report opportunity: Tony**
 - a. Bobby Jones with NDOW: BJ presented to Lander Co. CD on a hunting economics report he partnered with UNR Cooperative Extension that outlines how hunting impacts rural economies on a county-by-county basis. He also presented on survey results from a statewide survey NDOW distributed geared towards helping us better understand public values as it relates to time spent outdoors, and personal health.
 - b. Comments from Bobby Jones via email: I would be happy to present to the Vya Conservation District...For now what I can do is send you some of the links to the report information in case anyone on your board wants to take a look over them beforehand.
Hunting Economics Report(s) Information. The first link is a link to the website where you can find the hunting economics reports, and a link to a podcast discussing the research project. The reports listed below have similar names but are both quite different.
 - UNR Cooperative Extension – Nevada Economic Assessment Project – [Website](#)
 - Hunter Expenditure in Nevada Report: <https://naes.agnt.unr.edu/PMS/Pubs/2022-4395.pdf>
 - Hunting-Related Economic Activity in Nevada Report <https://naes.agnt.unr.edu/PMS/Pubs/2022-4533.pdf>
- 9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Spring Protection/Development project through FWS: Tony**
 - a. Cheryl Mandich email comments: The project for consideration is detailed below. It will depend on how much funding remains after the budget has been created for the two projects the VCD has already approved.
 - b. The ranch falls within the boundaries of the Vya Conservation District. Spring boxes will be constructed at two springs which will be protected by the use of enclosure fencing. Two water troughs will be added along with a water storage tank. The overflow on both spring boxes will be used to fill the water troughs. Floats will be placed on the troughs so when they hit overflow, the water will be directed to a pipe which will transport the water down towards additional watering sources. This will enhance the water quantity and quality that is available to livestock and wildlife. The additional water locations will also assist in distributing livestock grazing.
- 10. Discussion and Possible Approval brochure draft/updates: Diane Hagelthorn-Stobiecki**

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME:

LOCATION:

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: Election of officers;

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ADJOURNMENT: