

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Special Meeting

August 10, 2017, 8:30 a.m.

ADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance: Douglas County Commissioner Thaler, Lyon County Commissioner Alt, Storey County Commissioner McGuffey and NACO Staff (Jeff Fontaine, Dagny Stapleton, Amanda Evans and Tori Sundheim)

Remote Attendance: President Elect Weekly, Vice President Waits, Past President Wichman, Mineral County Commissioner Tipton, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, Churchill County Commissioner Olsen, Eureka County Commissioner Goicoechea, Humboldt County Commissioner French, Nancy Parent, Nevada Association of Clerks and Election Officials and Bob Roshak, Nevada Sheriffs Association.

Other Attendees: Pam Webster, Nye County Manager

The meeting was called to order at 8:30A by President-elect Weekly.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Past President Wichman with second by Commissioner Tipton
3. **Discussion and Possible Approval of the Recruitment and/or Hiring Process to Replace the Outgoing Executive Director of NACO.** Jeff reminded the Board that on August 2nd he had notified the Board that he had accepted the position of Executive Director of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority and therefore would be stepping down as the Executive Director of NACO. He told the Board that it had been an honor to serve the Association for the past ten years and thanked the Executive Committee and the Board members that he had previously spoken to regarding the situation for their support. He informed the Board that he is planning his departure sometime between the 30th of September and the end of October to ensure that there is time for the transition and that he has the time to complete some things for the Association and noted that the CNRWA has given him flexibility to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible and that he will be available as needed beyond his official exit date. Jeff then referenced the By-Laws as they outline the Boards appointment of the Executive Director and the qualifications and responsibilities of the position and reminded the Board that there are two regularly scheduled Board meetings prior to his target timeframe for departure. President Elect Weekly opened the floor for discussion on the process for Jeff's replacement, Vice President Waits said she was open to the Board's pleasure, however if the decision is made to advertise the position that it should happen as soon as possible. President Elect Weekly recommended Dagny for the position and noted her relationships with not only the Board members but those relationships she holds with people, departments and partners throughout the state. Past President Wichman inquired as to whether the President Elect would like to make that a motion to which she would provide second. Vice President Waits and Commissioner Tipton inquired as to whether Dagny would like the position. Dagny addressed the Board and stated that she is interested and would be honored to be considered for the position. She said that she had spoken with Jeff at length and feels she is up for the challenge and believes in and is passionate about the Association. Commissioner McGuffey commented that while he hates to see Jeff leave, during the last Legislative Session he was very impressed with Dagny's performance and she was the first person that came to mind when he thought about the need to fill the position. Commissioner Alt echoed Commissioner McGuffey's sentiments but inquired if there was a legal need to go through an advertising period. Jeff

clarified that they By-Laws are clear in their direction to the Board and its flexibility. He also noted that if the Board decides to offer the position to Dagny, it should be put on the agenda for the August 25th meeting to allow for time to complete contracts. President Elect Weekly noted that he would be much more comfortable with placing the final decision up to a vote at the next Board meeting when President Phillips would be present. Jeff informed the Board that he spoke with President Phillips the previous day and that while he was hesitant to speak for the President, Dagny's possible appointment was a part of that discussion but it is well within the Board's authority to direct staff to work with the Executive Committee on a contract for a vote on August 25th. Past President Wichman moved to direct staff to work with the Executive Committee on a contract with Dagny and to place the contract and salary on the agenda for August 25th as an action item, Commissioner Herman seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

4. **Discussion and Possible Approval for NACO to Provide Supplemental Travel Funds to Humboldt County Commissioner Jim French to Participate in the National Association of Counties Annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PIILT) Fly-In from September 6-8, 2017 in Washington D.C.** Jeff informed the Board that this is an annual event to educate Members of Congress about PILT and to lobby for funding for the program. He noted that at the NACO Annual Conference the previous month that each state was requested to submit names to NACO for participation in the event and that while all Commissioners are welcome to attend the event, Commissioner French had been selected to be an official NACO representative for the event. Jeff noted that NACO would cover a portion of the travel costs for Commissioner French. He further noted that the travel policy allows for offsetting of the remaining costs and that there are sufficient travel funds available in the budget if the Board so desires. President Elect Weekly stated that he appreciates Commissioner French's leadership and participation and that he would support covering the remaining funds. Commissioner Tipton moved to cover the remaining expenses and Past President Wichman seconded the motion. The motion passed with abstention by Commissioner French.
5. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Past President Wichman informed the board that the BLM has permitted a solar plant near Tonopah. Commissioner McGuffey shared that Storey County had participated in a workshop with GOED and that they are in the process of using the effluent water from the Truckee Meadows Regional Water Authority as cooling water for servers at the industrial park. Commissioner Thaler informed the Board that Douglas County will be hosting an Aviation Round Up at which the Thunderbirds will be present on October 7th and 8th and that if any of the members are interested in attending to contact him. Commissioner Goicoechea informed the Board that he had requested staff to distribute the report that DOI staff had submitted to Secretary Zinke about the review of the Sage Grouse Plan Amendment the previous day. He let the Board know that the Sagebrush Eco-System Council will be providing comment on the report and he requested that the Board review the document and give him any feedback within the next three weeks and that he would take those comments and concerns to the Council at their next meeting.

President Elect Weekly requested an update on the Annual Conference and Jeff noted that when the conference is held in September early registration is typically slow. Amanda concurred with Jeff's assessment and encouraged the Board to remind their colleagues and staff to register before the end of Early Bird registration on the 18th. Jeff also noted the posting of the draft agenda and the completion of the sessions and that the speakers scheduled are impressive. Commissioner French also informed the Board that he had contacted Secretary Zinke and invited him to attend the conference and that the Secretary was interested in attending. Commissioner French stated that he had submitted all necessary documents to his office for the Secretary to attend and that he had informed the Commissioner that if he is not able to attend he would send someone from his office in his stead.

6. **Public Comment.** None was given.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11A on a motion by Commissioner Thaler with second by Past President Wichman.