



Sun Valley G.I.D. Board Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2012

Board Members Present:

Margaret Reinhardt	Chairperson
Linda Woodland	Vice-Chair
Sandra Ainsworth	Secretary
Garth Elliott	Treasurer
Robert Fink	Trustee

Board Members Not Present:

Staff Present:

Darrin Price	SVGID, General Manager
Mike Ariztia	SVGID, Public Works Director
Jennifer Merritt	SVGID, Staff
Maddy Shipman	SVGID, Legal

Others Present:

Vicky Maltman	Audience
Jim Ainsworth	Audience
Patricia Lancaster	Audience
Aaron Geddes	Audience
Heather Sam	Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows
Varney Padgett	The Chamber, Reno Sparks Northern Nevada
Warren Brighton	Chair, Sun Valley Citizens Advisory Board
Joseph Barstow	Pastor, H.O.P.E. Church
Barry Brouhard	NorthValleys.org

The meeting of the Sun Valley GID was called to order by Chairperson Margaret Reinhardt at 6:00 p.m. in the Sun Valley District Administrative Building, 5000 Sun Valley Blvd, Sun Valley, NV.

Item#1. Roll call and determination of a quorum.

Board members present; Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Margaret Reinhardt, Sandra Ainsworth, Garth Elliott. A quorum was present.

Item#2. Pledge of Allegiance.

Item#3. Motion to approve agenda

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the agenda. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#4. Certify posting of agenda.

Jennifer Merritt certified posting of agenda.

Item#5. Public Comments for items not on the agenda.

Vicky Maltman made the following statement, "As a rate payer and voter she must say after attending the last board meeting and reading minutes of the full meeting, she is very concerned that discussions were made that affect the rate payers for this District. Numbers were thrown around with no care of the final cost to those that elected you. You are elected by the rate paying voters of this valley to represent them and their bottom line. Not to be-friend the employees and/or management, business is business and with the proper knowledge of your actions, you failed those that put their trust in you and elected you to this position. I hope that some of you are very ashamed of your lack of concern and your inattention to the fact of the action you took. Your lack of responsibility has been noticed and will be discussed by those who put you in that seat."

Warren Brighton reported that he is a candidate for the Sun Valley GID.

Item#6. Board Comments.

Robert Fink commented he thinks that if anyone has a problem with a decision that the District Board has made, then that individual should be able to come forward and address their concerns or put your questions and/or concerns in writing and submit it to the District Board.

Garth Elliott agreed with Vicky Maltman's statement. When he was elected by the people of Sun Valley, they were extremely concerned how much they were paying for water. He thinks that there was Christmas in March at the last meeting. As a board member he knows he has to get along, but he had a big problem with what happened at the last board meeting and he does not see a change in the spending habits until hopefully the first of the year. He does not think the District has a board that is cognizant of the people in Sun Valley. He thinks the valley is drying up because people can't afford to water their lawn and trees. It is evident that water rates are having a disasters effect on Sun Valley. The discussion of the rates increasing \$8 over the next few years will be catastrophic. Garth commented the board should be looking into ways to decrease costs and requested a minimum of a 10% decrease in the budget, he will not agree to anything less. Garth also commented he is not belittling anyone but he spoke with someone at the State of Nevada and they said a General Manager of a water company the same size as the District, their compensation would be \$80,000 in today's economy not \$110,000. He also commented that professionals going back to work are making 20% less than 2 years ago.

Margaret Reinhardt agreed with Garth Elliott's comments. She has been on the District board for eight years and she has seen a lot of rapid spending. She has been helpless to stop it and hopefully it will stop after the first of the year. Margaret also thanked Vicky Maltman for her statement.

Robert Fink wanted to clarify that the comments that were made are being referred to the raises that were given to three employees. Robert commented he has made suggestions in the past that the District board members were making too much money. The last time that he served on the District board the Trustees were making \$300 or \$350 per month. The current District board is making \$750 per month and he thinks that's too much for what the Trustees do.

Item#7. Discussion and motion to approve payables and customer refunds for March 29, 2012.

Treasurer Garth Elliott gave a brief report of the accounts payable and customer refunds for March 29, 2012.

Garth Elliott amended his motion to approve the accounts payable for March 29, 2012 in the total amount of \$472,500.98. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Garth Elliott made a motion to approve the customer refunds for March 29, 2012 in the amount of \$1,363.23. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. After some discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Item#8. Discussion and motion of minutes from March 08, 2012.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the minutes of March 08, 2012 with the following corrections; item 29 Linda Woodland seconded the motion and not Garth Elliott. Item 19B audience member inquired with the District's CPA if it was legal to include longevity pay with salary or not. Garth Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#9. Discussion and motion to consider request to accept donation of the Washoe County Senior Service Bingo Board at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center.

Darrin Price gave a brief update from Stewart White. Stewart talked with the Attorney General's office regarding the possible need for gaming permit. There are some laws regarding the prize money with the association of \$2,500 or less. Stewart is continuing the investigation and Darrin requested to postpone this item until Stewart can attend the meeting to provide additional information.

Margaret Reinhardt spoke with some of the seniors at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center and the bingo board is not in good working order. The seniors said as soon as the contractor left fixing the bingo board, some of the bulbs went out again.

Robert Fink made a motion to table the discussion regarding the request of the Bingo Board until April 12, 2012. Linda Woodland seconded the motion.

During discussion audience member Vicky Maltman commented the agenda item states that Washoe County is donating the Bingo Board, but at a prior meeting Grady Tarbutton reported that Washoe County will sell the Bingo Board to the District. Vicky didn't want anyone to think that Washoe County was donating the Bingo Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Item#10. Discussion and possible motion to consider membership with the Reno Sparks Chamber of Commerce.

Varney Padgett membership representative with The Chamber reported several of the Chamber of Commerce offices such as the Reno, Sparks, and Hispanic Chamber has merged together as one and they are known now as The Chamber. The Chamber currently has approximately 2,500 memberships. The Chamber is non-profit and the goal is to help local businesses grow and involving the community through outreach opportunities in efforts to help re-build the economy. The Chamber has two locations one downtown Reno and one in the Legends Shopping Center in Sparks. There are several benefits The Chamber offers to its members and they are; Networking, Events and Sponsorship, Marketing and Promoting, Discounts, Leadership and Involvement, and Advocacy. Varney commented there are a lot of networking opportunities offered for the members such as social events where members gather together to help promote businesses and their products. The Chamber offers a variety of marketing opportunities for members. Each member will be given their own webpage on The Chamber's website, newsletter advertising, event calendars, business referral, custom publication advertising and information center advertising. All members are eligible to receive discounts with various businesses such as Office Depot, Saint Mary's and Reno Gazette Journal to name a few. The Leadership program offers a multitude of programs and committees that benefit members that will lead to growth within the business community. The Chamber also has several members on staff that will advocate on behalf of The

Chamber members. The cost to become a member with The Chamber is \$410 for governmental organizations annually and a one-time administrative fee of \$35.

Garth Elliott's main concern is how to promote the businesses within Sun Valley. He understands by becoming a member it will bring more awareness to the District, but he would like to see all of the businesses in Sun Valley promoted.

Audience member Warren Brighton suggested the District promotes the Sun Valley businesses on their assigned webpage from The Chamber to help promote local businesses.

Audience member Vicky Maltman inquired about advertising events at the Sun Valley Parks.

Varney Padgett reported that all members are allowed to advertise their upcoming events. There is a limited amount of events that can be promoted each month.

Linda Woodland commented that she hopes that one day Sun Valley can become its own town. She inquired if the District could advertise with The Chamber requesting certain industries to consider Sun Valley a potential spot for their businesses.

Varney Padgett reported The Chamber has been working with EDON to help promote areas for potential business locations.

Robert Fink made a motion to approve becoming members with The Chamber. Linda Woodland seconded the motion.

During discussion Darrin Price asked the following questions; how many visitors does The Chamber receive? Is the lobbyist only available for the group or can individual members make a specific request? Is the 3% discount with Saint Mary's on the annual premiums or on out patient services?

Varney Padgett reported last year The Chamber received 1 million visitors between both the Reno and Sparks Offices. There is a group of 12 people, one of which will go to the Legislative Session and advocate for Chamber members. The group will meet and discuss what items are considered important to businesses. Any member can contact the group and suggest to them what topics they feel are important to advocate during Legislative Sessions. Varney reported the 3% discount is with Saint Mary's but he is not sure if it is on premiums or for out patient services.

Margaret Reinhardt would like to know if the discount is on premiums or on services prior to deciding on becoming a member.

Darrin suggested the Board delay an action on approving the District becoming a member so he could find out if the 3% discount is on the annual premiums or on services.

Robert Fink amended his motion to approve the District becoming a member with The Chamber subject to the 3% discount being offered on health insurance premiums. Linda Woodland seconded the motion.

Garth Elliott feels that there was enough justification to becoming a member of The Chamber prior to discussion of the 3% discount on health insurance premiums.

After some discussion Robert Fink made a motion to approve the District becoming members with The Chamber. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following;

Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Sandra Ainsworth, Garth Elliott

Nay: Margaret Reinhardt

Margaret Reinhardt would like to appoint a District representative to attend The Chamber meetings.

Maddy Shipman suggested that Margaret's request be put on the next agenda for consideration.

Item#11. Discussion and motion to consider request from Heather Sam with Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows to host a Easter Egg Hunt at the Sun Valley Community Park and possible waiver of fees.

Heather Sam with the Boys and Girls Club of the Truckee Meadows reported the Keystone Leadership Club would like to request to use the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center and Soccer Field to host an Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Hunt will take place April 7, 2012 from 9 am until 1 pm. The actual egg hunt will take place at 9:30 am and then they will play the movie HOP at 11:30 am. Heather reported all the materials such as real eggs, plastic eggs, prizes and refreshments are being purchased with out-of-pocket funds or have been donated by various people.

Darrin Price recommends waiving the deposit and rental fees for the Boys and Girls Club. They are a great community partner and the Sun Valley Teen Center takes pride in the Sun Valley Community Park and he knows they will do a great job cleaning up after the event. Darrin requests the Board not to waive the requirement of insurance.

Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows to use the Sun Valley Community Park to host a Easter Hunt, waiver of rental fees and deposit, but must provide the District with Certificate of Liability Insurance. Robert Fink seconded the motion.

During discussion Garth Elliott commented based on comments he has made at prior meetings he will not be able to support the request.

The motion carried by the following;

Yea: Robert Fink, Linda Woodland, Margaret Reinhardt, Sandra Ainsworth

Nay: Garth Elliott

Item#12. Discussion and possible motion regarding lobbyist agreement.

Margaret Reinhardt would like to consider terminating the existing lobbyist agreement with Fred Hillerby. The purpose of having a lobbyist is to have him go to the Legislature and lobby on behalf of the District. The District was tracking a bill that was going through the legislature back in 2006-2007, but there hasn't been a bill since then. Margaret thinks that since there are no bills at this time the District does not have a need for a lobbyist. She commented that the District is represented by the Nevada National Association of Counties (NACO) lobbyist who lobby's on behalf of all the water Districts as a group. Margaret commented because of the possible payroll increases in the near future, she would like to get rid of any unnecessary expenses in order to accommodate any raises that the District Board might give.

Darrin Price provided a copy of the existing Lobbyist Agreement the shows the scope of work that Fred Hillerby provides. Darrin commented even though the District is a member of NACO and

now The Chamber, the District can only suggest a bill of interest to these organizations. It is up to the organizations to consider if the bill of interest will affect all its members as a group.

Margaret Reinhardt commented it makes sense to hire a lobbyist on an as needed basis. She commented that the District's future is now in the hands of Truckee Meadows Water Authority. She does not think that the District's future is in the hands of the Legislature at this time.

Darrin Price commented that five to six months prior to a Legislative Session is when the real work begins with the drafting of bills. This year is going to be challenging because of the freshman's and new members of the Legislature. New relationships are going to have to be established early and he anticipates that they will start working sooner. Darrin has spoke with other lobbyist regarding lobbying services. They all have annual agreements because they work on various things through out the year. Sometimes the work that is performed is not directly related to a bill, but there is a lot of networking that goes on in the lobbying business. Darrin commented he does not disagree with Margaret; he only wants everyone to be aware of the potential challenges.

Garth Elliott commented his opinion on the District's lobbyist is well established. He has always had a problem with the money that is being spent on a lot of contracted services. Garth commented that he can not support the continuation of the lobbyist agreement.

Audience member Jim Ainsworth reported he was a part of the District Board when Fred Hillerby was hired to lobby for the District. Fred not only lobby's for the District on assigned bills, he reviews all the bills that are being proposed to the Legislature and evaluates each one to see if it will impact the District. Fred would report back to the District and advise the Board what they could do to keep the District out of the hands of TMWA. Jim's opinion is the District would save money over time by keeping Fred Hillerby rather than hiring him only when the District needs him.

Audience member Warren Brighton commented the District needs to decide if they think the Legislature has an affect on how the District does business and what the District business is. If the District feels that the Legislature can affect how the District does its business, then the District needs a lobbyist working for the District 365 days a year. If the District doesn't care what the Legislature does or how it will affect the District business then you don't need a lobbyist. Warren commented since the District is a governmental entity and the government passes laws that the District should be protecting its self at all times.

Maddy Shipman commented she is not advocating one way or the other. She commented there is nothing to substitute for the full time presence in the Legislature. Just because the District doesn't have a bill, there is so much that comes through the Legislative Session with other bills that can impact the District. Fred Hillerby is one of the best lobbyists in this area and she thinks the District is receiving a very good deal with Fred. She thinks the District would pay more for a lobbyist in just a six month term than what they are currently paying on an annual basis.

Margaret Reinhardt requested that Fred Hillerby attend a meeting to share with the Board what he has been working on and show the amount of hours he spends on the District. Margaret also inquired how many bills that Fred tracked applied to the District.

Darrin Price commented that anything that could possibly impact the County or State, could impact the District business. During the last session both the County and State were proposing bills that would have affected the District's business. The bills may not be specific to the District,

but in a broader since they can determine how the District would operate its revenues and/or rates.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she is under the impression that consolidation is near as the result of the legislation that was passed. Washoe County has consolidated with Truckee Meadows Water Authority that was mandated by the Legislature along with South Truckee Meadows General Improvement District (STMGID). The Sun Valley GID is the only one left that was to be included in the consolidation.

Darrin Price commented that Washoe County's Department of Water Resources has not consolidated with TMWA yet, they are still in the analyzing stage of the consolidation process. Everyone thought the consolidation would happen last year, but it is now expected to happen sometime this year and South Truckee Meadows GID is still in existence, they are going to go away potentially because STMGID has never been a true District. They had a local managing board and because of the merger analysis between TMWA and Washoe County Department of Water Resources, TMWA noticed that the County was not charging a true cost for the operation and maintenance of the STMGID facilities.

Robert Fink doesn't think that the people in Sun Valley have good representation and the only real representation they have is the District. Some of the County and State elected officials sometimes doesn't represent Sun Valley as much as they should. Robert thinks by having a full time lobbyist is beneficial to the District because they can inform the District at any given time of what is coming up good or bad.

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented after hearing some of the discussion it has answered some of her questions. She commented she has some friends that are lobbyist for some organizations and business groups that don't charge as much as what the District is paying for a lobbyist. She doesn't know what the difference is between what her friends do and what the District's lobbyist does. After attending the District meetings for over a year now, she can only recall the District's lobbyist attending one meeting to give a report. All of the District customers are vested in the GID and as a rate payer; she would like to know where her portion of money is going every month. She would like to know what the District is getting from the lobbyist for \$1,650 per month. She suggested the Board take the time and investigate how much it does benefit the District by retaining a lobbyist before continuing to spend money towards a lobbyist.

After some discussion Linda Woodland made a motion to table discussion regarding the existing lobbyist agreement and invite Fred Hillerby to the next board meeting. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Item#13. Discussion and possible motion to consider scheduling a Budget Workshop April 9th, 10th, or 11th, 2012.

Darrin Price reported the District has to file a tentative budget by April 15, 2012. The tentative budget will be on the April 12th agenda for approval. Last year there was some confusion regarding the tentative budget, he reported that the tentative budget can be modified at any time before May 17th.

After some discussion Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to schedule a District Budget Workshop April 10, 2012 at 6 pm. Garth Elliott seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson called a 10 minute break at 7:55 pm
Garth Elliott left the meeting at 7:55 pm

Item#14. Discussion and possible motion to approve Independent Contractor Agreement to be used between the District and contractor's for programs/classes at the Neighborhood Center.

Mike Ariztia commented the District would like to start promoting programs at the Sun Valley Neighborhood Center. Mike provided an Independent Contractor Agreement for consideration. The agreement would be used between the District and a contractor who wanted to offer a program and/or class at the Neighborhood Center. The contractor would be solely responsible for organizing, funding, materials and scheduling for their program; they would only be renting the Neighborhood Center from the District. Mike spoke with the County and other organizations that work with independent contractors and they only collect a percentage of the program's profit as their rental fee. Currently the District's Rental fee for the Neighborhood Center is \$50 per hour and that is not affordable for organizations who would like to offer programs. Mike suggested the District collect 20% of the contractors profit to help make their program more affordable at the Neighborhood Center.

Robert Fink inquired if the agreement has been reviewed by Stewart White.

Mike Ariztia reported the agreement has been submitted to Stewart for review, but he has been out and has not been able to look at it yet. The agreement is the same as Washoe County's and it has been modified for the District.

Maddy Shipman commented that at a quick glance at the agreement, it looks good and if the agreement is used by Washoe County, the agreement has been reviewed by the District Attorney.

After some discussion Linda Woodland made a motion to approve the Independent Contactor Agreement as written. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#15. Discussion and possible motion to revise Pay Range for Field Supervisor and Customer Service Supervisor.

Robert Fink requested this item for discussion. Robert thinks that the Field Supervisor and Customer Service Supervisor have some similar duties supervising employees. He thought that the pay ranges should be equal in pay.

Margaret Reinhardt inquired if Robert was suggesting a pay increase.

Robert Fink suggested making the Customer Service Supervisor salary range only equivalent to the Field Supervisor.

Margaret Reinhardt commented she would like to see the budget first prior to making any decisions on increasing the salary range.

Robert Fink commented he wants to make sure that the front office employees don't get left out. They are the first persons that a customer talks to and sometimes office employees have to deal with difficult people.

Sandra Ainsworth commented that there is a big difference in qualifications for the two positions.

Audience member Vicky Maltman commented that if the employees are doing the same scope of work then she can see the equal amount in pay. But since the two positions are not performing the same scope of work she does not see how they could receive an equal amount of pay.

Sandra Ainsworth made a motion to table discussion regarding the pay ranges for the Field Supervisor and the Customer Service Supervisor until after the review of the budget and review of the job descriptions and qualifications. Linda Woodland seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#16. Discussion and possible motion to consider eliminating the Service Technician/SCADA Systems position.

Darrin Price reported several years ago the District hired an employee as a Service Technician who was an expert with System Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems. This specific employee wanted the acknowledgement of being a SCADA expert so the District gave him the title Service Technician/SCADA Systems. Darrin commented all of the field employees are Service Technicians they work on water, wastewater, parks, and some of them work with the SCADA System. The particular employee that the position was made for is no longer employed with the District and has not been for several years. Staff is seeking permission to eliminate the position.

Mike Ariztia commented that staff is not looking to replace the position nor is the position required.

Linda Woodland made a motion to eliminate the Service Technician/SCADA Systems position. Robert Fink seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Item#17. Discussion and possible motion and/or give direction to staff what public entities the Board would like to use as a comparison for compensation, benefits, rates, and structures.

Audience member Vicky Maltman performed her own research with other organizations that are similar to the District with 5,000 and 6,000 rate payers. She would like for the Board to look at some of these sights for consideration and they are; Calaveras County Water District located in California (www.ccwd.org) she thinks it is a good comparison for the District because of their rural environment and low income. Another one is Fair Oaks Water District in California (www.fowd.com), and North Springs Improvement District in Florida. They also have similar situations as the District plus more. She also looked at other organizations in Colorado and Boulder City that showed some of the same differences that the District has with household income.

Darrin Price thanked Vicky for her suggestions. Darrin commented over the years the Board has direct staff to compare the District with other organizations when it came to compensation, benefits, rates, and structures. For an example a prior Board gave staff direction to only compare the District with other organizations in Nevada only. Staff has brought forward some comparisons using other General Improvement Districts on some of these items and it seems like it is always a controversial issue.

Margaret Reinhardt suggested for the following items to be taken into consideration when looking for comparisons; to consider the economic health of the rate payers because Sun Valley's economic health is not as strong as some of the other organizations such as Incline Village GID. Inquire with other organizations whether or not in order to keep their current wages if they had to layoff any other employees in the past year or the last six months. Inquire what the replacement cost is in today's market.

Darrin Price thanked Margaret for her suggestions. He inquired with the Board who they would feel most comfortable with comparing the District to, Nevada entities, or to look at other states such as California and Florida entities. Prior boards didn't think using a California entity would be

a good comparison because of the different tax structures. He understands using Incline Village GID is a difficult comparison because they have a higher income level compared to Sun Valley.

Robert Fink agreed with Margaret to consider the economic health of the District customers, but he does not want to investigate what the economic health is for Florida or California. The only way to find out what the economic health is for Sun Valley is to ask the customers.

Darrin Price inquired with Margaret if she would be comfortable with using the Census data to find out what the economic health is for Sun Valley.

Margaret Reinhardt suggested getting data from three different agencies. She commented that she has looked at data from different agencies and they are all different.

Maddy Shipman commented the agenda item can be broken down into two items for comparison, compensation and benefits a personnel issue and then rates and structures is another issue. Rates and structures have a uniqueness to the area because you have to consider how the water is produced, how is the sewer handled and she doesn't think that the District can compare rates and structures across with other GID's. She does think the District can compare any personnel issues taking in account what it cost to run the District.

Linda Woodland agreed with Margaret's suggestions and agreed not to use any other entities outside the state of Nevada for comparison. Linda also thought that staff can use the current Census data as one of it sources to obtain what the economic health is for Sun Valley.

Sandra Ainsworth also agreed with Margaret's suggestions. She also thinks that using the current Census data is a good source of information to use when determining the economic health for Sun Valley.

After some discussion Darrin was directed to use Margaret's suggestions to be used when considering comparisons. Darrin also commented he will check with the State's Demographer office for additional data for comparison.

Item#18. Financial report by Bill Short.

None

Item#19. Legal report by Maddy Shipman.

Darrin Price thanked Maddy for attending the meeting at short notice.

Item#20. Field report by Mike Ariztia.

Mike Ariztia reported that he has made the revisions to the Volunteer Program and forms as requested from the last meeting. The Volunteer forms are now available for anyone who would like to register. Mike also commented that the field crew is doing a good job.

Item#21. Managers Report by Darrin Price.

Darrin Price reported on the following;

- He gave a District update at the Sun Valley Citizens Advisory Board meeting. At the SVCAB meeting NDOT reported the Sun Valley Blvd. project is still on schedule and they expect there will be a lot of traffic delays. Also at the SVCAB meeting the Board appointed Patricia Lancaster to be the member of the Recreation Outreach Committee.
- Darrin reported that the District and Washoe County Department of Water Resources share a Wholesale seat on the Truckee Meadows Water Authority Standing Advisory

Committee. Once the consolidation between TMWA and Washoe County Department of Water Resources is complete the Wholesale seat will become the District's seat full time.

- Darrin gave a brief report on the Regional Planning Commission meeting and provided a copy of the recap report from the meeting.
- Provided a copy of Nancy Eklof's Public Relations monthly progress report.
- Darrin commented he attended the Community Development Block Grant meeting. Both Darrin and Claire Lawson with Washoe County gave a presentation to the CDBG Board regarding the request for sidewalks in Sun Valley. Darrin commented there are a lot of applicants for the CDBG and the Board also reduced the amount of funds being granted for CDBG projects.
- Staff has been working hard all week preparing the upcoming budget.

Item#22. Public Comments.

Vicky Maltman inquired if the applicants for the Community Development Block Grant have different divisions for the grant or if all the applicants are on the same level for consideration. Darrin Price commented that there are not different divisions for applicants. He also commented that the District is not eligible to apply for the grant on its own, the application has to be submitted by Washoe County. The District competes against other entities that are located within Washoe County.

Jennifer Merritt apologized for not providing a complete copy of the Regional Planning document that was provided under the Manager's report. Jennifer will make sure everyone receives a complete copy in the next packet.

Joseph Barstow reported the Food Pantry is holding its annual fundraiser May 17, 2012 from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Sizzler Steak House located in Sparks. Sizzler gives the Food Pantry a percentage of everything that is purchased that evening.

Vicky Maltman reported Smith's Grocery Stores are having a case sale on can goods if anyone is interested in purchasing some and donating them to the Food Pantry.

Item# 23. Board Comments.

Linda Woodland commented she does apologize for giving management a raise during the last board meeting. Linda commented that she sees a bigger picture of what management does for the District and she thinks that others only see a small portion of what management really does. She commented that Darrin Price has worked for the District for 25 years and the last five years Darrin had not received a raise and no recognition for his efforts to save the Sun Valley Pool as directed. Linda commented she did not appreciate some of the comments made by an audience member regarding the decision for pay increases.

Item# 24. Future agenda items.

- Appoint a District representative to attend The Chamber meetings.

Item# 25. Adjournment.

Linda Woodland made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Sandra Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.