

**Approved February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The Special Meeting of the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners was held on January 8, 2018 in the meeting room of the County Administration Building, 1616 8th Street, Minden, NV, beginning at 6:00 PM.

**Call to Order**

**Commissioners Present:**

Steve Thaler, Chairman  
Barry Penzel, Vice Chairman  
Nancy McDermid, Board Member  
Larry Walsh, Board Member  
Dave Nelson, Board Member

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Staff Present:**

Larry Werner, County Manager  
Doug Ritchie, Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Vice Chairman Penzel

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION to approve agenda; Carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nancy McDermid, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dave Nelson, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Thaler, Penzel, McDermid, Walsh, Nelson

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**1. For possible action. Discussion on appointments to the Planning Commission. (Larry Werner)**

Chairman Thaler explained the interview process to **Bob Centanni** and offered him a few moments to introduce himself.

Bob Centanni said he feels he has lived in Douglas County long enough to know what the County is about and what people need. He added that the Master Plan is important to the Planning Commission and they should adhere to that and any other ordinances on the books. Mr. Centanni stated that development is essential

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but it has to be in good taste. He said can add a lot and looks forward to being appointed.

Commissioner Nelson asked which Master Plan changes Mr. Centanni thought were good and bad.

Mr. Centanni said that he is not too familiar with the contents of the Master Plan.

Commissioner Walsh asked what his occupation was before his retirement.

Mr. Centanni replied that he was an accountant.

Commissioner Walsh said that if Mr. Centanni was appointed he should dedicate sufficient time to the items on agendas.

Commissioner McDermid stated that she was struck by the phrase "to ensure the integrity of beneficial development" on his application and asked what it entailed.

Mr. Centanni said that certain developments would enhance the enrichment of the County and there are certain businesses that come in and don't last because they are not properly vetted. He added that the County needs to ensure the development is beneficial to the County and its residents.

Commissioner McDermid asked if he is in favor of development if it meets the standards, goals, and policies of the Master Plan.

Mr. Centanni said yes and it should also be acceptable to most of the constituents.

Vice Chairman Penzel mentioned that he and Mr. Centanni have known each other for years and reminded Mr. Centanni that the first Planning Commission meeting is tomorrow. He asked Mr. Centanni if he was for or against expanding Genoa town boundaries.

Mr. Centanni said he does not have an opinion on that item right now.

Chairman Thaler said that Mr. Centanni sat on his board at the China Spring Youth Camp. He asked Mr. Centanni what he believes the role of the Planning Commission is and if he could give one example of him agreeing with the Planning Commission and disagreeing.

Mr. Centanni said he believes that the Planning Commission has guidelines set by the Master Plan and the Ordinances, which need to be carried out to the nth degree. Mr. Centanni stated he does not follow all the actions of the Commission, but if he was involved he would take a more serious look at the issues. He said he is involved with a lot of the activity done by the Planning Commission because he is a resident but he has not examined the Planning Commission that closely.

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Commissioner Nelson asked if Mr. Centanni can commit to meeting once a month for the next four years.

Mr. Centanni asked how long the meetings would be.

Chairman Thaler mentioned that the meeting times vary.

Mr. Centanni asked if he could be excused if he's traveling.

Chairman Thaler said everyone has commitments, so it's a personal decision for each Board member.

***End of Mr. Centanni's interview.***

Chairman Thaler explained the interview process to **Bryan Oland** and allowed him time to introduce himself.

Bryan Oland said he is a Certified Public Accountant for Carson Valley Accounting and that he's lived in Douglas County for a year and six months. He moved from Reno and he is a California escapee from Orange County. Mr. Oland stated that he has seen the orange groves burn and watched malls come up around it. Mr. Oland just had a son and has one on the way in June and he's here to settle his roots. He added that he is in Leadership Douglas County and wants to know everything about the County and provide support to it.

Commissioner Walsh congratulated Mr. Oland on his children and obtaining his CPA license. He asked if Mr. Oland if he could dedicate time to this position.

Mr. Oland said there are 24 hours in a day, and if he sleeps eight; he has 16 left. He added that he can shift hours, manage time well and loves to dedicate himself 100 percent, whether that means getting sleep or not.

Commissioner Walsh stated that the Planning Commission is in charge of land use issues and asked how familiar are Mr. Oland was with the current Master Plan.

Mr. Oland mentioned he's seen the updates and presentation while reading through different portions. He noted that he hasn't studied it but, he has seen the feedback about the questionnaire but not much more analysis than that.

Commissioner Walsh said that Douglas County has various areas and asked if Mr. Oland if he can represent all the districts equally.

Mr. Oland stated he would be able to. He added that his main reason to move was the skiing in Lake Tahoe and he likes using the land for multi purposes and that's why he lives here.

Commissioner Walsh referenced Mr. Oland's application and asked what managing growth means to him.

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Mr. Oland said there is a lot of appetite to develop in Douglas County and the County has to be ready to manage the wave of growth that is coming in the future. He added that California went through a rush of growth and he does not want the same things to happen in Douglas County.

Commissioner McDermid said that she liked that Mr. Oland is in Leadership Douglas County because it can help him understand the different areas in the County. She asked if his wife works.

Mr. Oland replied by saying his wife is a bookkeeper and also went to school to become an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Commissioner McDermid stated that unlike California, Nevada can only do what the state legislature dictates. She asked Mr. Oland what types of developments make sense for Douglas County.

Mr. Oland mentioned that skilled labor is something that is lacking in the County and if that's not here it's going to be hard to have a core group of people to complete developments.

Commissioner McDermid asked what Mr. Oland's opinion on Affordable Housing in Douglas County is.

Mr. Oland said that there is a lot of work in the County and contractors do not have the manpower to complete it. He added that those workers also need housing and that is one issue preventing growth.

Commissioner McDermid asked if the Master Plan has positioned Douglas County to have appropriate development.

Mr. Oland said the growth management works currently but things change and that means things need to stay updated. He referenced California and their abundance of rules which he thinks is not beneficial and would like to keep the process and procedures simplified for effectiveness.

Vice Chairman Penzel said he was happy to hear Mr. Oland's statement on simplification, and asked if he would be able to make the first meeting tomorrow and if he would describe Multi-Family Housing and if that was different from low-income housing.

Mr. Oland replied that multi-family housing is apartments, condos or areas with multiple units within a single dwelling and low income would be section eight housing or anytime someone gets assistance.

Vice Chairman Penzel stated that Community Development allows 282 units a year and asked if it is good to have that kind of a limit on an economy that may not grow.

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Mr. Oland said he is not one for placing limits, but with an area like this where no one likes change, the limit helps allow for growth but a controlled one.

Vice Chairman Penzel stated that the State Demographer has forecasted slow growth until 2020 and asked if Mr. Oland will use his statistics to make choices.

Mr. Oland stated that those people are paid for a reason, but the future always comes with a caveat and any little chink in the chain and the County can go off course. He added that while it's a good resource, it's not an actual predictor.

Vice Chairman Penzel mentioned that occasionally a decision gets appealed to the Board and they will support or overturn the Planning Commission's decision. Vice Chairman Penzel asked if that would bother Mr. Oland.

Mr. Oland advised that an overturned decision would not bother him.

Chairman Thaler asked what Mr. Oland believes the role of the Planning Commission is.

Mr. Oland said that the Planning Commissioners are the gatekeepers to what Douglas County will look like in the future.

Chairman Thaler asked why the Board should choose Mr. Oland.

Mr. Oland said he is invested in this County and he will be here for the long haul.

Chairman Thaler asked if he could point out a Planning Commission decision that he agreed with.

Mr. Oland said he has not paid attention to all of the decisions so it would be tough for him to pick one.

Commissioner Nelson asked if he could give the name of a project in Orange County that he thought was well done and one not done so well.

Mr. Oland stated that San Clemente built a sports regional complex across from a Target department store. He was very impressed that it incorporated a lot of different concepts that attracted people that are doing things other than sports. He mentioned that he lived in Reno, at the Tahoe Donner Apartments and it was not a very inviting place.

Chairman Thaler gave Mr. Oland an opportunity to make closing remarks.

Mr. Oland said he is a young father and he knows the time is an issue but he will devote himself 100 percent to Douglas County to make this a good place for his kids.

***End of Mr. Oland's interview.***

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Chairman Thaler explained the interview process to **Kirk Walder** and offered him a few minutes to introduce himself.

Kirk Walder said his father was the Mayor of a small town so he has always had an interest in politics which led him to major in Political Science and working in Washington DC. He added that it is important to give back and now that he's retired he can do that. He mentioned that he does enjoy problem-solving, and he brings diversity which is important, because when groups of the same people come up with the conclusion, it may not be the best. Mr. Walder said he would bring integrity and independence to the Planning Commission and that he is not backed by special interest and does not represent any business. He is living here in the County and wants to work for the community.

Commissioner McDermid asked why Mr. Walder moved to Douglas County and how long has he lived here.

Mr. Walder said that he was always in Lake Tahoe and he is an outdoorsman. He replied that he bought his home May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. Walder added that Washington DC has a lot of confined spaces, traffic, and temperament that he was not too fond of, and the people in Douglas County are so welcoming and inviting.

Commissioner McDermid asked if it's problematic that Mr. Walder came from an area that is much different than Douglas County.

Mr. Walder believes that it's more of an opportunity.

Commissioner McDermid asked if Mr. Walder had looked at the Master Plan and if he knew his first meeting was tomorrow.

Mr. Walder said he has not looked at it yet and he stated he has a prior engagement tomorrow.

Commissioner McDermid asked Mr. Walder what is the most important aspect of being on the Planning Commission was.

Mr. Walder said the most important thing to him is to take time to do his homework and read material so he's prepared. He's a former staff member and he knows it takes a lot of time and effort to prepare reports.

Vice Chairman Penzel asked Mr. Walder how he felt about the Board's decision to change some local zoning from commercial to Multi-Family Residential (MFR) and what does he consider MFR.

Mr. Walder said he did not read it, but those are judgments local elected officials are required to make and there has to be a balance between commercial and housing. He said he didn't want to make any judgments without specifics, but advised that if you weigh the facts with the needs of the County you'll find the right thing to do.

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Vice Chairman Penzel asked Mr. Walder what he thought the difference between low-income and MFR housing is.

Mr. Walder said that there are similarities between the two and that there could even be low-income housing in MFR housing. He emphasized that he's not an expert in housing and he sees the need for diversity in housing and the need for the government to play a role in some way. He added that in his opinion local government is the best government because you're driving through the communities and listening to the people.

Vice Chairman Penzel said that the Master Plan comes with rules and development codes that codifies those rules, and asked Mr. Walder if he has read the Master Plan.

Mr. Walder said he is not an expert but he's not going to give answers if he doesn't know the information.

Vice Chairman Penzel referenced the 282 unit growth ordinance limit and asked his opinion on the limit.

Mr. Walder said he would want to research that and get an expert opinion before making a claim. He added sometimes the reason for a law to expire is so the County can change the law.

Vice Chairman Penzel asked if Mr. Walder knew who the State Demographer was and shared that he rendered some forecasts that there will be very slow growth. He added that the Douglas County rate is .03 percent and asked if that puts the County in a good or bad situation.

Mr. Walder said he is familiar with what a Demographer does but that he did not know who the State Demographer was. He went on to say that demographers are like economists, they are good at looking back but not forward, so he would take it with a grain of salt.

Vice Chairman Penzel stated that the Board can appeal the Planning Commission's decision and asked if that bothered Mr. Walder.

Mr. Walder said he has had his perspective overridden more times than he can count, so that would not be an issue.

Vice Chairman Penzel asked if there was a specific area where Mr. Walder could really contribute to the Planning Commission.

Mr. Walder stated not specifically, but he's more of a generalist and he takes all information. He added that he asks questions and there are things he can become an expert in, but until he does more research he does not want to speculate.

Chairman Thaler asked what Mr. Walder believes the role of the Planning Commission is.

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Mr. Walder said the commission should be able to look back to see what's happened, look at the present and look to the future.

Chairman Thaler asked if there are any Planning decisions from the past that he agrees with or disagrees with.

Mr. Walder said he is not familiar with every aspect of Douglas County but in his review of the Master Plan nothing jumped out at him either way.

Commissioner Nelson said the Master Plan requires staff to produce findings to make changes and asked if he would like stricter or more lenient findings.

Mr. Walder stated that he prefers things to be more lenient because he is not for strict observance and he wants to rely on staff and their research.

Commissioner Nelson asked if Mr. Walder is ready to take on the responsibility of being on an important board like the Planning Commission.

Mr. Walder stated he is ready and he brings fresh ideas to the table. He added that he is more than willing to help Douglas County in multiple ways if needed.

Commissioner Walsh stated that most staffers believe their information is the best due to the amount of research needed.

Mr. Walder stated that he always knows there are smarter people in the room and that needs to be taken into consideration when making decisions. He added that he was also a staff director and you have to ask good questions of staff in order to get the necessary information.

Commissioner Walsh asked Mr. Walder how he has built consensus with a group in the past.

Mr. Walder stated that he used to be bottom of the barrel on the investigative subcommittee for the United State Senate, and the Senator he worked for found the marketing industry may have been doing things in a deceptive manner. Mr. Walder looked at the problems in the market and found several problem areas of deceptive marketing. Mr. Walder brought all of the stakeholders together and they drafted legislation designed to correct the deceptive marketing. He added that getting 40 people to agree was not easy but consensus building never is.

Chairman Thaler gave Mr. Walder an opportunity to present final remarks.

Mr. Walder said the Board asked good questions, and he understands he is new to the area but he would be honored to be a part of the process.

***End of Mr. Walder's interview.***

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Chairman Thaler shared some options with the Board and offered to hear the top two candidates from each.

Vice Chairman Penzel commented that he supports Mr. Oland, because he liked his answers and that he's in the Chamber's Leadership Douglas County. Vice Chairman Penzel said he brings youth to the Planning Commission and he likes that he has lived in the largest city in the valley. Vice Chairman Penzel said he was favoring Mr. Centanni before he heard Mr. Walder and saw his resume. He added that he has known Mr. Centanni and he appreciates his ability to follow the rules but he sees that as a problem as well. Vice Chairman Penzel concluded by saying he likes Mr. Walder because he comes with a clear vision and he appreciates that he was a researcher. He confirmed that his top two picks would be Mr. Oland and Mr. Walder.

Commissioner McDermid acknowledged that she also liked Mr. Oland because of the youth and because he wants to make Douglas County a better place for his family. She added that the demographic in Douglas County is way over 55 and we need to hear from multiple generations. Commissioner McDermid said he is the type of individual who normally doesn't apply, which the Board should take advantage of, and Mr. Oland understands how to manage time. Commissioner McDermid said she was also concerned about Mr. Walder living here for such a short time. She went on to say that Mr. Walder lives in Lake Tahoe and that is important to her because there should be a Lake Tahoe representative on the Board. Commissioner McDermid said she likes that Mr. Walder has written staff reports because she thinks that will benefit the Planning Commissioners. Commissioner McDermid stated that she would have no problem with Mr. Centanni being on the Planning Commission, but she does not want to lose him on the Genoa Historic District. Commissioner McDermid concluded by confirming that she would choose Mr. Oland and Mr. Walder.

Commissioner Walsh stated they were all good candidates and would have to agree with Commissioners Penzel and McDermid. He added that Mr. Oland presented himself well for someone who's lived here such a short time. He believes Mr. Walder would bring a fresh perspective and he loves the idea that he was a staffer and lives in the Lake Tahoe area.

Commissioner Nelson noted that all three are fine candidates but he would choose Mr. Oland and Mr. Centanni because Mr. Walder is new to the area and it is hard to get a feel for the County in under a year.

Chairman Thaler stated that this is the first time interviews have been done for appointments and he believes this is a better way to appoint people. Chairman Thaler said that he chose Mr. Oland and Mr. Walder and he thanked each one of the highly qualified applicants for taking the time to be here. Chairman Thaler advised that he was not concerned with the amount of time someone has lived here as long as they will make the commitment.

**Public Comment** - None

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MOTION to approve the appointment of Bryan Oland and Kirk Walder to the Planning Commission; term of office is from January 2018 through December 2021; Carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nancy McDermid, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Larry Walsh, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Thaler, Penzel, McDermid, Walsh, Nelson

Chairman Thaler called for a break at 7:26 PM

Meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM

**2. For possible action. Discussion on appointments to the Water Conveyance Advisory Committee. (Larry Werner)**

Chairman Thaler explained the interview process to **Barbara Byington** and asked her to introduce herself.

Barbara Byington stated she is a family ranch owner in Douglas County for 67 years and water is important to her. She said she has lost a lot of water over the years because of decisions made by the Commissioners and the creation of ponds and she wants to be on the Water Conveyance Board to keep up on decisions that affect her property. She reported that without water the viewshed would not be as beautiful as it is.

Commissioner Nelson asked Ms. Byington what she thought the purpose of the Water Conveyance Advisory Committee was.

Ms. Byington stated that she has seen planners dismiss claims made by the committee on multiple occasions. She added that due to the recent developments and ponds approved by the Board she has had to change the routes of the water. She advised that she paid for water to come from the Markleeville Reservoir and of the 15 acres she was sent she only received 8. Ms. Byington said that some of the flood issues were caused by ill-informed decisions as to how water flows.

Commissioner Nelson asked Ms. Byington what she thought could be done to improve that situation.

Ms. Byington replied that the County needs to inform developers that this is a problem. She described a situation where a developer did not follow what the ditch committee advised and the Board still approved it.

Commissioner Walsh stated he had no questions and he agreed with Ms. Byington that the ditch committee's recommendations should be followed. He said that her statement about wanting to be on the Board so she could be informed of projects

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that affected her property surprised him and he asked if she could remain unbiased if she was appointed to the Board.

Ms. Byington said yes and she advised that she is speaking for other ranchers.

Commissioner McDermid asked if Ms. Byington had ever been on the Water Conveyance Committee before and asked if she was applying because she believed they are not doing an adequate job.

Ms. Byington stated that she is applying because she wants to ensure someone on the Board cares and who has a history of the valley.

Commissioner McDermid asked if she has had previous board experience with water.

Ms. Byington stated that she was on the Carson-Truckee Water Board, but she resigned three years ago.

Vice Chairman Penzel agreed that the ponds are an issue; he thought it was not so much that the land turns brown but that the same land sends the water back to the community and provides flood control. He advised that she appreciates her interest and knows, from working with her on other Boards, that she will be a great contributor.

Chairman Thaler asked Ms. Byington why she didn't focus on her experience as the Assessor.

Ms. Byington said that people don't like Assessors, so she keeps that quiet.

Chairman Thaler said that he's worked with Ms. Byington and her integrity was never in question. He added that he was concerned with her opening remarks about being on the Board to protect her property. He went on to say that there is no doubt in his mind she would not be unbiased.

Ms. Byington closed by saying that she would love to serve.

***End of Ms. Byington's interview.***

Chairman Thaler explained the interview process to **Fred Stodiek** and offered him a few moments to introduce himself.

Fred Stodiek stated he has a ranch in Carson Valley and he was born and raised here. He added that his Dad was a Commissioner and was the water master for 17 years. Mr. Stodiek said his knowledge of the Carson Valley and the Agriculture Community is extensive. He added that he has been on the Water Conveyance committee for seven to eight years and he has been on the Carson Water Sub conservancy for 20 years.

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Commissioner Walsh said he has no questions, he knows Mr. Stodiek has been here a long time and he's well qualified.

Commissioner McDermid wondered if Mr. Stodiek believed the committee was getting all the information needed to make decisions.

Mr. Stodiek replied with yes.

Vice Chairman Penzel said declared that Mr. Stodiek is a dedicated person who attends every meeting and he wants to commend him for his commitment.

Chairman Thaler asked Mr. Stodiek what the Water Conveyance Advisory does.

Mr. Stodiek confirmed that they are looking out for ditches and downstream users; he believes this was started because someone bought a property with a ditch on it and people think they can do as they wish because the ditch is on their property. Mr. Stodiek said the individual was determined to close the ditch even if state law didn't allow it and it serviced 300-400 acres below him. Mr. Stodiek added that just because he couldn't use the water, doesn't mean he has the right to close the ditch.

Commissioner Nelson asked Mr. Stodiek what the difference between a canal and a ditch is.

Mr. Stodiek said he doesn't believe there is a difference.

***End of Mr. Stodiek' s interview.***

Chairman Thaler explained the interview process to **Russell Scossa** and offered him time to introduce himself.

Russel Scossa stated that he is a fourth-generation rancher and his family has been here since 1885. He added that his great-grandfather was here for 20 years before he got the ranch. Mr. Scossa said he has seen a lot of changes and the reason he wants to stay on the committee is that he was a charter member that started the committee in the 80s. Mr. Scossa believes he has enough knowledge of the area to merit staying on the committee and he has two kids who will be here for quite a while, so he wants to stay involved to make sure things stay working.

Commissioner McDermid asked if he believed the committee gets all the data needed to make informed decisions.

Mr. Scossa stated that for the most part yes, he said that County staff reviews it so they usually get just about everything and there has never been a problem. Mr. Scossa said if they don't receive enough information they have made people wait.

Commissioner McDermid asked if there have been instances where the water conveyance committee has seen a project that has made recommendations were those recommendations did not happen.

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Mr. Scossa responded by saying not that he can remember and he's been happy with the program most of the time. He confirmed that if they suggest something, Planning Commission will do it.

Vice Chairman Penzel said that generally, the longer someone is on a committee the more often they see turnover. He added that the problem with turnover is the new person has to learn where all the ditches are. He believes the longer the person serves the better. Vice Chairman Penzel stated that it's interesting to hear of Mr. Scossa's longevity. He referenced the ponds and asked if Mr. Scossa looks at landscaping plans to check on ponds.

Mr. Scossa referenced Jakes Pond and said those ponds service specific water lines, but he doesn't suggest they put ponds in a ditch. Mr. Scossa said the one thing they don't get enough of is public comment. Mr. Scossa said the committee welcomes people to come to the meetings but they find that people don't show up to protect their rights. He added that a pond on a ditch is not looked at favorably and he confirmed that he does get a lot of input from County engineering which helps make decisions.

Chairman Thaler said he has no questions because Mr. Scossa is well known in the valley. Chairman Thaler agrees with the Vice Chairman that this is a committee that needs experience. He stated that his father-in-law owned a ranch and when he moved here he learned a lot of Basque words.

Commissioner Nelson noted that longevity on this committee is important and water may be the most important thing for Douglas County and proper management is important.

Commissioner Walsh said he had no questions and he heard about the ditch committee and the great job they do.

Chairman Thaler asked Mr. Scossa if he had any further comments.

Mr. Scossa said that when they formed the ditch committee, it was because a property was getting divided into forty-acre deals. He added that in the 80s they all worked for a year and made the ordinance and the reason was that people were buying property and dividing things up and selling them. Mr. Scossa added that these were prescriptive easements and when you divide stuff up it caused issues. Mr. Scossa concluded by saying that the committee was created to ensure that there were easements on ditches any time a property was created.

Vice Chairman Penzel stated that for the five years he's been a Commissioner, it's remarkable that the Water Conveyance Advisory Board does the job quietly and competently and they meet when necessary. He added that he has never heard a complaint from them and he appreciates that.

**End of Mr. Scossa's interview.**

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**Public Comment - None**

Chairman Thaler confirmed that Mr. Jensen was not present for the interview process but he is still a candidate and asked to hear from the Board.

Commissioner Walsh stated that his vote would be for all three incumbents because he believes longevity is important when it comes to water in the valley.

Commissioner McDermid stated that when she was on the Planning Commission the work that the Water Conveyance Committee was so important because they ensure that properties don't negatively impact any surrounding parcels. She added that she would pick all three incumbents, but it's important to recognize Ms. Byington's application and she appreciates her applying.

Commissioner Nelson stated he feels the same way as the other Commissioners.

Vice Chairman Penzel said he would go along with the majority.

Chairman Thaler stated that he was bothered that Mr. Jensen was not present. Chairman Thaler does not like sending the message that you do not have to show up to the interview because he feels like the interview process is important. He confirmed that he would have selected Ms. Byington but he will go along with the pleasure of the Board.

MOTION to approve the appointment of Dennis Jensen, Russel Scossa and Fred Stodiek to the Water Conveyance Advisory Committee; the term of office is from January 2018 through December 2019; Carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Nancy McDermid, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dave Nelson, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Thaler, Penzel, McDermid, Walsh, Nelson

**CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Vice Chairman Penzel thanked the County Manager for this process and said the Board will get better at it.

Commissioner McDermid said that she concurs and recommended that the Board does this in November or December, so those appointed have an opportunity to review material and talk with staff before their first meeting.

Larry Werner, County Manager, stated that this is the first attempt at this and acknowledged that it will improve as it evolves.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Respectfully submitted:

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Steven J. Thaler, Chairman  
Douglas County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Kathy Lewis, Clerk-Treasurer