

# NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5:15 pm**

**Nevada Department of Agriculture Office  
4780 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada**

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
  - Board Members: Gary Reese, Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Dave Voth, Andi Porreca, William Kutosky
  - Public: Paul Meiman (UNCE), Ethan Mower (SETT), Sam Sanders, Annie Dixon (USFS), Melissa Schultz (Nevada Gold Mines)
  - President Gary Reese Called the meeting to order at 5:15
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
  - i. Dave made a motion to move Sam Sanders presentation up in the agenda, after Public Comment. Gerry seconded and the motion passed.
3. Approval of August 12, 2019 Minutes
  - **Gerry made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report(s)
  - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
    - i. Gerry spent some money on food, coffee and donuts for the NPLD events at Wild Horse. 494 plants were sold at the fall NDF plant sale. **Gerry made a motion to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Andi seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Outreach
  - Discussion of Setting up Booth at Upcoming Nevada Cattlemen's Association Meeting –Elko November 20-23
    - i. Booth space is \$700. **Gerry made a motion to spend \$250 on booth space at the Cattlemen's meeting in November. Pam seconded and the motion passed.** Dave will follow-up with SRM and get back to group with his findings.
  - Update by Subgroup (NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.)
    - i. Dave updated the tri-fold, Suzy will get some better NNSG photos to Dave. Gary will work on ordering the table display and/or banner that was voted on at a previous meeting.
6. Update on Dream Tag Proposal
  - Field Monitoring Update
    - i. Monitoring Sites
      1. Gerry wrote up the quarterly report and submitted by due date. The Echo Fire black sage cache site looks good, there are around 80 seedlings.

7. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
  - Big W Ranch Cost-Share Proposal – Presentation by Sam Sanders
    - i. “How to Make Net Gains for the Natural Resources at the Ruby Vista Ranch”. The Board brainstormed funding opportunities for Sam, our group does not have the funding needed to restore the Ranch’s riparian areas long or short-term. **Gerry made a motion to donate \$500 worth of grass seed for the project. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
  - Mary Winter’s Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
    - i. Gary will visit the lawyer’s office in Elko to see what the status is with the book.
  - Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
    - i. USFS submitted a landscape scale restoration proposal for Sugarloaf Fire. The \$2 million that was applied for will go towards fixing fence and LCT projects.
  - National Public Land’s Day Events Update
    - i. Gerry thought that the bad weather may have kept people from volunteering. The volunteers improved shade structures and painted bathrooms.
  - Lamoille Canyon Steering Committee/Friends of the Ruby Mountains Volunteer Events Update
    - i. There will be 19 seedling planting locations for volunteers. Gerry will man the seeders and lead that group. Nevada Gold Mines has 10-12 volunteers signed up. Andi will pick up sandwiches, drinks and chips and bring out to Powerhouse.
  - 2020 National Cowboy Gathering Panel Discussion Update and Fundraising
    - i. Everything is moving forward smoothly, NNSG needs to write a check to the Folklife Center for \$1,500.
  - Fall NDF Plant Sale Update
    - i. 494 plants were sold, the group made almost \$500 from the sale.
  - 2020 Annual Dinner
    - i. SRM has committed \$1,000, Cattlewomen’s has committed \$1,500 and Northeast Elko CD will donate \$500. If we purchase a \$50 permit from the City, we can BBQ and the Cattlewomen’s will provide the sides and desserts. Southwind will be the entertainment.
8. Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
  - **Dave moved to table. Gerry seconded and the motion passed.**
9. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
  - Gary Reese (NDF)
    - i. 60 people attended the Ruby Valley CD annual dinner where Gary gave his re-photography presentation. He also announced that there will be an Adaptive Management Meeting at the Red Lion on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.
  - Gerry Miller (DCNR)
    - i. The State Conservation Credit System is still open. The NvACD meeting will be held in Winnemucca October 22-24 and the State Conservation Commission will be meeting around that same time.

- Pam Harrington (Trout Unlimited)
  - i. The NEPA training in Elko on September 18 had 35 attendees.
- Andi Porreca (HWCWMA)
  - i. The annual Nevada Weed Management Association Meeting will be held in Sparks on October 16-17. Andi will email the sign-up information to the Board.
- Dave Voth (NDA)
  - i. A Stockmanship Workshop that was held at the Cottonwood Ranch in September was a huge success. Would like to offer the class again to locals who weren't able to attend the last class.
- Ethan Mower (SETT)
  - i. The Conservation Credit System is soliciting proposals for another round of funding. They are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- William Kutosky (USFWS)
  - i. Assisting NDOW with the Ruby Mountain medusahead projects – over 500 acres are being treated with Esplanade from Harrison Pass to Lamoille.
- Paul Meiman (UNCE)
  - i. He would like to be involved with some of the monitoring projects. He spent last week in Reno speaking about wild horse issues with the Wildlife Society. He also stated that there have been some name changes within UNR – not University of Nevada Extension (removed Cooperative) and Nevada Experiment Station (removed Agricultural).
- Melissa Schultz (Nevada Gold Mines)
  - i. Handed out a winterfat and seed coating technologies publication that Tamzen Stringham worked on that was partially funded by NGM. NGM will continue to offer grant funding with ideas adopted from both Barrick's and Newmont's previous funding programs.
- Annie Dixon (USFS)
  - i. FS received BAER funding for the Corta Fire and will be implemented in 2020. The Sugarloaf contract work is currently being wrapped up.

10. Public Comment

- None.

11. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- November 4th at 5:15 at the Nevada Division of Forestry office in Elko.

12. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.