

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 4, 2019 at 5:15 pm

**Nevada Division of Forestry
911 Falcon Lane, Elko, Nevada**

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gary Reese, Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Dave Voth, Andi Porreca, Pam Harrington and Gail Ross
 - Public: Cam Collins (BLM) and Doug Clarke
 - President Gary Reese Called the meeting to order at 5:18
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - i. No public comment.
3. Approval of August 12, 2019 Minutes
 - **Dave made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes. Pam seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report(s)
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. NNSG will be receiving a plant reimbursement from NDOW for \$2,600. Gary proposed that the reimbursement be used to fix the broken land tamer that is sitting at the NDF office. **Gerry made a motion for the \$2,600 reimbursement be used to pay for expenses that come up between board meetings, ie. project expenses, equipment reimbursements, land tamer with Board approval needed for all expenditures. Andi seconded and the motion passed.**
 - ii. Some NNSG funds were spent for a meal at the Star and the Range Two volunteer day, and a seed purchase for the Big W reveg project. There was no Treasurer's Report, item tabled for December Board meeting.
5. Outreach
 - 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. Next quarterly report will be submitted spring 2020. Bard would like to do a few more sample sagebrush caches.
7. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
 - NDOW Sagebrush Seed Collection Sponsorship

- i. Will take place on Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Spring Creek Campground. **Gerry made a motion to donate \$200 to the event. 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. Mary's sister has the book that is ready to be printed. Josh with Southern Nevada Conservancy is also interested in paying for 1/3 of the printing costs. The other 2/3 will be paid for by both NNSG and the Nevada Native Plant Society.
 - 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.
 - Lamoille Canyon Steering Committee/Friends of the Ruby Mountains Volunteer Events Update
 - i. They still plan to sponsor and Avalanche Class and bring in a speaker from either Tahoe or Salt Lake areas.
 - Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
 - i. Lamoille Canyon Volunteer Event Update
 - 1. A total of 68 volunteers attended, Josh was pleased with the turnout.
 - 2020 National Cowboy Gathering Panel Discussion Update and Fundraising
 - i. A biography from the Smith's has been received and will be added to the Nation Cowboy Poetry Gathering brochure. The panel discussion will start at 10:30 AM and will last approximately one and a half hours. Andi will find the previous donation list and email to Dave. NNSG to ask presenter if they would be willing to give another presentation in Elko, more formal with a dinner for the public to attend.
 - 2020 Annual Dinner – April 3, 2020
 - 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. Dave will have a more concrete update at the December Board meeting. He will also work on getting bids for catering. Dave also stated that the Progressive Rancher and Nevada Rancher are willing to promote the annual dinner with a small donation.
8. Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
- Gary stated that if NNSG is interested in sponsoring a fall 2020 plant sale, we should determine a date. **Andi made a motion to hold the fall 2020 plant sale on October 2 – 3, 2020 at NDF in Elko. Pam seconded and the motion passed.**
 - Gerry and Doug volunteered to work with Mary Winter's sister to see if there is a possibility to gain a profit from selling the book once it is published.
 - Our group also needs to solicit donations from the public for our Annual Dinner at the beginning of the year, so we aren't scrambling at the last minute.

9. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups

- Gary Reese (NDF)
 - i. The Center for Biological Diversity submitted an emergency petition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Monday to protect Tiehm's buckwheat (*Eriogonum tiehmii*) under the Endangered Species Act. The plant is threatened by mineral exploration and a proposed open-pit mine.
- Gerry Miller (DCNR)
 - i. Planning to have a LAWG meeting sometime February. Need to address how triggers can be address trough adaptive management and why sage grouse numbers continue to decline.
- Josh Nicholes (USFS)
 - i. The rock scaling project in Lamoille Canyon was completed, there was no damage to the guard rails and the road is open again. The Corta, Cherry Creek and Sugarloaf fires all have weed crews working on them currently, with a focus on the right-of-ways. They revised their Joint Chief's proposal, now asking for \$2 million to repair boundary fences and noxious weeds removal.
- Cam Collins (BLM)
 - i. Because of the slow fire season, they had crews available to implement over 100 miles of fence diverters. He is also working with the Winecup-Gable Ranch on outcome based projects. Two years of pre-emergent herbicide was applied on the Martin and Echo fires. Jill Silvey will be relocating to the Reno office at the end of February 2020.

10. Public Comment

- None.

11. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- December 9th at 5:15 at the Nevada Division of Forestry office in Elko. This will be a holiday party.

12. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.