

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 16th, 2019 at 5:15 pm

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

- 1) Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
Board Members: Margaret Walch, Gary Reese, Gerald Miller, Dave Voth, Larry Hyslop, Katie Moss, Pam Harrington, William Kutosky, and Andi Porreca
Public: Doug Clarke, Cam Collins (BLM), Annie Dixon (USFS), Susanne Reese, Melissa Schultz (Barrick)
- 2) Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - a) Susie stated that Southwind charged the group \$210 for their annual dinner performance, but the check that we wrote to them was for \$300. **Dave made a motion to approve the \$300 check for Southwind. Gerry made a motion to amend Dave's motion and to void the \$300 Southwind check and write a new one for \$210. Margaret seconded Gerry's motion and the motion passed.**
 - b) Gerry asked to move item 7 d up in the agenda for possible discussion.
- 3) Approval of the March 26th, 2019 Minutes
 - a) **Dave made a motion to approve the March 26th, 2019 meeting minutes. Gerry seconded and the motion passed.**
 - b) **Dave made a motion to approve the Annual Dinner business meeting minutes. Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
- 4) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i) Katie reported a check was written to NDOW and for the Elko Expo booth. Next month's report will reflect the annual dinner expenses. **Gerry made a motion to approve the April Treasurer's Report. Margaret seconded and the motion passed.**
- 5) Outreach
 - a) NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.
 - i) Katie will look to see what EMStrats retractable banners cost them. A subcommittee consisting of Katie, Susie, Doug and Gerry will meet to brainstorm banner and PR items before the May Board meeting.
- 6) Update on Dream Tag Proposal
 - a) Field Monitoring Update – Next Spring we'll need folks to monitor
 - i) Determination of New Monitoring Sites
 - (1) As a reminder: Gerry stated that the grant is going well and there is \$10,000 worth of match for \$2,000 spent. The grant will be completed in 2020.

(a) Spring 2019 Monitoring Sites: Brad would like to assist when he's available. Volunteers will need to use 100' measuring tape when monitoring. contact Gerry if you need to borrow.

(i) Humboldt River Ranch - Andi

(ii) Izzenhood – Pam

(iii) Maggie Creek – Dave and Gerry

(iv) Oil Well – Margaret

(v) Keddy Ranch – Pam

(vi) Delano – Caleb

(vii) Echo – Cam and Gerry

(viii) Range 2 – Gary

7) Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support

a) Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update

i) Gary met with Janel Johnson to get the printing going. Dave stated that Prof. Bagley (GBC) would like to be involved with the purchasing and distributing of the book. He would like to purchase 25 books up front. There is currently funding to print 700 books, plus the 25 from Bagley. Gary will let Janel know of the funding increase.

b) Upcoming Friends of the Ruby Mountains Events

i) Cool Canyon Evenings will be held in Lamoille this August. There will also be five Summer Presentations in June.

ii) National Trail's Day is June 1st – there will be a trail enhancement project at Talbot Creek.

iii) William is still looking for possible mountain sagebrush planting sites, they can be in storage until the end of April. Annie stated that the FS will meet within the next couple of weeks with NDOW and determine a date and location for the 8,000 mountain sagebrush seedlings to be planted by volunteers. **Gerry made a motion for NNSG to co-sponsor the planting volunteer event by spending up to \$300 on lunches. Pam seconded and the motion passed.** (Planting event has been set for Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 along the Owyhee River).

c) 2019 Annual Dinner Recap/Ideas

i) \$711 was raised for the Kent McAdoo scholarship fund, which put the fund over the \$25,000 needed. \$1,142 was raised from the auction and raffle, and there was \$195 in dinner donations. Cattlewomen put \$600 towards the dinner and Ruby Dome Donated \$300.

ii) Margaret stated that she thought that was the best NNSG annual dinner that she had ever attended, but though the speakers may have missed the mark with their presentation. The group agreed that we should partner with the Cattlewomen on next year's annual dinner.

iii) Pam stated that thank you notes should be sent out to annual dinner donors and partners. Andi will send donor and partner information to Katie so she can get the notes mailed out.

- iv) Doug stated that we should work to get donations earlier in the week before the annual dinner so cards can be printed out for each donated gift or raffle item.
 - v) Susie thought that the flow of people getting food would be smoother if they could serve themselves from both sides of the table when walking through because the line got super long.
- d) 2019 Sage Grouse Experience
- i) Date has been set for Saturday, April 20th. Susie had a request to boost the Sage Grouse Experience on our Facebook page. The Board had voted at a previous meeting to pay to boost events of importance and pay the fee associated with doing so. The event is at capacity. The lek site will be in Ruby Valley, like last year. Al Plank (Barrick) will speak on Barrick's behalf at 8:30 AM at the Basque House.
 - ii) A Community Investment proposal has been submitted to Barrick for our 2019 SGE costs – it was approved for \$2,000.
 - iii) A gift certificate from Boomtown came in after the annual dinner. **Gerry made a motion to offer the certificate to Larry to show NNSG's appreciation for his dedication to the group. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
- e) Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
- i) The Joint Chief's Proposal was denied. Annie stated that the FS will be asking for a regional commitment to see if there is any funding assistance available.
 - ii) Katie stated that there has been \$1,200 more in donations to add to the existing \$1,900.
 - iii) There is currently around \$20,000 in donations to rehab the Range Two fire.
- 8) Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
- a) Item was tabled.
- 9) Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
- a) Gerry Miller (CD Program)
 - i) Elko Clean-Up/Green-Up will be held on April 26th.
 - ii) Weeds Extravaganza will be held at the Elko Convention Center on May 1 and Applicator exam will be held on May 2.
 - iii) The final hearing for the State mitigation will be held on Friday, April 19th. Asking for the public to show up to the hearing and make comments.
 - iv) The credit system is looking for projects.
 - b) Gary Reese (NDF)
 - i) Spring Tree Sale will be held at SCHS on April 24 and 25, order forms needed to be submitted to NDF by April 12th. 750 plants were ordered.
 - c) Dave Voth (NDA)
 - i) Will be assisting the FS with their targeted grazing projects.
 - ii) He may need help with Ag in the Classroom on May 8th.
 - d) William Kutosky (USFWS)

- i) The sagebrush seedlings were planted in Boulder Valley on March 30th. They had 10 volunteers plant 2,500 seedlings. The remaining seedlings will be planted by NDF crews.
 - e) Cam Collins (BLM)
 - i) The Emergency Stabilization Projects proposal has been drafted. The sage grouse markers will put out by volunteer fire fighters.
 - f) Melissa Schultz (Barrick)
 - i) There is a June 1st closing date for the joint venture. Community and stakeholder meetings to follow. Melissa is also available to answer any questions regarding the joint venture.
 - ii) Doug volunteered to write up summaries on events sponsored by Barrick and then submit to Melissa.
- 10) Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location
- a) Monday, May 13th at 5:15 PM at the NDA office in Elko.
- 11) Adjourn
- a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.