

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 13th, 2019 at 5:15 pm

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

- 1) Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
Board Members: Gary Reese, Gerald Miller, Dave Voth, Gail Ross, Katie Moss, and Andi Porreca
Public: Doug Clarke, Troy Maikis (BLM), Cam Collins (BLM), Madi Stout (Via phone), Sam Cisney (BLM), Amy Boykin (BLM)
- 2) Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - a) Gary stated that he would like to see a Public Comment item at the end of each agenda.
- 3) Approval of the April 16th, 2019 Minutes
 - a) **Dave made a motion to approve the April 16th, 2019 meeting minutes. Gerry seconded and the motion passed.**
- 4) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i) Katie reported that there was a Facebook boost for the Sage Grouse Experience. The annual dinner bills were paid and there was also a \$50 transfer to open a fire rehab account. **Gerry made a motion to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
- 5) Outreach
 - a) NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.
 - i) Susie did some research on banners online and she found some for around \$89 at www.halfpricebanners.com. They are retractable and come with stands. **Gerry made a motion to spend \$100 on one NNSG banner. Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
- 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. Also, please use Gerry's spreadsheet to determine inventory date.
 - (i) Humboldt River Ranch - Andi

1. Working with Brad and Jesse Braatz. Site was inventoried on May 30th.
 - (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
 1. Update: 81 total black sagebrush seedlings
 - (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.
 - ii) *Janel doesn't have the files for the book. Gerry will take the files down to the lawyer to speed up the printing process.*
 - 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 and/or the SnoBowl.
 - (1) There is currently no organization for the projects because Larry is out of town. **Gerry made a motion to provide up to \$200 for either of the above events. Dave seconded and the motion passed. Doug will be the liaison and see if the funding can be used for the Trails' Day events.**
 - c) 2019 Sage Grouse Experience Recap
 - i) Gary stated that there were 40 attendees and the sage grouse were visible. Al Plank from Barrick gave a presentation.
 - d) Owyhee River Sagebrush Seedling Planting Recap
 - (a) There were 18 volunteers that planted around 1,000 sagebrush seedlings. The plants were brought out of storage on May 1 without being watered and some of them were inundated with a fungus. The plants are currently being treated with fungicide by Gary to keep them from dying.
 - (b) Doug noted that the plants were dry and incorrectly planted on west-facing slopes.
 - (c) Need to work with Don at NYTC and see if community service project plants can be kept in their greenhouses. Gary suggested that NNSG donate them some money for watering and supplies.
 - e) Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf

- i) Around 3,000 sagebrush seedlings were planted around the Boy Scout Camp and Talbot trail in Lamoille. Coordination was by NDOW, NDF, USFWS and USFS. There is some funding remaining to continue rehabilitation efforts.
 - ii) *Doug will check to see if the old fence at Thomas Creek is still standing.*
Possible fence removal project if it is still there.
 - iii) The road through Lamoille Canyon is closed until the guardrails are installed.
- 8) Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
 - a) Item was tabled.
- 9) Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
 - a) Gerry Miller (CD Program)
 - i) Waiting to see what is decided at the State Public Hearing. Gerry is willing to give tours of the sagebrush plots north of Mary's River.
 - ii) The credit system is looking for projects.
 - iii) The Northeast Elko CD will be discussing their Resource Needs Assessment at their May meeting in Wells.
 - b) Gary Reese (NDF)
 - i) There were two herbicide workshops in Elko in May, by NDA and Chuck Moses.
 - ii) Replacing dead plants in artificial wetlands at the Cottonwood Ranch through the Sagebrush Ecosystem Program.
 - iii) NNSG will be hosting the Fall 2019 plant sale.
 - c) Dave Voth (NDA)
 - i) The range app has been finalized and is ready to be used by the public. Dave can give one-on-one trainings upon request.
 - ii) Will need help from volunteers for Ag in the Classroom on May 31st.
 - d) Gail Ross (Barrick)
 - i) The Nevada Gold Mines will close their joint venture on July 1st. NNSG received their \$2,000 Community Investment funding.
 - e) Cam Collins (BLM)
 - i) The sage grouse markers will put out by volunteer fire fighters.
 - ii) BLM will have two techs working with endangered species this summer.
 - f) Madi Stout (NDOW)
 - i) NDOW is working on a huge effort to map medusahead by remote sensing at the foot of the Rubies. Coordinating with the HWCWMA and various landowners on their efforts.
 - g) Sam Cisney (BLM)
 - i) They will have six seasonals treating 7,500 acres starting May 20th.
 - ii) Currently updating the weed ESR and programmatic EIS to add more chemicals to their list.
 - h) Doug Clark
 - i) FS might be able to perform some weed monitoring at the Range Two Fire, specifically for leafy spurge and knapweed. This could possibly be a joint HWCWMA/NNSG volunteer event for removing noxious weeds. *Dave and*

Gerry volunteered to take a look at the weedy sites and report back to the group with their findings.

10) Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

a) Monday, June 3rd at 5:15 PM at the NDA office in Elko.

11) Adjourn

a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.