

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 3rd, 2019 at 5:15 pm

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

- 1) Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
Board Members: Gary Reese, Gerald Miller, Margaret Walch, Dave Voth, Gail Ross, Katie Moss, Pam Harrington and Andi Porreca
Public: Josh Nicholes (USFS)
- 2) Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - a) No public comment.
- 3) Approval of the May 13, 2019 Minutes
 - a) **Dave made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 meeting minutes. Margaret seconded and the motion passed.**
- 4) Treasurer's Report
 - a) Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i) Katie reported that the Sage Grouse Experience, post office, Elko Chamber of Commerce and annual dinner bills were paid. **Gerry made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
- 5) Outreach
 - a) NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.
 - i) The NNSG brochure needs to be updated. The Chamber may be able to assist us with PR materials as part of our membership. *Andi will send Dave the NNSG logo along with project photos that Susie has taken.*
- 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. Site was inventoried on May 30th, but were rained out. Brad will go back and monitor at a later date.
 - (ii) Izenhood – 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
 - (ix) Southfork – Gary
 - 1. Thousands of seedlings per sagebrush cache.
- 7) Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
- a) Mary Winter’s Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
 - i) No update.
 - b) Upcoming Friends of the Ruby Mountains Events
 - i) Cool Canyon Evenings will be held in Lamoille this August, USFS will be assisting. There will also be five Summer Presentations in June.
 - ii) National Trail’s Day will be held June 22nd – there will be a trail enhancement project at Talbot Creek and/or the SnoBowl. NNSG will be sponsoring the lunch.
 - c) Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
 - i) Gary started the rephotography in Lamoille for the USFS and the Friends of the Ruby Mountains. He recorded 27 species at the Powerhouse and 47 species at the Lion’s Camp.
 - ii) Gary was able to save 600 seedlings that were inundated with a fungus.
 - iii) Lion’s Camp Clean-Up: 70 volunteers cleaned up the area around the lodge and Team Rubicon was also in attendance. Gerry suggested planting mahogany caches to see if they are successful like the sagebrush caches.
 - iv) Josh stated that the FS seasonal orientation was at the beginning of June and then they will be working out in the field. He is also impressed with the pinyon-juniper piles at Overland Pass thanks to the NDF crews.
 - d) Reimbursement to Andi Porreca for Tarps Purchased for Tree Planting Project
 - i) **Gerry made a motion to reimburse Andi for the tarps. Pam seconded and the motion passed.**
 - e) National Public Land’s Day Events
 - i) At a previous meeting, the Board voted to spend \$2,000 on a Joint Chief’s project. There is currently \$1,000 remaining to be spent on another project. **Gerry made a motion to spend up to \$500 per National Public Land’s Day rehab event (Sugarloaf and Range Two) on food expenditures that will be held on September 28, 2019. Margaret seconded and the motion passed.**
- 8) Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
- a) Item was tabled.
- 9) Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
- a) Gerry Miller (CD Program)
 - i) The credit system is looking for projects.

- ii) On June 14th, the State Conservation Commission will be meeting at the NDA office in Elko. Afterwards, there will be an NRCS Resource Needs meeting at the Museum in Elko, where Ray Dotson will be answering questions.
 - iii) State Ecosystem Council is meeting on June 27th.
 - b) Gary Reese (NDF)
 - i) NDF did some fuel's reduction projects in Jarbidge on common ground areas.
 - ii) NNSG will be hosting the Fall 2019 plant sale.
 - c) Dave Voth (NDA)
 - i) Society for Range Management is touring the Martin Creek Fire, starting in Paradise Valley on June 27th.
 - ii) Dave helped facilitate the Wild Horse and Burro Summit – participants admitted that there is a problem and were willing to change management practices.
 - iii) There will be a Stockmanship Workshop in Oregon the second week of June.
 - iv) 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) Pam Harrington (Trout Unlimited)
 - i) Had a meeting with Amodei and Mastos to discuss the Ruby Mountain Protection Act for the Ruby's Campaign.
 - f) Josh Nicholes (USFS)
 - i) Waiting for the area to dry out, so seasonals can get out in the field. The newly hired Range Cons and seasonals will be focusing their efforts on rehabbing Sugarloaf and Range Two Fires.
- 10) Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location
- a) Monday, July 1st at 5:15 (location to be determined).
- 11) Adjourn
- a) The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.