

# NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, January 13, 2020 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 (via phone), William Kutosky, Katie Moss
  - Public: Cam Collins (BLM), Josh Nicholes (USFS), Paul Mieman (Extension), Kaley Chapin (NV Cattlemen's), Gerald Dixon (BLM) and Doug Clarke
  - President Gary Reese Called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
  - i. **Gerry made a motion to create item 7 g, there is a request from the snowshoe group for a snack donation for their next event. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
3. Approval of November 4, 2019 Minutes
  - **Gerry made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report(s)
  - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
    - i. 4-H cashed their SGE check from April 2019. Larry stated that he would like to keep the Friends of the Ruby Mountains funds in a separate account, or a separate budget line item.
    - ii. **Gerry made a motion to approve the January treasurer's report. Larry seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Outreach
  - Update by Subgroup (NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.)
    - i. Dave transferred all tri-fold responsibilities to Katie. She will work on tasks and have something to present to the Board by the February Board meeting. Andi and Gary will work together to get the NNSG banner ordered.
  - Update by Social Media Subgroup
    - ii. Larry reported that he was able to track the number of visitors that view the NNSG webpage, there were three total for 2020. Both the webpage and the Facebook page needs to be updated. Katie stated that she will contact someone to help with updating both pages.
6. Update on Dream Tag Proposal
  - Field Monitoring Update
    - i. Monitoring Sites

1. Gerry submitted the last quarterly report, next one will be due April 10. Project site monitoring will happen in May and June of this year.
7. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
- 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. The California Trail Center has committed to selling the book. Print and Copy has the book on file, we will need to work on releasing the copyright and then do a taxonomic revision where needed.
  - Lamoille Canyon Steering Committee/Friends of the Ruby Mountains Volunteer Events Update
    - i. The first snowshoe hike at the Trails Center was a success, they provided hot cocoa and firewood. The group needs to start thinking about speakers for the Lamoille summer discussions.
  - Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
    1. Won't know about the status of the Joint Chief's proposal until later on in January. Worked on roadside treatments for Corta, Cherry Creek and Sugarloaf fires.
    2. Gary stated that there is \$5 million available for post fire restoration projects and protective measures on private lands that needs to be allocated by June 2021. BLM has been rehabbing 10,200 acres on the Martin fire which includes drill seeding and rebuilding burned fences.
  - 2020 National Cowboy Gathering Panel Discussion Update and Fundraising
    - i. The Board is still working on getting donations from the groups listed on the donation spreadsheet that was emailed out. EM Strategies, Kennedy Meats and Western Biological have donated. NNSG has been invited to the donor sponsor party that is being held on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:60 PM. Dave and possibly Gary and Katie will be taking the Smith's out to dinner at 6:30 on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Dave will work on making a reservation and coordinate getting everyone together that night.
  - 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 also stated that the Progressive Rancher and Nevada Rancher are willing to promote the annual dinner with a small donation.
    - ii. Gerry will work on obtaining a catering permit from the City. **Gerry made a motion to put \$250 towards the cost of food and move forward with paying for two parking permits to put a BBQ out in the parking**

**lot and finding someone to BBQ. The Board all agreed with the motion and the motion passed.**

- iii. Kaley will see if the NV Cattlemen's would possibly make a meat donation to the event.
  - Nevada Wild Art Exhibit
    - i. Susanne stated that they would like to request \$250 in matching funds that will go towards art supplies for rural students at the California Trails Center. Funds will be matched by the Southern Nevada Conservancy.  
**Gerry made a motion to approve the \$250 in funding for the purchase of art supplies for the exhibit. William seconded and the motion passed. Gary abstained from the motion.**
  - 2020 Sage Grouse Experience Update
    - i. The event will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Next meeting will be in March. 4-H will be cooking breakfast burritos for attendees at the Girl Scout House in Elko. Susanne Reese will help to advertise for the event.
  - Snowshoe Group Donation Request
    - i. **Gerry made a motion for NNSG to donate \$100 to the South Fork SP Snowshoe Hike – Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
  - NDF Brush Hog Bushings Request
    - i. **Gerry made a motion to donate \$85 to pay for brush hog bushings from the NDF special funds, Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
8. Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
- Item tabled.
9. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group Update
- Gerry stated that the meeting went well. The Elko Stewardship GSG Causal Factor Worksheet Planning Area for Tuscarora, North Fork, Ruby Valley and Desert was updated.
10. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
- Gerry Miller (DCNR)
    - i. Looking for private landowners with suitable sage grouse habitat to submit project proposals through NvACD. There is a 50% match requirement for riparian improvement projects, flight diverters for fences, etc.
  - Cam Collins (BLM)
    - i. ESR rehab going on, contractor dropping seed from a helicopter. This February, prioritizing major fuels breaks in intact sagebrush habitat from North of Wells to Idaho. Jill Silvey will be relocating to the Reno office at the end of February 2020. Robbie McAvoy is detailing in Winnemucca until February. Marissa (BLM) and Kari (NDOW) have 10,000 sagebrush seedlings available for fire rehab projects. BLM is working on outcome based grazing projects and monitoring plan for the Wine-cup Gamble Ranch. Hope to have a draft land health plan by the end of January 2020. Still working on mastication projects on Spruce Mountain.
  - William Kutosky (USFWS)
    - i. Looking for medusahead projects under Section Order 3362 migration corridors for areas 6, 7 and 10. Sagebrush funding will be at the Hunter Creek Fire, treatment will start fall 2020

- Josh Nicholes (USFS)
  - i. Two snow rangers will be starting January 20<sup>th</sup> for Ruby Mountains and Mountain City.
  - ii. When the GIS position is filled, their focus will be on LCT consultation in conjunction with the USFWS in the Ruby Mountains.
- Paul Miemen (Extension)
  - i. Finished the Cattlemen's updates, there were seven total. Assisting with the Winecup Gamble outcome based monitoring projects. Will also be attending the LCT interagency working group meeting in Reno in January.
- Pam Harrington (trout Unlimited)
  - i. Ben Still man from RGJ would like to help with future sagebrush planting events. Judy whole is one the Dream Tag Board sent out Gerry's quarterly report to the Sierra Club in Reno. She would also like to work towards having a state flower (sagebrush) day proclamation where sagebrush would be planted by students, outdoor groups, etc.
- Kaley Chapin (NV Cattlemen's)
  - i. She is working back at NV Cattlemen's full-time and she looks forward to attending future NNSG meetings and events.

11. Public Comment

- None.

12. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- February 10th at 5:15 at the Nevada Division of Forestry office in Elko.

13. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.