

# NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 5:15 pm**

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1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum : ( no quorum : ( 7 is a Quorum
  - Board Members: Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Brandolyn Thran, Paul Meiman, Leslie Creel, Dave Voth via phone
  - Public: Doug Clarke, Jason Freeman (BLM), Jeff Moore(BLM), Julie Gabrielson + Wylan (NDOW), Brad McMullen, (WFC)
  - Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
  - Larry stated that he updated the Board Member biographies on the NNSG website, but would like to for the [newly elected board members to send him a short synopsis of themselves so he can get those added to the website as well.](#)
  - [Gerry Mentioned that Andi Submitted a Social Investment Proposal to Nevada Gold Mines and he thinks it's going too be a successful proposal](#)
3. Approval of September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
  - **Larry made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 13th meeting. Gerry seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
    - i. As of September \$11,749.80 in the checking account
5. Action Item update from the September Meeting: Tabled as this system failed – I've put [action ITEMS in RED](#)
6. Consideration of exploring contracting the accounting services out
  - The BOD discussed only contracting out accounting services if they choose to move forwards with an assistance agreement with the BLM. The BOD decided to table until a future meeting once [Katie has given her input on the discussion item.](#) And what were they???? Tabled
7. BLM assistance agreement update
  - If NNSG decides to move forward with an assistance agreement with the BLM, the agreement could be set up later this year and funding would be available for projects in 2023. Melanie stated that NNSG would focus on hiring an employee to perform tasks that were on a list that was provided to the BOD which includes: monitoring sites in the Mary's River area, exclosure maintenance, GIS exercises for staff use and some potential construction projects. We have the option to put the work out to bid or have an employee do the project implementation. [Gerry, Andi and Brandolyn agreed to go through the project list and prioritize projects that could possibly be coordinated on with groups such as 4-H, FFA, SANE, NOS](#)

and NYTC before the next BOD meeting. **Consensus of those present was that this isn't a good fit for the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group.**

8. BLM – Mary's River riparian assessment and possible 40-year follow-up Study

- NNSG has roughly \$30,000 to do an assessment or a study on the Mary's River. To move forward, we would have to submit a proposal in writing to the BLM. Melanie would like to see some sort of project proposal from NNSG. **Andi contacted Greg Simmons and he does have the old data files from the original assessment. Open Range Consulting is interested in taking on the project and would like to do a new survey. Those present discussed different ideas of how BLM could cost share with us on getting monitoring done something like a 50:50 Cost Share**

9. Friends of the Rubies Events Update

- The four Campground Events have been completed. The two Cool Canyon Evenings were a success and the remaining events will be done with help from Nevada Outdoor School. **Larry purchased a feathered flag for the Friends group for \$318. He will also look into purchasing a doggy bag station for Road's End along with a PA system for future events.**

10. Updates on:

- Elko Fall Plant Sale fundraiser
  - i. This fall's sale will be held on October 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> at the NDF office in Elko. Order forms have been mailed and emailed out to customers. Andi will post the event to the NNSG and NDF Facebook pages and **Gerry said of there is anybody who could come down and help on Thursday and Friday that would be terrific**
- Update on Educational workshops planned for Fall 2022
  - i. There will be a range monitoring type class offered by the BLM this November
- Rangeland Monitoring Workshop November/December will possibly be January or February with Paul and Doug leading the effort
- Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book funding request update
  - i. No update,
- Lamoille summit trails partnership update - two trail maintenance days per year and other trail improvements works days
  - i. There have been three days of workdays so far along with two meetings at the courthouse. They plan to make the trails to allow for better visibility, so they are planning to have two trails instead of one. The RFP has gone out and there is a \$56,000 fee that the BLM will cover. The project is on-going with four trail flagging days planned over a span of 12 miles.
- Road's End education area
  - i. Brandolyn met with the FS and she is negotiating the needs for the Road's End pavilion which will serve as an educational center for the public to use.
- Boot cleaning station
  - i. Still needs to be installed. **Possible Eagle Scout project? Need to Contact Josh and get it installed**

- Lamoille Canyon chronolog photopoint on the Range 2 Fire
    - i. The photopoint station has been approved by the FS. NOS and the Forest Service will work to get the information for the project out to the public. **Need to Contact Josh and get installed and Larry may write an Nature's note about it**
11. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
- SRM Range Camp sponsor for annual meeting (\$200)
    - i. **Gerry made a motion to sponsor a range camp student to attend the upcoming SRM meeting if the student can submit a request letter to the group. Larry seconded and the motion passed. Gerry Received the Request Letter from Sarah Smith via Text Message so this is a go**
  - Shad Linn/Billy Irish Lamoille tree planting project.
    - i. Item tabled for future meeting.
12. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works and the LAWG will be monitoring the Sage Grouse Plan Amendment
- There are lots of groups doing sage grouse improvement projects. Gerry also submits quarterly reports on behalf of the NNSG.
  - The Sage Grouse Plan is currently being revised by NRMAC, it would be a good idea for the edits to be reviewed by the sage grouse LAWG before anything is finalized. (October action item).
  - Pam made a motion for Gerry to give a quick 15 minute presentation at a future meeting.
13. Board Member updates/Public Comment
- Julie Gabrielson gave a presentation (Attached) on the Elko Community Ponds acquisition by NDOW. This property has been a priority for NDOW for the last 20 years. It is 42.6 acres. NDOW also plans for Community Urban Fishing, Nature Center, Nature Trail tying in t=with the Humboldt Area River Project
    - i. **Julie's ask of the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group is that a Funding Source aka NV Energy needs a 501C3 Corporation to apply for the grant funding. As there wasn't a Quorum Present there was no vote called but the general consensus was that we continue pursuing this as a partner – IMPORTANT to BE PRESENT on November 8<sup>th</sup> to vote as the Grant is due November 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Doug will talk to the Folklife Center to discuss panel topics** for the upcoming National Cowboy Poetry Gathering. Brad gave us an Update it's going to be live and in Person, Moderate the Panel Discussion, Perhaps two Panel discussions, on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the G3 Theater (Gerry Wonder's Why SANE is on the Panel discussion but not the Stewardship Group – We are also locally led and have been around a lot longer and are much more active) Anyhow we did approve \$1,000 as our contribution in May when we passed the NNSG Budget
  - Leslie stated that Desert Pigs will be doing a clean-up project on 5<sup>th</sup> Street sometime this fall and the Man-Mule race will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup>. They are still looking for volunteers for that event.
  - **Sagebrush** Collection will be November 19<sup>th</sup> and we will help spread the Word

14. Determine the next meeting date (November 8) and location. Margaret will be the next month's President and she'll get to choose the location

15. Adjourn

- The October meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.