

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 5:15 pm

Elko County Library – Elko, NV

1. Welcome and introductions determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Margaret Walch, Larry Hyslop, Brandolyn Thran, Paul Meiman, Andi Porreca, Katie Moss, Coralee Ditman, Gail Ross, Dave Voth via phone
 - Public: Doug Clarke and
 - Margaret called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - Larry stated that there will be an Avalanche Warriors workshop at the 360 Lodge this December. He will get the flyer for the class to Andi so she can distribute to the group.
3. Approval of October 11th meeting minutes
 - **Larry made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11th meeting. Coralee seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. As of November, there is \$10,760 in the checking account
5. Consideration of exploring contracting the accounting services out
 - Item was tabled for a future meeting.
6. BLM Mary's River riparian assessment:
 - a. Do we want to do a follow-up study since we have the funds for it, but we no longer manage the land?
 - 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
7. Friends of the Rubies Events Update
 - Currently working on signage and maps for all of the trails in Lamoille Canyon. Josh Nicholes would like to have QR codes available for the public to use at all of the trailheads as well.
8. Updates on:
 - Upcoming educational workshops

- BLM has a targeted grazing EA and a drought EA coming up. NDOW is also hosting a sagebrush seed collection workday on November 19th, Andi will send out the flyer to the group and post to the Facebook page.
 - Rangeland monitoring workshop November/December
 - i. Paul stated that he is available February 21-24 and March 6-8 to hold the workshop in Elko. He'd like to give a one-hour presentation giving an overview of some monitoring practices and then showcase some ranchers and their operations.
 - Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book funding request update
 - i. Doug said that he would touch base with Gary on the progress of the book.
 - Lamoille summit trails partnership update
 - i. No update.
 - Road's End education area
 - i. The Forest Service cannot support the Road's End project, but there may be potential to move the educational area to the Lion's Club.
 - Boot cleaning station
 - i. The station will be installed this spring by USFS seasonals.
 - Lamoille Canyon chronolog photopoint on the Range 2 fire
 - i. Gerry, Larry, Doug and Brandolyn are meeting on site November 11th to install the hardwire.
9. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
- SRM Range Camp sponsor for annual meeting (\$200)
 - i. 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. This item can be removed.
 - 2023 Cowboy Poetry Gathering panel discussion
 - i. It might be a good idea to have the three groups have a panel discussion with some of the NNSG members. Need to decide who would be good to have on the third panel. Agendize for December BOD meeting.
10. 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
- Item tabled for December meeting.
11. Board Member updates/Public Comment
- The BOD decided to host an NNSG Winter Social at the DLC on December 13th. Coralee with work on reserving their meeting space and catering. Gail said that she will bring her microscope and some soil samples.
 - Doug would like to see NNSG start hosting more frequent workshops, movies and other events like we have done in the past. Possible topics could be climate change and fire regimes, Pete Coates or maybe a remote sensing presentation by Open Range Consulting?
12. Determine the next meeting date (December 13) at the DLC.
13. Adjourn
- The November meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.