

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 5:15 pm

Nevada Division of Forestry Office – Elko, NV

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gerald Miller, Andi Porreca, Gail Ross, Larry Hyslop, Coralee Ditman, Amanda Conklin, Pam Harrington, Leslie Creel
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Melanie Mitchell (BLM), Kyra Walton (USFS)
 - Larry 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.
3. Approval of April 12 meeting minutes
 - **Gerry made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12 meeting. Coralee seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Approval of April 21 Annual Meeting minutes
 - **Gerry made a motion to approve the April 21 meeting minutes. Amanda seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. There is \$12,137.12 in the checking account.
 - ii. Andi and Katie will work on the Nevada Gold Mines proposal and will include Sage Grouse Experience and Friends of the Ruby Mountains projects.
6. 2022-2023 NNSG Annual Work Plan discussion and approval
 - Gerry went over the proposed annual work plan that he drafted and emailed to the BOD for their review. **Gerry made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 annual work plan as presented, with the addition of a trail's day. Coralee seconded and the motion passed.**
7. 2022-2023 NNSG Budget discussion and approval
 - Gerry went over the proposed budget that he drafted and emailed to the BOD for their review. **Andi made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented. Leslie seconded and the motion passed.**
8. Consideration and approval of paying for secretarial and/or reestablishing the Executive Director title – \$25.00 hour and nominating Andi Porreca as she has been acting in this role for years
 - There was no discussion or action.
9. 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.
10. 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 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. The group agreed to discuss more at the next BOD meeting.
11. 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. Who do we want to hire for contracting or consulting? Carol Evans or Pat Coffin?
12. Lamoille Summit Trails Partnership
- i. Leslie reported that the BLM was funded \$49,000 for planning and archeological surveys.
13. Updates on:
- i. Educational workshops planned for summer 2022
 1. Doug would like to see the group host another presentation for the public this summer. Or maybe host some sort of soils workshop of our own in the south fork/Jiggs area? Or have Paul give a presentation on the state handbook/rangeland monitoring ap.
 2. Gail might be able to find a movie on soils for our August meeting. Coralee offered up her place for testing soils too.
 - ii. Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada book
 1. No update.
 - iii. Lamoille Summit Trails Partnership
 1. No update.
 - iv. Road's End educational area
 1. No update.
 - v. Lamoille Canyon boot scraping station
 1. No update.
 - vi. Cottonwood Ranch Soils Workshop
 1. NNSG will be sending Gail and Coralee to the soils workshop at the Cottonwood Ranch.
14. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
- i. National Trails Day Activities at Griswold Lake Trail - \$300.00
 1. On June 4th, there will be a trail building workshop at the SCA campground. John Gull will be coordinating this event with Annette Kerr and Jared Moffit with SCA.
15. 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

- Gerry reported that there are credit and debit projects currently in the works.

16. Public Comment

- Doug stated that the group should think about possible topics of discussion for the 2023 Cowboy Poetry Gathering discussion panel.
- Forest Service Update
 - i. Seasonal Staff begins arriving on May 23
 - ii. Rec staff will be reaching out soon to organize a logistics call for trails day
 - iii. Finalizing targeted grazing EA expect the release of the Final EA and Draft Decision on June 1
 - iv. South Jerritt EA Decision Notice signed 05/08/22
 - v. Scenic Canyons is in the process of opening the Ruby Campgrounds now with a target date being open for Memorial day. (weather permitting)
 - vi. Forest is offering opportunities for people to submit interest proposals for rec special use permits for MC, RM, J, Ely, Austin or Tonopah. (Outfitting and guiding, shuttle services, and such)
 - vii. Additional Sno-Tel site planned for construction in Lamoille this August

17. Determine the Next Meeting Date (July 12) and Location

18. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.