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Working Together for Healthy Landscapes and Quality Lifestyles

NNSG board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Elko County Library
Elko, Nevada 89801

Present: Nick Brancato, Gail Ross, Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Wendy Markham, Greg Ritson, Dave Voth, Jeff Moore, Mark Lattin called in on Zoom

1. Gerry discussed changing the number of board of directors to 9. We will use the active members of 10 seated members for quorum determination.
2. Dave moved and Gail seconded approval of June 3rd, July 23rd, September 9th, and October 14th minutes. All in favor.
3. Treasurer's report.
 - a. No dramatic changes. Ending balance of \$37k. \$18,500 for LSTS NEPA and \$1000 for Pigs.
 - b. Net total from the plant sale is \$463.
 - c. CD's accrue \$50-60/month. About \$16k.
 - d. Newsletter costs forecast at the beginning of the year. NDOW sagebrush seed collecting might not be happening this year.
4. Contribution requests or partner support
 - a. Dave moved to approve. Gerry seconded. All in favor. Susan Reese is requesting a \$150.00 donation toward printing exhibit post cards and the exhibit catalog for this year's Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Nevada Wild Fine Art Exhibit.
 - b. Gerry moved, Dave seconded. All in favor. \$100 for chronolog photo station renewal with NOS
5. Website. Need bios and brochure update and request for input
6. Group and partner updates
 - a. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group - Gerry sent out a letter to agencies and they're interested in continuing with NDOW. He will set a meeting in January and see what the next steps are. Only 2 are operating in the states, Reno/Sparks and Elko. Gerry updates for the state website - working with Scott Roberts (new game regional person for NDOW)
 - b. Rangeland monitoring workshop - Paul still wants to do it
 - c. Grass and forbs workshop - No idea
 - d. Microbiome working group - Gail didn't have much. International Compost Awareness is May 4-10. Confirmed Wallipini greenhouse for May 3rd.
 - e. Friends of the Rubies events - Introduction to Avalanche Awareness, December 4th, Wednesday 6-8 pm.

- f. Elko Trail Systems Initiative
 - i. Elko county signed a Letter of Agreement for the \$80k FLAP scoping study grant. 2030 funding for Phase 1 of the Humboldt-Rubies Trail has been promised, contingent on the feasibility, scoping and availability of funds.
 - ii. LSTS NEPA continues with a shortfall of funds with the contractor.
- g. Dark skies - nothing
- 7. Agency Updates - BLM representatives Wendy Markham, Greg Ritson and Jeff Moore presented
 - a. East Humboldt Ruby Mountain Fuel Reduction Landscape Resiliency - public comment went out and they are receiving some good comments. Closes December 5th.
 - b. Overland - contractor finished up with lop and scatter. Working to get it out. Want to do it at a larger scale than what Elko county could achieve. Great place to get your firewood. Easy picking.
 - c. Next year Humboldt-Toiyabe will provide the nation's Christmas Tree. December 21st, 2025. Competing with the Carson District. Look for good Jarbidge alpine fir trees.
 - d. New Law Enforcement Officer hopefully by the beginning of the year.
 - e. Greg Ritson, present, is well versed in backcountry snow hazards.
 - f. Angel Lake dam update - funding from regional office. Hopefully after Labor Day they will start work on that.
 - g. Jeff Moore reported on ongoing horse gathering with Ely District. LCT projects. Mine projects.
- 8. Board Member Updates
 - a. Nick Brancato
 - i. Full moon hike at the meadows with NOS tomorrow, 7:00 pm.
 - ii. State parks is looking at hosting an NCCC crew next year. Might ask NNSG to collaborate on potential projects. Might have them for a month. Can be housed in the campground and be made available to partner with agencies. Would need a full time project leader. Looking at working on tamarisk. April 23rd to July 23rd. Can use a power-available sight, have showers.
 - iii. State parks is looking at introducing bio control for leafy spurge, white top and burns. Looking to do something different than herbicide.
 - iv. State Parks is taking over all the historical markers in the state. The money will come with the responsibility.
 - b. November 19th and 20th is the NV weed management association convention in Reno.
 - c. Dave Voth was just elected to the International Society for Range Management board - spans Canada and Mexico.
 - d. Gerry Miller wants NNSG to consider a Regenerative Agriculture theme for the annual dinner, perhaps around the compost awareness week.
 - e. Gerry moved to host next month's meeting as a holiday social at the 7018 Brewery with a \$250 budget.
- 9. No public comment
- 10. Next meetings
 - a. Wednesday, December 11th, 5:30 pm
 - b. Wednesday, January 8th, 5:30 pm
- 11. Adjourn at 6:26 pm

Each item is considered as a possible "Action Item". Consensus is what we strive for in all of our decisions.