

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 9, 2019 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, William Kutosky, Katie Moss and Gail Ross
 - Public: Cam Collins (BLM), Susanne Reese, Connie Lee (NvACD), Melissa Schultz (NGM), Brad McMullen (WFC), Josh Nicholes (USFS), Abby Smith (via phone) and Doug Clarke
 - President Gary Reese Called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - i. **Gerry made a motion to table item 8. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
 - ii. **Gerry made a motion to change item 7 d to Sage Grouse Experience. Dave seconded and the motion passed.**
3. Approval of November 4, 2019 Minutes
 - **Gerry made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report(s)
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. **Gerry made a motion to approve the November treasurer's report. Andi seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Outreach
 - Update by Subgroup (NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.)
 - i. Dave updated the tri-fold, Suzy will get some better NNSG photos to Dave. She will also print out some good 8x10" photos for the display. Gary will work on ordering the table display and/or banner that was voted on at a previous meeting before February 1st.
6. Update on Dream Tag Proposal
 - Field Monitoring Update
 - i. Monitoring Sites
 1. Next quarterly report will be submitted spring 2020. Brad Schultz would like to do a few more sample sagebrush caches.
 2. There are western States groups (CDs, boy scouts, college students, etc.) that are interested in implementing sagebrush cache sites. Larry and Gerry will work on adding our project and findings to the NNSG website.

3. Pam will coordinate with Ben Stillman (RGJ) on creating a sagebrush cache article.
4. Doug would like to put together a social media subgroup that will meet sometime in January 2020.

7. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support

- Discussion for Reconvening the Northeastern Nevada Sage-grouse Local Area Working Group Within the NNSG
 - i. **Gerry made a motion for the Sage Grouse LAWG to meet one hour before monthly NNSG meetings at 4:00 PM. Larry seconded and the motion passed.**
 - ii. The group needs to discuss targeted and adaptive management for the 9 declining populations in Elko County as well as projects that can be completed.
- SRM Donation Request to Assist with Lunch at December 13th Winter Meeting
 - i. Nevada Rangeland Resources will pay for the lunch.
- 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.
- Sage Grouse Experience Update
 - i. Will be held on April 18th. Need to discuss catering at the January NNSG meeting.
- Lamoille Canyon Steering Committee/Friends of the Ruby Mountains Volunteer Events Update
 - i. No update
- Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
 1. Won't know about the status of the Joint Chief's proposal until January. Worked on roadside treatments for Corta, Cherry Creek and Sugarloaf fires. They will be doing roadside treatments this winter. FS also had a meeting with the BLM to discuss the full moon snowshoe hikes.
- 2020 National Cowboy Gathering Panel Discussion Update and Fundraising
 - i. Abby from the Jefferson Center for Holistic Management called in to the meeting. Panel will discuss soil health and the holistic management movement by the Savory Institute.
 - ii. A biography from the Smith's has been received and will be added to the Nation Cowboy Poetry Gathering brochure. The panel discussion will start at 10:15 AM on February 1st and will last approximately one and a half hours. Andi will find the previous donation list and email to Dave, will be trying to get \$1,500 in donations. NNSG to ask presenter is they would be willing to give another presentation in Elko, more formal with a dinner for the public to attend.
- 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 will have a more concrete update at the January Board meeting. He will also work on getting bids for catering. 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.
 - 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.**
8. Recap Fundraising Brainstorm
 - Item tabled.
9. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
 - Gary Reese (NDF)
 - i. NDF is re-writing the FEMA grant for the Spring Creek Association to include an additional 1,500 acres to the project.
 - Gerry Miller (DCNR)
 - i. Looking for private landowners with suitable sage grouse habitat to submit project proposals through NvACD.
 - Connie Lee (NvACD)
 - i. The annual NvACD was successful, was held last October in Winnemucca. Currently looking for soil health champions in Nevada and working with SANE to get the group ready to identify areas of concern within their boundaries. NACD will be holding their annual meeting in Las Vegas starting February 9th.
 - Cam Collins (BLM)
 - i. 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.
10. Public Comment
 - None.
11. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- January 13th at 5:15 at the Nevada Division of Forestry office in Elko. Sage grouse LAWG will be meeting at 4:00 PM, same location.

12. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.