

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 9, 2019 at 5:15 pm

**Nevada Department of Agriculture Office
4780 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada**

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gary Reese, Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Dave Voth, Andi Porreca
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Madi Stout (via phone), Shauna and Nathan Morrill, Paul Mieman (UNCE)
 - President Gary Reese Called the meeting to order at 5:15
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - Nathan Morrill's presentation to request funds for his Eagle Badge low sagebrush carcass caching project in Lamoille Canyon
 - i. An Eagle Scout Projects where he will be installing 25 sagebrush caches that are harvested in Pleasant Valley and installed at the Powerhouse area in Lamoille Canyon on November 2. Dave stated that NDA can donate the garbage bags needed for the project. Gerry made a motion to sponsor Nathan's project and donate \$250 which will go towards the purchase of biodegradable stakes and netting. Larry seconded and the motion passed.
 - ii. Paul Mieman officially started in his position the beginning of September. He previously worked for Colorado State University as a professor and researcher. He is excited to get to know the area and residents.
3. Approval of August 12, 2019 Minutes
 - Gerry made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. Dave seconded and the motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report(s)
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. Although the item was tabled for the October Board meeting, Gary purchased \$86 in postage for the plant sale and Larry deposited \$470 into the bank account. Doug is selling photos at the DLC, profits will be donated to the Friend's of the Ruby Mountains.
5. Outreach
 - Update by Subgroup (NNSG Brochures, Table Displays, Poster Board, etc.)
 - i. Gary will move forward with purchasing the display and Dave has been working on updating the NNSG tri-fold brochure.
 - ii. Gerry, Doug and Dave will coordinate with Jon Carr and Cutis Moore with Elko County to help build a relationship between NNSG and Elko County.
6. Update on Dream Tag Proposal

- Field Monitoring Update
 - i. Monitoring Sites
 1. The next report is due by October 10; Gerry will work on this task. He will also look into how remaining funds can be expended and will report back to the group. NNSG is responsible for long-term monitoring of project sites.
7. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
- Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
 - i. Gary went to the lawyer's office to make contact with the attorneys to figure out who is in charge of the estate. Item tabled for October Board meeting.
 - Upcoming Friends of the Ruby Mountains Events
 - i. Discussion of Using NNSG as a Pass-Through for Funds
 - Fire Project Updates – Range Two and Sugarloaf
 - i. Event will be sponsored by USFS and BLM at Wild Horse Reservoir on October 28 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Lunch will be sponsored by NNSG. Volunteers will be rebuilding picnic tables, slats on shade structures and painting bathrooms.
 - National Public Land's Day Events
 - Lamoille Canyon Steering Committee/Friends of the Ruby Mountains Volunteer Events Update
 - i. Finished up summer events, there was a good turn-out on Labor Day. The yearly Avalanche training will be this December and co-sponsored by Shipp's Cycle.
 - ii. Madi sent out a doodle poll for the next meeting where the October 14th volunteer event logistics will be discussed. Volunteer projects will include planning plants, picking up trash, collecting seed, removing fence.
 - 2020 National Cowboy Gathering Discussion Panel Update
 - i. Dave will be meeting with the WFC on Wednesday to discuss panel logistics. NNSG would like a slot that is later in the day. The group will donate \$1,500 towards the panel discussion and ask for donations from local organizations.
 - Fall NDF Plant Sale Update
 - i. The plant sale will take place at NDF in Elko on October 4-5, 2019. There will be profit of \$1.00 per plant for NNSG since we are helping to sponsor the event. Orders are due to NDF by October 27.
 - 2020 Annual Dinner
 - i. Dave is trying to lock down Jay Hill who is a speaker who focuses on soils and agriculture from New Mexico. **Gerry made a motion for NNSG to sponsor Jay up to \$2,000 to get the ball moving secure his presentation at NNSG's 2020 Annual Dinner. Pam seconded and the motion passed.** Dave will have more of an update at the October Board meeting.
8. Recap Fundraising Brainstorm

- Doug stated that Gail suggested NNSG have a year-long business plan. We should sit down with both Gail and Melissa to strategize the projects and events we will be asking Nevada Gold Mines funding for.
9. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Local Area Working Groups
- Gary Reese (NDF)
 - i. Spring Creek Association applied for a Hazardous Fuels Reduction Grant as well as a FEMA grant that were both successful. Each grant is a three-year grant and the funding comes to around \$1 million to maintain and monitor 1,000 acres. NDF will be responsible for mowing fire breaks and green strips. NNSG or HWCWMA may be able to help with mapping weedy areas and coming up with a long-term treatment plan.
 - Gerry Miller (DCNR)
 - i. The State Conservation Credit System is still open. The NvACD meeting will be held in Winnemucca October 22-24 and the State Conservation Commission will be meeting around that same time.
 - Pam Harrington (Trout Unlimited)
 - i. TU will be sponsoring a NEPA training in Elko on September 18 at the Elko Indian Colony from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. She will send out the sign-up information to the Board.
 - Andi Porreca (HWCWMA)
 - i. The annual Nevada Weed Management Association Meeting will be held in Sparks on October 16-17. Andi will email the sign-up information to the Board.
 - Dave Voth (NDA)
 - i. A Stockmanship Workshop will be held at the Cottonwood Ranch September 26-29. The class is already full with participants coming in from all over.
10. Public Comment
- Doug suggested that NNSG plan more educational presentations like we used to, maybe incorporate this into our business plan. Presentations could include: a meet-and-greet for Paul the new extension educator, climate change, sage grouse management by BLM and USFS, which could also help pull in volunteers for public education events.
11. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location
- October 7th at 5:15 at the NDA office in Elko.
12. Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.