

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 5:15 pm

Via Zoom and at Elko County Commissioner's Chambers

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gerald Miller, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, Dave Voth, Leslie Creel, Gail Ross
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Coralee Ditman, Kelsey Denning, Robin Wignall, Curtis Moore, Macy (NOS), Gary Reese
 - Gerry Miller called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - Gerry stated that there will be a Full Moon Hike at South Fork on November 20 at 6:00 PM. The event will be sponsored by Friends of the Ruby Mountains and Nevada Outdoor Schools.
3. Approval of October 12 meeting minutes.
 - **Dave made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Leslie seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. Item tabled for a future Board meeting.
 - ii. A total of 320 plants were sold at the Fall Plant sale. NNSG profited \$320.
5. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group Update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works and the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council is also considering the Lahontan Cutthroat Habitat, Mule Deer Corridors and other issues facing the Sagebrush landscapes
 - The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council would like LAWGs to refer to management plans and mitigate triggers as they come up. Rules are changing statewide and more corridors will be implemented.
6. Update on NNSG Brochure
 - Gail stated that BOD members can send edits to her and she will work on updating the brochure. Larry will send pics and would like to see a section on how the public can contribute and a section on projects completed.
7. Lamoille Summit Trails Partnership
 - Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the BLM and ETIS. NNSG has indicated that we would like to be involved through two trail maintenance days per year and other trail improvements works days
 - i. The proposal was submitted to the RTP grant division through Nevada Outdoor Schools. There is a feasibility study that is being formalized that will tie into the Trail's System program. Leslie will add the wording: "The trail will be maintained for 25 years" to the MOU.

8. Discussion of Boot Cleaning Station in Lamoille Canyon
 - NAISMA membership purchase through our Range Two Fire Funds
 - i. Josh is okay with placing the boot scraping station at the Ruby Crest trailhead. Andi will move forward to purchasing the boot scraping station and working on the wording for the kiosk.
9. Discuss the Board of Directors self-assessment of the Stewardship Group
 - Thursday Evening General Membership Presentations and Determination of Topics, Dates and Locations
 - i. Gerry, Doug and Paul will coordinate future presentations will plan on Paul's Virtual Fencing presentation for January 2022.
10. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
 - Partnering with Nevada Outdoor School to Help with Improvements at the Lamoille Canyon Road's End
 - i. Macy (NOS) will be meeting with Brandolyn and Emily (USFS) to map out project area and work on required permits.
 - NDOW Sagebrush Seed Collection Workday on November 20th
 - i. **Larry made a motion for NNSG to donate \$400 towards the cleaning of the sagebrush seeds and food for volunteers. Andi seconded and the motion passed.** Katie will need to write a check to NDOW.
11. Chronological Photopoint on the Range 2 Fire
 - Doug will coordinate with Brandolyn on photo sites after NEPA has been performed.
12. Old Business: Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
 - No update.
13. Friends of the Ruby Mountains Update
 - Larry stated that they plan to have two winter events: Powerhouse Picnic area in January and another in March.
14. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Landowners
 - i. Coralee Ditman and Kelsey Denning – NDF
 1. Still working with SCA on their WUI grant and Kesley worked with NDF crews to have 12 cottonwoods planted at South Fork State Park.
 - ii. Robin Wignall – USFS
 1. The winter rangers will begin dozer work in January. They are working to clean up vandalism that has occurred at the Powerhouse and at Angel Lake. Submitted a proposal to the National Weather Service to help get the Lamoille Canyon Road opened up to two lanes again. They will be bringing in a grazer on the Echo Fire and installing new water troughs. Applied for Joint Chief's funding for the third year in a row, but have not heard if they are successful yet.
 - iii. Doug Clarke
 1. The 2022 Cowboy Poetry Gathering is moving forward virtually and the panel discussion is still in the works. Agee Smith and his family at the Cottonwood Ranch will host the discussion.
 - iv. Gary and Susie Reese – public

1. They are submitting articles on NNSG volunteers to the Everything Elko magazine. Doug stated that we should nominate someone from NOS as a future feature in the publication.
- v. Macy – NOS
 1. Currently working on a trail map for the SnoBowl as a Stewardship Project. Gerry stated that his son created one with Sue Kennedy and he would supply that information to Macy.

15. Public Comment

- There was no additional public comment.

16. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- December 14th at the Museum – holiday pizza party. Gerry will work out the details.

17. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.