

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 5:15 pm

Via Zoom

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gerald Miller, Gary Reese, Margaret Walch, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, Pam Harrington, Dave Voth, Gail Ross
 - Public: Doug Clarke, Kelsey Denning, Paul Mieman, Leslie Creel, Elizabeth Puentes, JS Freeman, Melanie Mitchell, Macie (NOS)
 - Gerry Miller the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - There was no public comment.
3. Approval of August 10 meeting minutes.
 - **Gail made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10th meeting with Paul's edits. Paul seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. There is around \$15, 581 in the checking account.
 - ii. Item tabled for October board meeting. There was no financial report to review.
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. Their next meeting will be held on October 1.
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 next steps and what is the ask of the Stewardship Group
 - The County has committed to step up on the funding side of the project. NNSG will continue to support and will coordinate projects as needed.
 - Leslie stated that Curtis is drafting an MOU between the County and project partners. NNSG will be responsible for trail maintenance.
 - **Dave made a motion to table voting on accepting the MOU between the BLM and the County until they meet and iron out the correct wording and obligations by the NNSG. William seconded and the motion passed.**

- Item tabled until the September board meeting.
8. Discussion of purchasing of a boot cleaning station with funds contributed for the Lamoille Canyon Range Two fire rehabilitation
 - Benefits of becoming a member of NAISMA
 - NAISMA membership is \$150 for one year.
 - PlayCleanGo Boot Brush Station
 - \$400.00 – \$990.00
 - Basic Kit (\$400)
 - Standard Kit (\$625)
 - Premium Kit (\$725)
 - Personalization
 - (One hour of sign panel personalization included with purchase of Standard and Premium kit)
 - Personalization includes: Adding your organizations logo; selecting preferred illustrated recreationist; and choosing the right side of the panel to be Invasives 101, 2 of your focal species, or your site map.
 - No personalization will default to the “Standard Design” pictured in the product image gallery.
 - PlayCleanGo Program Manager will be in touch within 48 hours of purchase to initiate work on personalization.
 - Optional Sign Upgrade (\$265)
 - High-Pressure Laminate Outdoor Panel (extends Outdoor Panel Warranty by 5 years for a total of 10 years)
 - Pam wanted to know who will be in charge of maintaining the boot cleaning kiosk and vandalism. Andi will talk to the USFS and get back to the group at the September board meeting.
 - Boot cleaning station and NAISMA membership items tabled for September meeting.
 9. Friends of the Rubies Update – every Friday evening in August scheduled with Cool Canyon evenings
 - Last Friday night had 9 kids and 25 adults that attended. Upcoming speakers will include Jan Peterson and Duane Jones giving their usual presentations. There will also be an informational table at the Road’s End on Labor Day.
 10. Mary Winter’s Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
 - Janel has included the dedication to the book. She is now 2/3 through updating the remainder of the text in the book. Extension has offered \$2,000 to help with moving the publication forward. Nevada SRM has dedicated \$1,000 and so has Great Basin College.

- Paul mentioned that Janel is needing a picture of Mary Winter out in the field. Margaret has a contact that she can reach out to and Doug will see if Gary Back has a good picture of Mary.
11. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
- 2022 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering
 - i. This year the theme is: Collaborative Working Groups in the West. Possible speakers could include the Shoesole Group and SANE. NNSG has budgeted \$1,000 for the panel discussion.
 - Partnering with NOS on a Nevada Gold Mines Proposal
 - i. Nevada Outdoor Schools has committed to submitting a proposal to Nevada Gold Mines. NOS will be in charge of the educational component and NNSG will help with technical advice and implementation of kiosk and picnic tables. Hope to have the site prepped this October.
12. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group Update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works
- Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team is working on LCT projects on the South Fork of the Humboldt River.
13. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Landowners
- Melanie Peterson and Elizabeth Puentes – BLM
 - i. Sam Cisney has accepted a position with the BLM in Burns, Oregon. All questions pertaining to weeds need to be emailed to Casey Addy. Leasing is currently at a standstill, but mining projects are moving forward. There are two current ADPs – 3 Bar (Gold Standard Ventures, south of Carlin) re-drill and Diamond 127.
 - William Kutosky – USFWS
 - i. Just started the 5-year strategic planning process. Will be focusing on outlining projects and determining priority species. William will give a presentation to the board in September.
 - Paul Mieman – UNR Extension
 - i. Has two virtual fence sites – one with Maggie Creek Ranch in Lamoille and one at Cottonwood Ranch
 - 1. Virtual fence is used to create different fence sizes for high stock densities. Forage height is then measured on both sides of the fence. Doug would like to see Paul do a public information forum on virtual fencing this fall at the museum. Larry would also like to see a public information forum on the cheatgrass work that Nevada Gold Mines has done at the Horseshoe Ranch.
 - Brandolyn Thran – NOS
 - i. Currently wrapping up their summer camp season, they had around 200 kids attend. Would like to find ways to partner with NNSG on programs for their student participants.
14. Public Comment
- Gerry stated that there is a Raven Workshop that is being held at the Lamoille Grove on August 30th. Andi will send out the notification email to the Board. For those who might be interested in attending.
15. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location

- September 14th at 5:15PM.
16. Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.