

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 5:15 pm

Via Zoom

1. Welcome and introductions determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, Gail Ross, Pam Harrington, Leslie Creel, Brandolyn Thran
 - Public: Doug Clarke
 - Leslie called 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 December meeting minutes
 - **Gerry made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes. Larry 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.
5. BLM Mary's River riparian assessment:
 - a. Do we want to do a follow-up study since we have the funds for it, but we no longer manage the land?
 - NNSG has roughly \$30,000 to do an assessment or a study on the Mary's River. To move forward, we would have to submit a proposal in writing to the BLM. Melanie would like to see some sort of project proposal from NNSG. Gerry stated that Tamzen has a grad student that might be interested in writing a paper/doing the assessment as a thesis project for \$5,000 to \$10,000. The Board would like to have the student give a presentation at a future meeting.
6. Friends of the Rubies Events Update
 - Brandolyn will send Lamoille Trails QR codes to Larry so he can forward to his distribution list.
7. Updates on:
 - Upcoming educational workshops
 - i. NNSG fall 2023 Ecosystem Resilience/Climate Change Symposium
 1. Doug stated that he will not be able to help organize. Andi will reach out to Jesse Braatz to see if he'd be interested in presenting on the Humboldt River Ranch beaver project with Carol Evans and John Elliot. Nick has climate change contacts in Carson that he can reach out to. Other presenters could include John Griggs and Mark Paris. Doug will contact GBC to see when GTA 130 is available this fall. Theme for symposium: Climate Change in Great Basin Ecosystems/Adaptive Ecosystem Resilience. Rachel

Buzzetti (Nevada Rangelands) has funding available for educational opportunities. Item tabled for March Board meeting.

- ii. Rangeland monitoring workshop March 2023
 1. Item tabled for March Board meeting.
- Microbiome Working Group Update
 - i. The group would like to include discussion on composting, pertinent books, plant and gut health information with regards to soil health in Nevada. So far Gail, Margaret and Brandolyn are working on the group and a Google drive as well as a microbiome link were emailed to the BOD. International Compost Week will be May 7-13 this year.
- Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book funding request update
 - i. No update.
- Lamoille summit trails partnership update
 - i. Leslie stated that there was a meeting with NDOT on January 13th to discuss the connection trail from the Elko Sports Complex to the California Trails Center. There will be another meeting that will include NDOW on February 16th.
- Boot cleaning station
 - i. The station will be installed by USFS seasonals once the snow melts.
- Lamoille Canyon chronolog photopoint on the Range 2 fire
 - i. The site is up and running, so far, two photos have been submitted. Public involvement needs to be encouraged. This item can be removed from agenda.
8. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
 - 2023 Sage Grouse Experience – should we have our annual meeting on the same date (April 22) to save on Basque House rental fee?
 - i. **Gerry made a motion to hold the annual meeting at the Basque House on April 22 and we will charge \$20 per person which will include dinner and one drink ticket. Gail seconded and the motion passed.**
 - ii. Rental for the basque house is \$450 for the day. Andi will reach out to Jesse Braatz and Carol Evans to see if they would be interested in presenting. Larry will reach out to Southwind and Gaill will talk to the band that played at last year's meeting. Gerry will work on getting bids for catering.
9. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works and the LAWG will be monitoring the Sage Grouse Plan Amendment
 - NRMAC is currently working on updating the sage grouse plan. They meet the last Monday of every month. Dave will have NRMAC review the original document that is on the NNSG webpage. Gerry stated that he can make a presentation at one of their future meetings and Dave will agendize the presentation.
10. Board Member updates/Public Comment
 - There will be a memorial event for Tony Leveille July 14-17 at Cold Creek.
11. Determine the next meeting date (March 14) location TBD.
12. Adjourn

- The January meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.