

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 pm

NDF Office – 911 Falcon Way, Elko, NV

1. Welcome and introductions determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Leslie Creel, Gail Ross, Nick Brancato,
 - Public: Cam Collins, Doug Clarke, Morgan Hesterlee,
 - Gerry called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
 - **There wasn't a quorum to conduct business**
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - There was no public comment.
3. Approval of the January meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. There is currently \$9,695.86 in the checking account. Motion to approve will be made at March Board meeting
5. Add Incoming President Leslie Creel as a signer to the Nevada State Bank Account. Leslie and the current officers are proceeding slowly with getting this accomplished
6. Friends of the Rubies Events Update
 - 2024 events are in the works and Friends of the Rubies will buy a portable sound system around \$100 dollars.
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7. 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting Planning Update
 - WFC is reserved for April 13th, 2024. The Board agreed that we should spend up to \$2,500 and the theme is 25 years of Conservation. \$20 per person to get in and \$10 for students.
 - Budget: \$300 for the Southwind, \$400 for the Western Folklife Center. Good eats from McAdoo's at \$35.00 for 55 folks = \$1500 and if 55 folks pay Twenty skins – then only \$500 coins Gerry believes that this might be one of the few Annual dinners that does better than breaking even :) :) :)
 - Evenings Itinerary: 5:00 pm – 6:00 Social; 6:00 7:00 Buffet Dinner with the music of Southwind: 7:00 -7:20 Welcome and nominations of BOD. Leslie will be Moderating the 25 years of conservation and calling upon the audience to elaborate on various highlights presented on the PowerPoint Presentation: President Leslie with a word of the future vision of the Stewardship Group and activities and wrapping up the evening by calling off the raffle numbers and wishing everyone a prosperous year ahead.

- Greeters: Gerry and Leslie, Raffle Tickets and Dinner Purchase Table: Andi, her sister and Cindy
- The Seating of 2024 BOD Gerry
- Leslie will moderate the 25 years of conservation and summon on audience member to recollect their memories of the events
- Catering: McAdoo's; \$35.00 per person, Buffet Style, Menu #1 was chosen
- Music: Tradition: Southwind was chosen and they will play 5:30 – 7:00
- Donations/raffle items. Andi will reach out to WFC gift shop, Northern Nevada Museum and the California Trail's Center. Larry stated that he will donate some books. Nick will reach out to Rusty Bahr to see if he can get donations through his resources.
- Wrap up the Meeting with Leslie laying out the future and calling out the raffle ticket numbers
- People to invite: Past Presidents, Sage Grouse Pod Chairs, all County Commissioners, Leslie will invite Curtis Moore, Gerry will invite BLM District folks, Casey Addy and Elizabeth Puentes, Jaime and Chris Jasmine, Dallas Smales, NDOW, Agee Smith, Jon Griggs, Jesse Braatz, Carol Evans, Andrew Church, Ryan Shane. Anyone else?

8. Updates on:

- Upcoming educational Workshops: Invasive Annual Grass Webinar series coming up in April hosted by the University of Wyoming.
- Rangeland Monitoring Workshop
 - i. Doug will track down Paul Meiman to see what his availability is this spring and Paul's availability isn't so, so we'll punt till fall.
- Microbiome working group update
 - i. International Compost Awareness Week is May 5-11. Gail stated there will be a workshop planned for that week at the Community Gardens in Elko. She still has not received a response on "Common Ground". NRCS has some Urban Funding for Compost Workshops.
- Lamoille summit trails partnership update (ETSI)
 - i. The grant for the staging area is two years out and NEPA is currently underway. It's about 70% completed. Leslie is working on the website: ElkoTrailsWorkshop.com. She submitted a funding request to the BLM to get trails on the ground in 2025. Received a funding award for a feasibility study and working on an assistance agreement with the BLM. NDOT sent her a note that they will fund a feasibility study.

9. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support

- Nevada Outdoor School
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 - ii.

10. 2024 Sage Grouse Experience Update

- NDOW is taking the event over this year and their first meeting was held on February 27th. The Second meeting will be March 20th – thus far everything is working like a Swiss watch

11. 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
 - Cam should be involved moving forward as well as Daneille from the Forest Service and Scott Roberts from NDOW., There will be a new Pheasants Forever position being filled at NRCS. NDOW has a new conservation plan out.
12. Board Member updates/Public Comment
 - Leslie Creel - Desert Pigs will be meeting the Sunday of each month.
 - Larry stated that the sage grouse have been seen strutting near Tuscarora.
 - Morgan Hesterlee (USFS) – the FS asked for funding to support their recreational and she was recruiting folks to come and be part of this summers presentations
13. Determine the next meeting date: May 13th at NDF @ 5:00 pm
14. Adjourn
 - The April 11th Gerrys last meeting as President was adjourned at 7:00 PM.