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Working Together for Healthy Landscapes and Quality Lifestyles

NNSG board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Elko Interagency Dispatch Center

725 Aspen Way

(NDOW Conference Room is a backup)

Elko, Nevada 89801

1. Welcome and introductions. Determination of quorum.
2. Public comment and short general discussion period. Adjust agenda
3. Approval of May 13th 2024 minutes - **Gerry moved to approve. Nick seconded. All in favor**
4. Treasurer's report -
 - a. Account balance -**Nick presented April and May bank statements. There was a \$100 donation. \$1588 was deposited on May 6th. P.O. Box 6 month renewal for \$141. \$1 check printing. Nick ordered a debit card with a no cash and \$2500 purchase limit. Gerry moved to approve Treasurer's report, Paul seconded, all in favor**
 - b. Approval of bills accrued since March 14th 2024: Sage Grouse Experience, Taco Wagon \$450, PBS, \$20, Print & Copy \$33.56 and we received a donation of \$100.00 for the Porta Potty which is \$85.00 - **already addressed**
 - c. Work plan and budget - **Nick and Leslie will tease that out for next meeting**
5. Contribution requests or partner support - **NOS \$100 chronolog site. Gerry moved to approve, Paul seconded, all in favor.**

Doug says we might consider contributing to Carol Evans and Agee Smith. They are making another video about 40 years of the riparian habitat and don't know if they have enough money to pull it off. Gerry says the Shoe Sole tour is on Wednesday so they will find out more about it. Gerry suggests tabling until we know more.

6. Website and brochure update and request for input -**There was a suggestion to include the 25th Anniversary Presentation and Pictures. The donation link isn't working- Nick will pursue Paypal option. We need to follow up donations with "Thank You's". Benevity is set up!**
7. Group and partner updates
 - a. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group - **didn't meet. Gary and Doug will get agency leaders together and pull together correct people**
 - b. Rangeland monitoring workshop **Doug and Brian Schultz. Suggested to have a half office, half field workshop. October 17th looks like a better day**
 - c. Grass and forbs workshop - **idea came up when Andrew Church was hired to the Nature Conservancy. Doug thought it would be good to help him become better versed. Andrew sounded interested. Doug suggests that perhaps Andrew would take the lead and work with the board to set it up. Paul went out around with them and Winecup Gamble people and a lot of them are**

using Picture This to identify plants. Paul would be happy to help, perhaps August 2nd, but the rodeo schedule hasn't come out yet.

- d. Sherm Swanson social - **Doug will call him back.**
 - e. Microbiome working group - **no report. Composting team will meet this week and then shift to microbiome stuff**
 - f. Friends of the Rubies events - **For the coming year: 4th of July information table. Cool Canyon figured out. Gold panning again at CTIC. Jan Peterson to give a talk on Lamoille Elko Power Plant. Dewayne and Jan Jones will do dutch oven cooking. Celebrating the Canyon through Art at Thomas campground in October - used a double site. Doug would like to do two of those. Maybe one in September. Forest Service seems to have backed out of the campground talks. NNSG could collab on that. For the last 5 years it has been in the canyon. Nick thought maybe this year it can also go to the State Park. The campers really appreciate them.**
 - g. Elko Trail Systems Initiative -
 - h. Dark skies -
8. Agency Updates- **BLM: Jeff mentioned Jared Bybee is in his third week as district management. LCT - Lahontan Cutthroat Trout stuff is driving NEPA documents and grazing issues. BLM had a public meeting for a statewide programmatic environmental assessment for LCT grazing and rangeland management initiative that was decently attended.**
South Fork Reservoir: Nick is turning eye to a prescribed burn plan. He would love for the stewardship group to have a hand in reseeding and revegetation.
9. Board Member Updates - **Gerry says the county is pursuing making a county-wide weed and pest control district.**
Doug Clarke chatted with Holland Wines, non-profit group for homeschool kids. Gets together during the summer. Doug tentatively offered on June 25th from 2-5 pm at Powerhouse. Basic Plant ID. Sometimes 80 kids. Doug will send out an email.
10. Public comment
11. Next meetings
- a. Monday, July 22nd, 5:30 pm - N 5th Under-awning burritos and trash pickup
 - b. Monday, September 9th, 5:30 pm - regular meeting
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