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Working Together for Healthy Landscapes and Quality Lifestyles

NNSG board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14th, 2024 at 5:30 pm
Elko City Park
Elko, Nevada 89801

Attendees: Andrew Church, Leslie Creel, Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Dave Voth, Jeff Moore. Mark Lattin arrived at 6:15. A quorum was not present.

Leslie will do a Survey Monkey for better meeting day and time

Minute approval for June 3rd, July 23rd and September 9th meeting punted to the November meeting.

Add Cam Collins \$200 gift to minutes for July 22nd meeting

Leslie presented Nick's summary of the **treasurer's report**. Nick paid a URL website update payment of \$16.00. Fatcow payment of \$326.11 was made.

Gerry asked me to verify if everything has been transferred to Nick from Katie.

There was some discussion of appropriate use for CD money. It is earmarked for Mary's River projects - whatever is determined by the BLM or NNSG that needs to be done. Original intent was to continue monitoring with Open Range Consulting and extend the monitoring from 30 to 40 years. Open Range was monitoring it in the 1980s and has done it every 10 years since. Independence wanted the land exchange for mitigation purposes and hence the monitoring started.

Western National Range Rangeland CDE **request for sponsorship**. Leslie will email a vote to support at the Silver Level, \$250.

By consensus, we support a **letter of support** for the forest service's RTP submission. Leslie to submit.

Plant sale - Anyone who can help sort plants, show up on Thursday 8-9 am.

Friends of the Rubies celebrated Lamoille Canyon through art at the Terraces on September 28th. They had lunch and then a show and tell. Elko County Art Club gallery has 12 pieces on display from that event. They will have a reception in a couple weeks to showcase them.

See if Royers want to do an avalanche awareness workshop.

Trails Lamoille Summit Trail System NEPA continues. Curtis Moore signed the funding agreement for the Humboldt-Rubies Trail feasibility study. The county is waiting for the notice to proceed. Elko Trail System Initiative still needs to round up \$12,500 of match funds for this grant.

BLM Update from Jeff Moore - New Wells' field manager, Melissa Fisher is 3-4 weeks into the job. She grew up in Arkansas and has bounced around a bit; was in Kemir WY and Oklahoma City. LCT permit renewals and actions. Bipartisan and IRA monies are being spent. Tabor Creek campground redesigning enclosure fences and ADA concrete pads added to campsites and bathrooms.

Board Member Updates - Ask Margaret Walsh and Katie Moss if they still want to be on the board.

Discussion of **Ruby Mountain Ranch**. Most of us felt the ski area would not likely fly. Josh Nichols said "We are not interested nor are we entertaining any kind of a land exchange. Internet rumors. Also the FS was not contacted by whomever wrote that article." Leslie doesn't feel it warrants NNSG involvement at this point. Larry reported that Friends of the Rubies is fighting development.

Water is the biggest issue for the housing development. and the most relevant issue to the stewardship group. All agreed there isn't much we can do if they have first water rights. Consensus was that the infrastructure pressures are out of NNSG's purview. NNSG will wait and see how things develop and try to help ensure responsible development should it go forward.

Suggest 5:00 pm on November 21st for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 am.