

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm. Members in attendance were Leta Collord, Angel Nicholson, Simone Zaga, Marcia Scott, Mary Winter, Richard Weber, Gerald Miller, and Doug Clarke. It was determined that a quorum was present. The July 1st Board Meeting minutes and the Treasurer's Report, were not available for approval. Bills were submitted for office supplies, and approved.

It was discussed that the NNSG will ask the Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) to give a presentation dealing with threatened and endangered species in our area. The Science Pod is getting ready for the Fire Fair Symposium this fall. The group also discussed asking Derrick Holstock to follow up on the May avian presentation. The Soil and Water Enhancement Action Team reported that the NNSG donated safety glasses to the fence removal project administrated by the Nevada Department of Wildlife. There is currently no location set for the Public Lands Day coming up in September.

There was no Executive Director's Report at this time. The Board discussed the draft Conflict of Interest Statement. The monthly Board agenda items will be changed to note conflict of interest items, as needed. Mary Winter is reviewing the document and will communicate edits with Leta Collord. The Board had a brief 15 minute discussion about the Tuscarora Project Planning meetings, and how to move forward to keep the momentum going. The Board also had a brief 15 minute discussion about the North Fork Project being awarded to Gary Back, Great Basin Ecology, Inc. The project will be complete in June 2011. Doug Clarke requested that Gary Back attend the September board meeting for a brief overview of the North Fork Assessment process. There was no report on the membership drive, or the Two-Year Work Plan. The NNFF grant closed and all requirements have been met.

The bugs were successfully released for the Biological Control Project on leafy spurge in mid July. There was no update on the Cross Ranch Hay Contract or the Field tour at Maggie Creek Ranch to observe the use of goats for weed control. Simone Zaga reported that she is inquiring about the availability of the Ranchers Hall in Lamoille for the Lamoille to Secret Trail Activity Project meeting the second week in October. It was agreed by the Board members present at the meeting that the NNSG would not write a letter as a group in support of the Lamoille to Secret Trail Activity Project, but members could do so as individuals. Doug Clarke reported a planning meeting for the Energy Workshop with WFC & GBC at 4:00 pm August 4, 2009 at the Western Folk Life Center. The Energy Workshop was scheduled for October 9 or 10th, but is rescheduling. The NNSG is unclear as to what their role in the Creeks and Communities project is. Chuck Peterson is the person to contact if there are any questions about this project. Angel Nicholson made a motion for Richard Weber to be a member of the board, and Simone Zaga second the motion. The vote passed unanimously. The next Board meeting will be at 5:15 Thursday September 3, 2009 at the USDA Service Center. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Submitted by: Angel Lino, Secretary
Reviewed by: Leta Collord, President