

## NNSG August 3, 2011 Board minutes

Attending: Larry Hyslop, Lucy Downer, Doug Clarke, Alan Jenne, Gar Abbas, Steve Dondero, Leta Collord, Kent McAdoo, Teven Perkins, and Meghan Brown

Welcome and introductions. (The meeting was short a quorum until Kent and Teven arrived.) Steve Dondero, Elko, BLM Associate District manager, stated he will be taking a District Managers position in Wyoming, however, he will find a replacement for the NNSG board. We wish him well in his new position.

Larry discussed the list of new board members to be contacted. Leta will follow up with Orson Tingey, other names were offered. Larry distributed copies of the NNSG Mission Statement, Bylaws, 2011 Newsletter, Awards, and board member contact information. Larry asked for permission to put board member contact information on the web site.

Meghan is representing the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, and would like to become a member of the board. (She also sits on the Elko County Natural Resource Management Advisory Commission.) Lucy Downer of Enviroscientists, is also interested in becoming a board member. Leta mentioned that Orson Tingey, a Barrick landman, would like to be on the board. Doug Clarke pointed out that the By-laws indicated new board member positions "be promptly filled by an election of the membership". It was decided to wait until the September meeting to vote on new board members. The prospective board members will be contacted for verification of interest, and included in the September membership vote.

(An inquiry regarding the BLM sage grouse management was made by Leta and a discussion followed. Megan contributed that upcoming BLM sage grouse management issues would be considered in the Land Use Planning process. There were questions around how the existing working groups would fit into any new planning regime. More information will be available in the fall.)

Kent and Teven arrived. A quorum was present. Teven passed out and reviewed the Treasurers report. The total balance on hand is \$60,082.86 which include BLM's Hay contract receipts for conservation projects. (Operating funds, \$4,860.90) She stated some receipts were not entered. The Treasurers report was accepted by vote.

Larry stated the July board meeting lacked a quorum and no official minutes were taken.

Larry asked for reports from the Pod chairman. Science Pod chair, Kent McAdoo, reported on the Synergistic Monitoring Project headed by John Swanson, and Sherm Swanson – not related – as a possible fall membership presentation. George Gruell, retired FS, has a book documenting wildlife and habitat over time, coming out in 2012, that will be of interest. The Tuscarora Weed Containment working group, and Demonstration Plot will be supported with a \$25,000 BLM/NV Fire Safe Council

“Community Assistance Grant”. Also, NDF secured a grant to facilitate the printing of brochures outlining the project, and funds to spray some areas of the Tuscarora, Elko County lots. When verification comes from the 2 acre demo-plot land owner, then Kent can proceed with the fencing this season.

Doug explained SWEATCo (Soil and Water Enhancement Action Team Coalition) to the new members, as a standing committee within NNSG that works on rangeland projects: old fence removal, fence building, water installations, clean-up, etc. Possible fall projects: FS and NNSG could hold a public event this fall to see the portion of the Lamoille/Secret Pass trail that is completed. Help with a FS boundary fence rebuild. Improve the Griswold Lake trail, also on FS.

Doug has been in contact with the Ruby Pipeline representatives to see about a tour of their project north of town. There is interest in scheduling that activity this fall. Doug mentioned the Sage Brush Conservation group out of Idaho want to attend the tour.

Fall planning ideas:

- Energy Development Information – would include participation from FERC reps., and others involved in the increasing demand for energy corridors, potential disturbances, etc. Doug, Lucy and Meghan will work on the tour.
- Monitoring Overview

More potential board member names were mentioned: Lois Ports, (Larry), Sheri Eklund- Brown (Leta) will contact.

Larry called for closure of the meeting, and a date for the September board meeting. A vote closed the meeting, and the next board meeting was set for **Wednesday, September 7, 5:30 at the Enviroscientists office.**

Lucy Downer, Enviroscientist office manager, was thanked for hosting the board and providing part of the refreshments.