

NNSG Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 1st, 2009, 5:15- 7:15 p.m.
Agricultural Service Center- 555 West Silver Street Suite 101, Elko, Nevada

Present: Gerry Miller, Doug Clarke, Leta Collord, Mary Winter, Delynn Jones, Teven Perkins, Simone Zaga, Marcia Scott, Tracy Shane, Ryan Shane and by Teleconference: Angel Nicholson

Absent: Kent McAdoo, Larry Hyslop, & Jack Prier **Guests:** Pat Coffin

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum:

Leta welcomed everyone. It was determined that a quorum to conduct business was present.

2. Public Comment / short general discussion period.

Tracy announced the upcoming Fall Semester Agriculture and Natural Resources Classes at Great Basin College. She plans on using the demonstration plots for one of her three day labs for the Range Measurements and Monitoring class and needs to get a copy of report with the baseline data.

The National Forest Foundation has sent a letter requesting \$100 for a Partner Membership. Leta made the MOTION at the February 5th meeting to pay \$50, seconded by Kent. Motion carried.

3. Review and approval of minutes of the June 4th Board Meeting

The MOTION was made by Simone to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Marcia. Motion Carried.

4. NNSG Board of Directors Conflict of Interest Letter, signatures

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5. Review and approval of NNSG 2008 IRS 990

This item was tabled until August.

6. Treasurer's Report: Discussion and Approval

There is \$52,513.75 dollars in the bank and operating funds make up \$4,181.86 of that total. Mary made the MOTION to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Marcia. Motion Carried. Mary made the MOTION to roll CD #1694 at Nevada State Bank over for six months, seconded by Angel. Motion Carried. We still need Kristi and Kent to sign for the bank.

7. Approval of Bills accrued by the corporation since the last meeting.

The bills for this month are for the Executive Director's salary, which was \$618.56 and closed out the National Forest Foundation director's grant, \$25 to Brandy Killion for website maintenance, \$125 for food for National Trails Day, \$382 to Eagle Eye Embiodery for hats, and \$10,000 to Biological Control of Montana for the Bugs. Simone made the MOTION to pay the bugs invoice when we get the first order, seconded by Marcia. MOTION carried. Mary made the motion to pay the bills as reported, seconded by Marcia. Motion Carried.

8. Grant Applications: NFF Matching Awards Program along with the Jiggs, Lamoille and Starr Conservation Districts for Biological Control of leafy spurge and thistle. (Need to Coordinate with partners)

Teven is going out with John Sustacha in Lamoille and with Eleanor O'Donnell to the Ten Mile Area on Friday to look at weed infested areas.

9. Revision of NNSG Cross Ranch Hay Contract responsibilities

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10. Pod Chairs Reports: Fire, Heritage, Recreation, Sage Grouse, Science

11. Soil and Water Enhancement Action Team Report

SWEATCo had a successful National Public Lands Day and three busy bug weekends coming up. The kitchen equipment has been scattered and we need to round it all up and find a storage location.

12. Executive Directors Report - Teven

13. Question 1 grant - Tuscarora Watershed/PMU Assessment (6:00-6:15; 15 minutes)

The meeting on June 24th went well. Leta has sent around her summary notes. An idea was to pursue satellite imagery of the area to map weeds and Greg Simons may be a good contact as well as Mark Coca with the BLM. July 22nd the County Commissioners will go out to tour the rural areas.

14. Question 1 Grant: "North Fork Watershed" Funding Agreement (6:15-6:45; 30 minutes)

Submittals are due on July 20th. Selection by the five person committee will be announced on July 24th.

15. Update our membership drive

There have been no new dues sent in. Leta is going to pursue Jerry Ingersol of the Forest Service as an advisor. We need to get together a letter of introduction to Ruby Pipeline, General Moly, and El Paso Gas.

16. Two-Year Work Plan: Discussion of the work plan.

Teven needs to update with our new activities.

17. NFF CAP report to the National Forest Foundation

The CAP grant is closed out.

18. Wrap up of National Trails Day Activities

National Trails Day was a success! There were 37 volunteers and they completed installing a new metal hitching post, trail clean up, and marking the new John Day trail. Doug and Teven will get together a blurb and some pictures for the website.

19. Discussion of a Field tour at Maggie Creek ranch's weed control activities using goats.

Leta will contact John Griggs later in the season. Tracy would like to bring her Animal Science class so a preferred time would be on a Thursday morning at 9am.

20. Lamoille to Secret Trail activities and discussion of current status

The tentative time for this presentation would be this Fall at the Rancher's Center in Lamoille. Simone Zaga will contact Ed Sarmon and see if the building is available.

21. Discussion of Energy Workshop with WFC&GBC committee formed

The dates are tentatively October 9-10. We still need to find energy experts to help with the organizing committee. The next committee meeting is July 16th at the Western Folklife Center. There was an idea out to have a call for posters from energy companies, non-profits, and students.

22. Creeks and Communities participation

NNSG could invite the Creeks and Communities team to have a presentation for a General Membership evening meeting. Doug will check to see when they are coming back into the area. Creeks and Communities is a National Team that works to get people and agencies to work together.

23. Nomination/appointment of Board Members.

There were no new appointments.

24. Next meeting date, time and location

The next meeting will be Monday, **August 3rd** at 5:15pm at the USDA Service Center. This is our potluck meeting. Gerry will provide the main meat dish so please bring side dishes.

25. Adjourn

Simone made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mary. Motion Carried.