

Minutes of the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group Meeting held on November 2nd 2011 at Enviroscientists Inc. conference room 835 Railroad Street, Elko, Nevada.

Voting Board Members Present: Larry Hyslop, Teven Perkins, Lucy Downer, Angel Lino, Kent McAdoo, Orson Tingey.

Board Members Present: Dave Overcast, Wendy Fuell, Gerald Miller, Doug Clarke, Leta Collord, Ryan Shane.

Others Present: Robert Lino.

Larry Hyslop called the Meeting to Order at 5:30 and determined that a quorum was present to conduct business. Larry welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Public comment: Doug discussed an opportunity to have a film called Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time – screening Fee is \$150.00 and perhaps we could combine it with a another NNSG sponsored event.

Members discussed the Ruby Pipeline tour – about a dozen folks attended, 1st year seeding looked good, some weeds but generally everybody was impressed. There seemed to be a good working relationship between Ruby Pipeline and the BLM. Noted, that there was not much All-Terrain Vehicle usage.

Kent mentioned upcoming meetings:

Great Basin Consortium Annual Conference: November 7-9th in Reno

Nevada Weed Management Association Meeting November 8th – 10th in Reno

Shoesole Group: November 29 at the BLM.

Permittee Cooperative Monitoring Workshop: December 1st at the BLM.

Tuscarora Weeds/Fuels Meeting: December 12th hopefully in Tuscarora.

Nevada Section SRM Winter Meeting: December 15th &16th in Winnemucca.

Cattleman's Update – The week of January 11th throughout Nevada, Elko on Wednesday.

Medusa head Conference either in Reno or Winnemucca on February 13th.

Fire Conference sometime in April – Would NNSG like to be a sponsor???

Ducks Unlimited banquet is November 19th – It was suggested by Ryan Shane NNSG donate an Auction Item. A \$50 donation in support of a selected item from the list was passed.

Review and Approval of the Minutes of the September 8th, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting.

Two minor changes were made and Kent McAdoo moved to accept the Minutes, Lucy Downer seconded, Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report, discussion and approval: Treasurers report was presented to the BOD

Lucy Downer Moved to accept the Treasures Report as Presented, Angel Lino seconded. Total balance reported, \$28,273,30. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills accrued since the Last Meeting:

Leta Collord – Food for Secret-Lamoille Trail Tour \$31.75

Doug Clarke – Food for Ruby Pipeline tour \$9.00

Lucy Downer Moved to Pay the Bills as presented, Angel Lino seconded: Motion Carried.

POD CHAIR reports:

FIRE POD - Ryan Shane reported on the fires, rehabilitation of dozer lines. BLM reported that seed has been ordered and hopefully the weather will allow opportunities to seed this fall. Discussions ensued about seeding for fire suppression, disking for fire suppression, additional water troughs for fire suppression – basically aiming for ecological solutions.

HERITAGE POD – No Report

RECREATION POD – No Report (still in need of a chairperson)

SAGE GROUSE POD – No Report

SWEATCO – Doug Clarke mentioned that on Saturday November 19th NDOW would be leading up a sagebrush collection and a Motion was made by Kent McAdoo to offer up to \$100.00 dollars to NDOW to offset food expenses, Teven Perkins seconded, Motion Carried.

SCIENCE POD – Kent just smiled that in the interest of time he would pass – but he does have lots of interesting projects in the works.

Agency Reports:

Dave Overcast introduced Gerald Miller as Project Manager (Watershed) funded by Ruby Pipeline Mitigation Funds. Elko District has six mining notices currently. Fire Closures, Fire Reseeding, Fencing priorities, planning for future fire suppression, green strip, brown strips,

grazing. The Programmatic Sage Grouse EIS will begin this fall– BLM is considering a public involvement process such as the Winnemucca Districts Montana Mountain Fuels Management and Habitat Restoration Plan and EA.

Doug spoke to the Sustainable Practices Workshop planned for the upcoming Cowboy Gathering:

Doug suggested co-hosting a workshop – such as we have done in the past - Sustainable Practices is the general topic – perhaps a panel discussion – need to suggest some representatives and should we host a lunch and should we make it free – Treasurer, Teven reported that NNSG had supported the 2010 program with a donation of \$1,500. This funding was solicited from community entities, ie, Enviroscientists was one donor.

Teven Perkins Motioned that we should participate in a Panel Discussion and provide a luncheon, Lucy downer seconded. Motion Carried.

Secret –Talbot Trail Discussion – Leta presented a white paper of comments and thoughts gathered for the Stewardship Group to further discuss at the next meeting. Main topic should revolve around “What should the Stewardship Groups role be in the future.” Orson Tingey suggested signage was needed alerting people to snakes and other wildlife in the area.

Energy Development Forum Planning – Due to time constraints this item was tabled till the next meeting.

Public Meetings – Kent brought forward some possible dates for the presentation of the Synergistic Monitoring of Vegetation Treatments Over Time. By consensus the members decided on Thursday February 9th, 2012. The Museum and Great Basin College were suggested locations for the meeting.

Project Ideas:

Ryan Shane presented the South Fork Meadow Restoration as a project. This project has received a \$73,000.00 NDEP grant and he is looking for match dollars and he discussed a multitude of individual components that the stewardship group could assist with.

Doug brought forward using the Sagebrush Restoration Initiative Fund to do restoration projects, and Larry suggested perhaps even to possibly fund the remaining three Sage Grouse Population Management Unit Habitat Conservation assessments. Larry will send an inquiry to SRIF to see if they might consider the remaining assessments.

Ongoing Discussion of the Sagebrush Ecosystem Strategy:

Leta suggested incorporating new conservation/evaluation principles of the two PMU Assessments as an addendum to the Elko County Sagebrush Ecosystem Conservation Strategy. By consensus the members present agreed that she should pursue this with Great Basin Ecology and come back to the group at the next meeting with an estimated expense of incorporating update addendum to the Strategy.

Election of Board Members:

Leta discussed her desire to return to the Board of Directors: Kent nominated Leta Collord as a At-Large Board member, Lucy Downer seconded, Motion Carried.

Orson Tingey volunteered to serve as the Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Groups Secretary, and was generously thanked by all the members for his wiliness to become an officer of the organization.

Larry entertained a Short Discussion of how to respect Board members time regarding keeping within the 5:30 – 7:00 timeframe and still get the agenda covered.

Suggestions included: pre-typed special information pieces, stay to twelve agenda items, ask permission to extend the meeting by such as 15 minutes. Social media is another way we could communicate in between meetings. Teven attended a Forest Foundation training and will report some of the “media” tools that NNSG might consider to enhance communication and outreach.

Determine the next meeting and time:

It was decided by consensus that the next meeting will be held on December 7th 2011 at EnviroScientists starting a 5:30p.m.

Angel Lino moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by all

Larry Hyslop adjourned the meeting at 7:15.

Minutes of the November 2nd 2011 Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group meeting are respectfully submitted by Gerald Miller.