

NNSG Board Minutes  
September 8, 2011

Attending: Lucy Downer, Teven Perkins, Angel Lino, Robert Lino, Jamie Jasmine, Leta Collord, Nancy Taylor, Gar Abbas, Dave Overcast, Doug Clarke, Larry Hyslop, Kent McAdoo, Orson Tingey, and Zach Pratt

Welcome and introductions. (a quorum was attained with the arrival of 2 board members after 5:30)

Treasurers report: The treasurers report was accepted as presented. Teven stated she had set up the account to be viewed on-line. She also mentioned she attended a National Forest Foundation's workshop

Larry introduced the new candidates for the board: Meghan Brown, NV Cattlemen's Association, Lucy Downer, manager for Enviroscientists, Inc., and Orson Tingey, landman for Barrick Gold. A unanimous vote seated all three candidates.

Public Comment was called for:

Doug announced that Wendy Fuell of BLM is taking the position of F.S. Mountain City District Ranger, and will start November 20.

Larry spoke to his visit with Clay Nannini manager of the Warm Springs Ranch. Clay is looking for advise on various aspects of management. The idea of NNSG assisting in some manner was discussed. Meghan related she had shared handbooks with Clay.

Gar Abbas mentioned a Cooperative Monitoring workshop, hopefully coming up before the end of 2011.

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Pod Chair reports:

SWEATCO: Doug spoke to a water facility fence in need of repairs in Mountain City. Unsure of the timing.

Recreation: Larry spoke to the need for a chair

Agency updates:

F.S.: remarked the 12 acre weed burn in the Ruby's went well. Brett Glover will treat the area and it will lay fallow for one year. He mentioned the F.S. Travel Mng. Plan maps are at the Elko library. Nancy Taylor

spoke to the success of the “Get Outdoors” evening sky activity in Lamoille Canyon. There will be outdoor activities sponsored by BLM throughout the season. BLM advertised their activities in both Spanish and English. There seem to be good turnouts.

NRCS: Jamie Jasmine reported on their two conservation programs, EQUIP & WHIP applications were coming to a close. The NRCS local Working Group Advisors will meet to rank applications. She spoke to the Sage Grouse Initiative and what kinds of projects would qualify for NRCS funding: removal of P.J, renovation of sagebrush monocultures, reseeding fire areas, fence mending and removal. It was noted how difficult it is to get NEPA clearance on projects that might involve both private and public land. NRCS is looking for opportunities to do shared landscape work. Meghan said that NDOW is working on identifying the core areas of breeding populations. This work will fit with BLM’s requirement to address sage grouse management for all Districts beginning this fall. This action will enter Land Use Plans. Jamie mentioned a new hire will be stationed in the local NRCS office to work on the Sage Grouse initiative.

BLM: Dave spoke to their State Director, Amy Louder’s, edict to “make things work” and will be focused on performance, accountability and to develop trust. They will update their Legacy Plan. The Ruby Pipeline will drop a 22 mile gas pipeline run to Elko. Dave is looking for ideas to engage with all interests, such as WWP, who appealed a recent seeding, the Safford seeding.

Ruby Pipeline Tour, October 15. Doug outlined the days schedule. The group will meet in the Western Folklife Center parking lot at 9:00 and carpool to the pipeline pumping station. We will hear an overview of the project, and look at seeding reclamation. Doug hopes an affected permittee will be present on the tour.

The Lamoille Trail Tour poster was reviewed and suggestions made. Leta requested \$50 for refreshments.

NNSG’s interest in hosting an Energy workshop was brought up. No new activity there. Meghan did say the NV Cattlemen’s meeting in November would be looking at various aspects of energy development.

Kent from Cooperative Extension mentioned his efforts to connect with John Swanson and his Synergistic Monitoring study. Kent will speak with John regarding a January date for a presentation.

Larry directed a discussion around the possibility of NNSG having an “on the ground” project, of our own. Various board members spoke to the difficulty of doing a solo position on projects, and the fact that “partners” are what make up

NNSG, and working through and with our partners, will likely work best. This topic will be an ongoing agenda item to discuss.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 2, 5:30 at the Enviroscientists office.

Submitted: Leta Collord