

# NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:15 pm**

**Northeastern Nevada Museum**

1. Welcome and introductions / determination of quorum
  - Board Members: Gerald Miller, Andi Porreca, Dave Voth, Leslie Creel, Gail Ross, Katie Kasten
  - Public: Doug Clarke, Kelsey Denning, Macy (NOS), Brandolyn Thran and family,
  - Gerry Miller called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
  - No public comment.
3. Approval of November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
  - **Leslie made a motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Gail seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
  - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
    - i. Item tabled for a future Board meeting.
    - ii. Gerry would like to purchase NNSG hats, would be \$350 total including embroidery.
5. Update on NNSG Brochure
  - Gail stated that BOD members can send edits to her and she will work on updating the brochure. Larry previously stated that he will send pics and would like to see a section on how the public can contribute and a section on projects completed. Each Board member was asked to submit one picture to Gail.
6. Lamoille Summit Trails Partnership
  - Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the BLM and ETIS. NNSG has indicated that we would like to be involved through two trail maintenance days per year and other trail improvements works days
    - i. Leslie stated that all MOUs have been signed between the BLM/Melanie Peterson. Leslie will be the new director for the project and NEPA will cost \$200,000.
7. Friends of the Ruby Mountains Update
  - There were 70 attendees at their last even t and they plan to hold a picnic on January 22 at the South Fork State Park.
8. Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Funding Request Update
  - No update.
9. Updates: Sagebrush Seed Collection, Roads End Education Area, Boot Cleaning Station, Lamoille Canyon Chronological Photopoint on the Range 2 Fire, Cowboy Poetry Panel Discussion, Educational Workshops Planned for Mid-Winter

- Doug and Brandolyn were able to lock down a re-photography site in Lamoille Canyon, looking at cottonwood regeneration. Orange post will need to be installed before winter. NNSG will need to cut a check to NOS for \$200.
  - Cowboy Poetry – Agee will still be giving the keynote speech as well as host the Saturday Discussion Panel on Partnerships.
  - For Educational Workshops, we will need a space that can provide proper live streaming. Possibly at the college after the new employee is hired. Still plan to have Paul present on virtual fencing.
10. Upcoming Opportunities Requesting Contribution/Partner Support
- Partnering with Nevada Outdoor School to Help with Improvements at the Lamoille Canyon Road's End
    - i. Macy (NOS) will be meeting with Brandolyn and Emily (USFS) to map out project area and work on required permits.
11. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group Update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works and the Nevada Sagebrush Ecosystem Council is also considering the Lahontan Cutthroat Habitat, Mule Deer Corridors and other issues facing the Sagebrush landscapes
- The Sagebrush Ecosystem Council would like LAWGs to refer to management plans and mitigate triggers as they come up. Rules are changing statewide and more corridors will be implemented.
  - The SEC met on December 15<sup>th</sup> and they discussed sage grouse plan revisions. BLM reviewed special focal areas and predator control. Cottonwood Ranch, Sarman's, Heguy's, Mori's, IL Ranch and Sorenson's all have credits available to debtors. Gerry also put together a presentation to the Governor.
12. Old Business: Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book Funding Request Update
- No update.
13. Updates from Agencies, Partners and Landowners
- Kelsey Denning – NDF
    - i. Still working with SCA on their WUI grant and Kelsey worked with NDF crews to have 12 cottonwoods planted at South Fork State Park.
  - Dave Voth – NGM
    - i. Working on seeding 1,000 acres of deer migration corridors
  - Doug Clarke
    - i. The 2022 Cowboy Poetry Gathering is moving forward virtually and the panel discussion is still in the works. Agee Smith and his family at the Cottonwood Ranch will host the discussion.
  - Gail Ross – public
    - i. Would like to see the group assist City of Elko and Rotary Club with cleaning up north 5<sup>th</sup> street for Elko Clean-up Green-up. Doug suggested that we focus our efforts on an area that isn't so dangerous.
14. Determine the Next Meeting Date and Location
- Meeting time and location TBD.
15. Elko Sage Brush Ecosystem Conservation Strategy Presentation by President Gerry Miller
16. Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM