

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:15 pm

Cooperative Extension Office in Elko and via Zoom

1. Welcome and introductions determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Paul Meiman, Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, Gail Ross, Leslie Creel, Dave Voth, Katie Moss
 - Public: Melanie Mitchell (BLM), Chance Davis (USFWS)
 - Paul called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - Will post-pone Catalyst Compost's presentation for a future meeting.
3. Approval of April meeting minutes
 - **Gerry made a motion to approve the April 11 meeting minutes. Katie seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. Katie stated that there is \$12,957.89 in the checking account, plus a \$1,000 donation from Elko Grown for soil related projects and \$900 in donations from Annual Meeting. **Andi made a motion to approve the April treasurer's report as presented. Paul seconded and the motion passed.**
5. Approve NNSG 2023-24 Annual Plan of Work
 - Soils and regeneratives were added to the work plan. **Andi made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Work Plan with addition. Paul seconded and the motion passed.**
6. Approve NNSG 2023-24 Annual Budget
 - We will bump up the NGM ask to \$10,000 for projects. **Gerry made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Annual Budget with addition. Gail seconded and the motion passed.**
7. BLM Mary's River riparian assessment update
 - i. If NDOW and BLM apply for a larger-scale grant from someone like NFWF, NNSG could tag along with our smaller-scale project. Melanie will touch base with her AFM to see if we could implement a fall project with their funding. Possibly with the Tabor Creek Campground improvements. Maybe TU would like to partner with us?
8. Friends of the Rubies Events Update
 - Cool Canyon Evenings and Campground Talks will commence this summer. And there will be the kiosk at the Road's End on July 4th.
9. Updates on:
 - 2023 Sage Grouse Experience and Annual Dinner review
 1. There were around 40 people that showed up for each event. Annual dinner raised \$900. Ideas for next year: invite Jim and

Leta Collard, start asking for donations now, ask WFC if they are available to host 2024 annual dinner on April 14th?

- Upcoming educational workshops NNSG fall 2023 workshop
 - i. There are some outcome based targeted grazing workshops coming up this summer and fall
 - Rangeland monitoring workshop sometime 2023
 - i. Item tabled.
 - Microbiome working group update
 - i. Item discussed further down the agenda
 - Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book funding request update
 - i. No update.
 - Lamoille summit trails partnership update (ETSI)
 - i. ETSI needs to be a 501c3 for the OHV component of the project. The Battle Born VA kids were taken out and helped flag off some of the trails. Currently looking for NEPA bids for the LSTS.
 - May 12 International Compost Awareness Week update (~300.00)
 - i. This event is being held at GBC from 3:00-8:00 PM in GTA 130.
 - May 29 Catalyst Bio Amendments & Microbe Workshop (\$1,000)
 - i. This event is being held from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Terraces in Elko and the cost is \$60 per attendee. Lunch will be provided.
10. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
- No updates.
11. NNSG Summer Social Ideas?
- Items tabled for June/July meeting for discussion.
12. Sage Grouse Local Area Working Group update – Elko has a few credit and debit opportunities in the works and the LAWG will be monitoring the Sage Grouse Plan Amendment
- The Sage Grouse Experience went well with excellent speakers. Lek counts are on-going.
13. Board Member updates/Public Comment
- Dave stated that the Nevada Weed Management Association will be holding their summer meeting at the Elko Park on Friday, July 21st from 11:00 am-2:00pm.
 - Leslie stated that Desert Pigs has a trailer with a hydraulic dump on it that is available for trash clean-up events. Possible summer meeting idea?
14. Determine the next meeting date: June 13th just north of the Peace Park for trash clean-up meeting?
15. Adjourn
- The May 9th meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.