

NNSG BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 5:15 pm

Gerry Miller's House

1. Welcome and introductions determination of quorum
 - Board Members: Gerry Miller, Larry Hyslop, Andi Porreca, Gail Ross, Leslie Creel, Dave Voth, Pam Harrington, Margaret Walch
 - Public: Cindy Hyslop and Meagan Voth
 - Gerry called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM.
2. Public Comment/Short General Discussion Period, Adjust Agenda
 - Gail asked the group what their opinion was on the Montello Land Exchange. The land exchange will occur through a Congressional Act in 2024.
3. Approval of May meeting minutes
 - **Dave made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Gail seconded and the motion passed.**
4. Treasurer's Report:
 - Approval of Bills Accrued Since the Last Meeting
 - i. There is currently \$10,709.63 in the checking account. **Dave made a motion to approve the September treasurer's report as presented. Leslie seconded and the motion passed.**
5. BLM Mary's River riparian assessment update
 - i. Dave moved to table/remove item from the agenda until further direction from the BLM.
6. Friends of the Rubies Events Update
 - There were three Cool Canyon Evenings (110 attendees) and four Campground Talks (120 attendees) this summer. There was also the kiosk at the Road's End on July 4th. On October 7th, there will be an art event at Thomas Creek Campground and lunch will be provided to participants.
7. Updates on:
 - Upcoming educational workshops NNSG fall 2023 workshop
 - i. Item was tabled.
 - National Public Lands Day events
 - i. Andi will coordinate with Josh on getting the boot scraping station installed.
 - Rangeland Monitoring Workshop
 - i. Item was tabled. Plan for early 2024.
 - Microbiome working group update
 - i. Catalyst Amendments gave their workshop in Elko on Memorial Day and said they would give NNSG a presentation via Zoom. Gerry will reach out to the WFC to see if they're be interested on the panel discussion being given by Catalyst Amendments.
 - Lamoille summit trails partnership update (ETSI)

- i. The NEPA is currently underway, McGuinely and Associates are working on it. The grant for the staging area is two years out. The feasibility results should be ready within the next couple of weeks.
 - Mary Winter's Flora of Northern Nevada Book funding request update
 - i. No update.
8. Upcoming opportunities requesting contribution/partner support
 - Luncheon assistance request for October 7th art event at Thomas Creek Campground – asking for \$100 donation.
 - i. Dave made a motion for NNSG to donate \$100 towards lunch fees. Pam seconded and the motion passed.
9. NNSG Summer Social Ideas?
 - Items tabled for June/July meeting for discussion.
10. 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.
 - NRMAC is working on the sage grouse plan with NDOW through ecological site analysis.
11. Board Member updates/Public Comment
 - Pam Harrington (TU)
 - i. Currently working on the Ruby Mountain administration act, Masto is asking for a withdrawal from the Ruby Marshes area. Also working on a LCT plan for the Humboldt River.
 - Gail has a new consulting business (Soil Restored) and office space.
12. Determine the next meeting date: October 10th, location TBD.
13. Adjourn
 - The September meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.