LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 9th, 2024 5:30pm

Location: 815 North 2nd Street Battle Mountain, NV 89820

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

* Qurom determined, meeting called to order at 5:46pm.

1. Introduction of those in attendance

* LCCD board members Paul Tomera, Dennis Cawrse, Suzann Lemaire, Jalin Nelson and Wayne Nebeker. LCCD Secretary Anna Vinogradova. DCNR Melany Aten. BM Equipment Rentals Dave Wall. NDOW Jeremy Lutz.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Duck pond is being worked on, had excavator out. NDOW got fish out, order in to restock. Putting blue gill back in. one goose in nest. Dredging around nest.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 04/09/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Move up Trailer Maintenance agenda item. ADD NDOW TASK ORDER TO NEXT AGENDA. Move up Rangeland Drill Purchase agenda item.

AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VII ITEM A, 1 and ITEM A, 2.

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 03/12/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Need to edit item X from Ellison Ranch BOUGHT to Ellison Ranch ARE SELLING. EDIT to note Suzann started meeting and relinquished chair back to Paul once he showed up. Melany mentioned new motions and updates during national meeting, amendments/clarifications of some open meeting law and Roberts rules of order. Motion to approve with suggested changes Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.

1. TREASURER’S REPORT
2. Financial updates-  *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed,

1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Nevada Department Of Wildlife A&G Irrigation work at Argenta Wildlife Management Area for $17,743.00

* Jeremy explains it was repairs to shop and pumphouse. Over at old homestead/corrals. Used for storing seed, equipment. Motion to approve wayne, 2nd Suzann. None opposed. Amend to include $18,275.29 Suzann, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.

1. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for March 2024- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve Suzann, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Bureau of Land Management Weed Grant Application

* Not ready to be submitted.

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service & Nevada Association of Conservation Districts Capacity Building Agreement

* Could hire somebody needed by NRCS for Lander. Sub-agreements. Capacity to pay for CD employee. X amount of hours worked for NRCS, then they could pay for that level of assistance. Think of needs of community, NRCS application help, engineers, rangeland help, retired person with time to do engineer jobs a great fit. Wayne mentioned how complicated and frustrating process was, would be helpful to have somebody to walk through it with residents.

1. Nevada State Conservation Commission Sage Grouse Grant (awarded in the amount of $20,000)

* Changed rate for admin fees. Was 15%. Jerry brought up county wildlife grant as matching. SCC meeting coming up. Deadlines this year for grant request start after july 1, open end of april, close in june, work start in july. Email Jeremy wildlife application. NDOW possibly pay for seed. Probably looking at a fall application. Add modification for spraying to be done in fall, couldn’t spray because of weather. Wait and see which pool of money to match with.

1. Lander County Government Grants (awarded in the amounts of- Operating $6,000, Weed/Chemical $20,000, and Wildlife $100,000)

* Anna and wayne went to county budget meeting, grants awarded, final budget to be approved this week.

1. Employee/board member(s) training/travel reimbursements - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* None

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences

* NRCS update

1. Agency and Partner Updates

* NDOW: seeded ranch aerial clover millet mix. Used in California rice fields a lot. Soaked seed 12 hours, drain, run through hopper, so seed sank instead of floating away. Helped with flooded areas. Try to spray cockle burr, if possible.
* DCNR: SCC meeting at end of month, discussing change of changing of code, language to discuss grant funding, sage grouse funding, pretty quick meeting. Biocontrol meeting at end of month in elko, NDA, 30th/1st. In may- beaver dam analog class 9th/10th, send save the date tomorrow. Class in UNCE Winnemucca. Capacity grant to cover certain projects for anna to implement in community.
* USFWS: visit to squaw ranch in elko county for beaver dam class. Then to creek to implement design plans and analogs. Need a permit to build BDA. Its waters of the usa so need to go through permitting. Reno fish and wildlife office without field supervisor officer for awhile. Hoping to fill soon. Another BIL funding coming. Proposals due end of june. Priority projects for invasive grasses, Habitat restoration and enhancement.
* SCC: meeting end of month.

AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VII ITEM 3

1. OPEN BUSINESS
2. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Paul asked if board wants to entertain several projects on tomera ranches using county wildlife funds. Wayne said somebody else from tomera ranches needs to come and represent tomeras. Melany talked to somebody about iris domination of meadow, intense grazing best way to manage it. Paul meiman can look at meadow and advise management of iris for healthy wildlife habitat. Riparian corridor, grazing area. Wayne mentioned drainage problem north of town. Flooding caused issues with powerlines and trees. Mixture of private and county land. Clean ditch, get rid of cattails? County probably has right of management. Burn, spray, reditched? Clean ditches to begin. Who manages, what designation of area? Flooding of fairgrounds regular. Talk to don prince.

1. Follow up on rangeland drill purchase

* Paul updated everyone on how board would like to amend BLM grant to purchase other equipment. Dennis got quotes for different tractor. Robert said to update language and submit modification. Dave said sorry he was so harsh in his opinions last meeting. Paul mentioned maybe Dave could do maintenance on equipment? Dave said brush removal is popular option, they get asked for brush mowers a lot at BM rentals. Bigger tiller, motorized brush mower, tractor with 3 point, post hole auger. 40/50 horsepower tractor. Post pounder. Needs to be safe and very beginner/user friendly.

1. Follow up on sprayer/trailer maintenance plan

* Wayne doing work to get trailer/sprayer up and running. Motor is running, tires and wheel bearings on. New hose ready to put on. Safety chain link bought to get update it soon. Change oil soon. Dave said cannot do maintenance on it because ethical conflict of interest. Best to wait, cannot house it in consignment. Not against rules to park it in yard. Cannot advertise it though. Can give CD phone number out. Once Dave retires can get involved more. Jerry: was going to ask if possible to simply park sprayer in BM rental yard. Mentioned signage on sprayer. Talked to Randy Artz, more than willing to help out. Paul mentioned neutralizer and liability regarding chemical. Wayne asked when Dave retiring. Dave said November 25. Melany asked what conflict is. Dave said since he works for BLM conflict is getting paid for renting out CD equipment while being BLM employee. Dave will get calls for sprayer but then he can route people to us. Wayne brought up ethics. Melany brought up state agreements. Advertise through Facebook, Wayne said he can keep doing some maintenance in the meantime. Anna to be on call to accept payment, Jerry and Wayne to be on call to do basic clean up maintenance. Paul asked about insurance. Melany said POOL/PACT just needs to updated and sprayer added to plan. Jeremy asked if tractor will have trailer. Yes. Dave said sprayer can be parked on BM equipment rentals property. Keep sprayer and trailer in CD yard until November. Reach out to Dave once sprayer ready. Dave said mention definition of rental day should be on the agreement. 1 day 24 hours, 1 week is 5 days, 1 month 20 days. Weekend rate 2 daily rate minus 33%, ($140ish per day for weekend rate). Increase daily rate from $100 to $150. Leaves fully fueled, comes back fueled. Include gas can for people. Ethanol free gas to be used, good for small equipment. Put on checklist about winterizing and effects of winter weather usage, renter responsible for winterizing if temp drops below 35. Put rental info into google search results. Have rental agreement by Monday. Commercial customers have liability insurance. For CD you would want to ask for commercial insurance. Needs plates and licensing done. Ask DMV if they have the trailer registered under CD. Being used as commercial/rental so should have plates. Ask for exempt plates. Look and see if POOL/PACT has verbage to use. Get VIN number from Wayne. Deputy can do inspection to find VIN or other info needed. Due in full at time of pick up. Refunds. Invoice for accounts, delinquent payments. POOL/PACT needs size of trailer, size of sprayer, find out what the monetary worth is. Value at new replacement. Baffle balls. Dave the one to talk to about them. All PPE to be provided by renter. Labeling to include PPE (in item 10). Gas oil levels, make sure its always full. Right of refusal, intoxication clause. Change oil and fuel level to full, no percentages. Weight? 500 pounds. Full? 2500 pounds. No modifications, if not certified don’t do it. Buy oil for renters to put in themselves. Put oil type wayne used. BUY little metal gas can, 2.5 gallon with simple little spout. Put back on agenda.

AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO V

1. Follow up on Cookhouse Museum natural resource exhibit

* Jalin talked to Sandra at museum, prefer outdoor exhibit due to no room inside. Add to next agenda. Something with awning, cover. Add to next agenda.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Discussion and possible approval of Lander County Conservation District and Natural Resource Conservation Service Local Work Group feedback form and community meeting to possibly include Humboldt County Conservation Districts - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Moving lwg to spring. Meetings dates for possible meeting april 26, may 2: late afternoon.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Cheryl clarified permitting not required for building BDA’s but you still need to go through training process. Suzann brought up cost share for rentals through CD.

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
2. Wayne mentioned starting meetings on time. Melany mentioned CD elections coming up this year. Anna mentioned scholarships due may, annual plan due june.
3. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to adjourn Dennis, 2nd wayne. None opposed. Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.