LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 13th, 2024 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

* Quorum determined, meeting began at 5:33 PM.

1. Introduction of those in attendance

* Paul Tomera, Amy Nelson, Melany Aten, Anna Vinogradova, Jalin Nelson, Jerry Annis. On the phone: Dennis Cawrse, Cheryl Mandich

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Paul will update board on Park Project during board updates

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 08/13/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 06/11/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* SPELLING ERRORS: knapweed, Schwinn, Mariluch, Slaven. Amy, 2nd Jalin.

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

* Paul: might have some money back from Park Project, to reimburse county if so.

1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve all bills Amy, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

1. Securr Conscious Refuse and Recycling, $6,413.00 (trash receptacles for Battle Mountain High School Duck Pond Project)
2. Global Industrial, $3,310.87 (benches and picnic tables for Battle Mountain High School Duck Pond Project)
3. Boss Tanks, $24,736.98 (materials for Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project)
4. Facque Consulting LLC, $7,435.00 (water rights consultation and expenses for Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project)
5. Broadbent Surveying, $16,000.00 (cultural resources for Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project)
6. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for June 2024, $940.00; July 2024, $860.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* BLM grant update/amendment submitted, anna to talk to fiscal officer.
* Cheryl: submitted slaven proposal. Since not in priority area not sure how project will rank, double in requests for funding. Forwarded photos of fire in the same area in case it helps get proposal approved.

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

* Melany: going to start doing training for districts for diversity and inclusion and civil rights and open meeting law. Will be traveling throughout state. State had to write language access plan, how to communicate with non-English speakers, how to help them understand policies (how to hire interpreter/find information for them), Spanish speaking brochure in the works, websites to be translated from English. Public records request requirements, project development, grant writing, other training points. If board members interested will eventually have training for board as well.

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences
3. Agency and Partner Updates

* Jerry: SCC meeting July 30th, main focus was applications for sage grouse grant. 80% awarded. Funding might increase next year. Clarification on documents and language barriers when it comes to non English speaking citizens. Strategic plan in place for what SCC goals, action plans, and other actions are. Updates next SCC meeting. Jerry only person on SCC board that is not a CD board member? Melany: yes, kind of. Several others appointed. Jerry asked if its an issue. Melany said no. governor appointment so at governor’s discretion to approve SCC board members. Association comes up with 3 names for area, forwarded to governor for final decision.
* Cheryl: field supervisor finally hired. Cristen Jewel. Extensive background, has been all over the country. Not sure if she will be out in the field a lot or not yet since she’s still new to the position. Cheryl spent day with Kati and Jerry up fish creek the other day.

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Amy: talked with Monty Price, he did use fire truck to put out fire recently. Good idea to bring up feedback to commissioners.
* Paul: park update, several years ago cultural survey done, map of certain areas where building can not be done, talked to Dick in Tonopah at BLM, looking into how recent survey was, picked about 3 possible locations, all close to range surveys, new range con Zack said 150ft from monitoring site, needs to be within ¼ mile of water, surveyor needs to come back and find new spots, $16,000 might have a return amount, Facque filing new water rights, in crescent valley water drainage. Jerry: whirlwind and crescent valley- tomeras do have water rights, could apply for diversion/change of use. Ormat will end up with lots of unused water rights. Also working with other landowners and NGM to transfer some water rights. Discussion on various water rights and other projects info. Want to drill by next fall, see how surveying goes. Amy: if need to redo cultural study how long does that take. Paul: 30 years ago study done, just need to see what changed over the years.
* Anna to email county about sprayer ad in newsletter.
* Amy: big push for beautification in BM due to mining jobs bringing in possibly thousands of new lander county citizens, anything we can do to help? Mel: tree planting, pollinators, gardens. Jerry: weeds. Melany: raised garden beds for wheel chair using senior citizens, arbor day money, community native plant sale, Fallon CD does plant sale in a local nursery (NDF Washoe – look up online website), Jerry: hire landscaper to do museum thing groundwork, Amy: lady from Save Your Town consulting hired by county and mines, Jalin: livestock event center Amy: colony wants to put in Amtrak station and restaurant, Melany: California CD’s lots of times start and fund farmers markets, make their money through that.

1. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Meeting adjourned at 6:32