LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 14th, 2025 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

* Call to order at 5:31, Suzann taking over as chairman.

1. Introduction of those in attendance

LCCD board members Dennis Cawrse, Jalin Nelson, Suzann Lemaire. USFWS Cheryl Mandich. LCCD Secretary Anna. SCC board member Jerry Annis. Wildlife advisory board member Ambur Aten, WAB secretary Wendy Naveran. BLM Fuels Chris. ONLINE: DCNR program manager Melany Aten.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 01/14/2025 AGENDA - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Approved Amy, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 12/10/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Amy and Jalin stated they were not present. Approved Dennis, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences

* Cattlemen’s update yesterday online, Tomorrow-Friday in person (Elko Thursday, Winnemucca Friday)

1. Agency and Partner Updates

* Wendy and Ambur – meeting with wildlife advisory board. Jerry will go to meeting next week at 6, plan to do speaker meeting in February to be joint with WAB. WAB next scheduled meeting in April. Mostly in regards to collaborating on projects, funding, details etc.
* Jerry said Jeremy Lutz took new job for NDOW. Now wildlife manager for state.
* Ambur mentioned NDOW state meeting the 28th, good idea to look over agenda.
* Cheryl: not a lot of updates, at the time uncertain on funding for projects in the upcoming year. Always available for workshop help site visits.
* Chris: Rob busy in Tonopah for meeting with tribal board, followed up on info from NDF on Ferris.
* Mel: SCC meeting the 21st, some presentations from farm bureau, Kathy Irtski going over bill tracking, issuing payment from SCC within 2 weeks, 5000 this year. Gerry Miller retired, SRM meeting in Spokane February 8-12.

Suzann turned chair over to LCCD chairman Paul Tomera.

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

* Put on back of bank recon for overall fiscal.

1. Bills to be paid - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. PACT insurance for $1,163.00

* Amy 2nd Jalin, none opposed.

1. Check resent for POOL insurance ($506)

* Approved in June, sent July (lost check, resent)

1. Carter Agri-Systems $49,990.00 for tractor, trailer and attachments

* Approved several months ago.

1. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for December for $1,500.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Discussion and possible approval of bonus/raise for secretary for calendar year 2024

* Approve wages Amy, 2nd Suzann.
* Set up formal contract with Mel for wages with acceleration rate over x amount of time, end of year review to raise wages/keep them the same. Need record of wage increase with justification for pay raise. Approved bonus for 2024 year for 15% bonus, 2nd Suzann bonus total 2641.50. None opposed.

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* LC grants due February 13th, meeting march 12 and 13th

1. Employee/board member(s) training/travel reimbursements - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting total reimbursement increase from $1,500.00 to $1,665.24 (mileage reimbursement for secretary [$165.24 of $301.50 left to reimburse])

* Suzann, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Discussion and possible approval of contract with local mechanic for tractor maintenance - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Ryan Mauldin can do mechanical work for use of tractor. Anna said can look into other people to do maintenance. Melany said hard to work it out, contract for hour usage on tractor. Anna to call Dave Wall to see how far out he is from being able to provide service. Melany said to provide paper work for time spent on maintenance, at first do quarterly, then move on to monthly. Hourly rate $50 if not able to use it right away. Mel: Quinn river just bought gopher runner, rental rate higher at $300/pivot ($80/hour) graders/loader $35/hour, seeder by acre. TABLE. Next meeting talk about rental charge, contract for maintenance.

1. OPEN BUSINESS
2. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
3. Follow up on Cookhouse Museum natural resources display

* Meeting tomorrow, Jerry will be there. Feb/march Lori will have application. Can use wildlife county funds for educational projects like this.

1. Follow up on adding native plant/seed to cost share

* Anna to email Rob

1. Follow up on board member section on website

* Send Anna photo and description

1. Follow up on Tomera Ranches Park Project

* No news

1. Follow up on Ferris Creek weed abatement reseeding

* Email Mel- Morris just needs dates he can fly, can purchase seed if need be. Add “purchase seed if need be” to next
* TABLE items Suzann, 2nd Jalin. None opposed. MOVE MUSEUM ITEM TO MARCH. Website item just text board.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Paul spoke to mike martin, want to present to board student speech.
* Mel: weed workshop (Orovada February 4, end of February/March for ours). Plant sales: talked to nursery manager, too late to grow specific but we can look at stock and sell, need to set up plant list now/next couple months, fundraiser (different pots have different prices, add $1 on to fundraise for LCCD, extremely discounted from other places), list not posted yet but we select whatever works in our area. Anna to talk to Kimberlie Buffington about doing drop off at farmer’s market.
* Chris: Rob said mowing project on Iowa creek, whiskey fire canyon seeded.
* FAA student came to present creed for board. To add agenda item for next month to have him present again.

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Jerry: have Melany and DA at meeting to go over elections and paperwork filing (summer time when not much business going on.)

1. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Meeting adjourned at 7:23, dennis, 2nd Suzann. None opposed. {GET RID OF FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT ITEM.}

**Acronym Key:**

AMA – Agricultural Management Assistance

AUM- Animal Unit Months

BIL- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

BLM- Bureau of Land Management

CEU- Continuing Education Units

CSAF – Climate Smart Mitigation Activities

DCNR- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

EA- Environmental Assessment

EIS- Environmental Impact Statement

EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program

FFA- Future Farmers of America

FY- Fiscal Year

IRA- Inflation Reduction Act

LC- Lander County

LCCAT- Lander County Convention and Tourism

LCCD- Lander County Conservation District

NACD- The Nation Association of Conservation Districts

NACO- National Association of Counties

NCDP- Nevada Conservation District’s Program

NDA- National Department of Agriculture

NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act

NDOR- Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation

NDOW- Nevada Department of Wildlife

NGM- Nevada Gold Mines

NRCS-Natural Resources Conservation Service

NVACD- Nevada Association of Conservation Districts

PACT- Public Agency Compensation Trust

POOL- Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool

PLUAC- Public Land Use and Advisory Board

PFC- Proper Function Condition

SCC- State Conservation Commission

STAC- State Technical Advisory Committee

UNCE- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

UNR- University of Nevada

USFWS- United States Fish and Wildlife Service