LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

Wednesday May 22nd, 2024 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
* Determination of quorum, meeting called to order at 5:33PM.
1. Introduction of those in attendance
* IN PERSON: Paul Tomera (LCCD Chairman), Cori Warwood (Lander County School District – Principal), Wayne Nebeker (LCCD Board member), Anna Vinogradova (LCCD Secretary), Cheryl Mandich (USFWS), Jalin Nelson (LCCD Board member), Jerry Annis (SCC board member), Dan Tomera (Tomera Ranches Battle Mountain).
* ONLINE: Robert Burdick (BLM), Melany Aten (DCNR Program manager), Dennis Cawrse (LCCD Board member), Suzann Lemaire (LCCD Co-Chairwoman).
1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
* None
1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 05/14/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Motion to approve agenda with items out of order due to power outage Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VIII. ITEM E
1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 04/09/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve Jalin, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
1. TREASURER’S REPORT
2. Financial updates-  *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Motion to approve Wayne, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO V. ITEM D.
1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) Gilbert Creek Fence/Land Survey Project for $2,816.25 (NDOW to be billed $2,900.74)
* Motion to approve Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.
1. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NVACD) 2024 Investment Request for $600.00 (formerly NVACD Annual Dues)
* Motion to approve payment Wayne, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.
1. Point S invoice for $510.31 for trailer maintenance
* Motion to approve Jalin, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
1. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for April 2024 for $1,500.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Motion to approve Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO V. ITEM E NUMBER 2
1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Cheryl (USFWS): 4th year of BIL sagebrush enhancement funding. Invasive grasses, fuels reduction, conifer encroachment, improving mesic/riparian, human modification projects. Can reword Slaven Project Proposal to resubmit. Needs submitted by June 28th.
* Robert (BLM): equipment changes-get modification into grant solutions to meet deadlines, updated project proposal needs to go in, include changes to original proposal, do cost benefit analysis, include that it’s more beneficial and will reach more community members, provides more access. Add request to add $50,000 to this year since not used this last year.
1. Employee/board member(s) training/travel and reimbursements - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA) Regional Employee Training/Tour August 21-22 in Billings Montana
* Next agenda.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO ITEM VI. A
1. Wayne Nebeker for Lander County Conservation District sprayer repair totaling $949.59
* Motion to approve Dennis, 2nd Jalin. None opposed. Wayne abstained from vote.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VIII ITEM B.
1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences
* Anna (LCCD): NVACD annual meeting, outreach training included how to include story elements to project paperwork, LWG meeting.
* Jerry (SCC): SCC meeting was mostly to update language.
1. Agency and Partner Updates
2. Melany (DCNR): sage grouse grant, resource concerns submitted to stac meeting, another NAC review, state grant, asking for more staff, asking for increase for up to $10,000 for each CD, ask for continuation on sage grouse grant, state meeting in July, possible tour by sage grouse ecosystem team.
3. Robert (BLM): worked with HS on duck pond, fire prevention curriculum at HS, possibly starting group to participate in youth wildlife challenge, wildland fire training possible, sprayed mill creek.
4. OPEN BUSINESS
5. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
6. Follow up on Cookhouse Museum Natural Resource Exhibit
* Jalin to take walk around to decide location of kiosk. Jerry suggested county funds to be used to make landscape around kiosk.
1. Follow up on sprayer and trailer maintenance plan
* ANNA: need to weigh trailer and do DMV inspection.
1. Follow up on rangeland drill/equipment purchase
* Tractor/equipment purchase.
1. Discussion and possible approval of weed spraying projects to benefit Lander County
* Dennis: con crew with shovels to get dock weed taken care of. Mel: don’t do con crews anymore. NDF has seasonal conservation crews that can be used, resource projects need outlined before being used. JERRY: weed mapping website we should be utilizing. ROB: dock not noxious.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, ITEM IX.
1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Discussion and possible approval of Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* *Paul Tomera mentioned his affiliation with Tomera Ranches and relinquished chair to Wayne Nebeker as to abstain from the vote.* Dan Tomera representing Tomera Ranches presented. For supporting documents email LCCD Secretary at nvlccd@outlook.com. Motion to approve phase one for up to $25,000 for permitting to be earmarked out of Lander County Wildlife FY23-24 funds Jalin, 2nd Dennis. None opposed. Paul Tomera abstained from voting. Phase two to be added to June agenda.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO V. ITEM B NUMBER 1
1. Discussion and possible approval of Annual Plan for fiscal year 2024/2025 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Motion to approve plan as revised during discussion Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.
1. Discussion and possible approval of Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2024/2025 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Motion to approve Jalin, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
1. Discussion and possible approval of 2024 scholarships - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Emma Lemaire
* Motion to approve $500 scholarship Wayne, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO ITEM IV.
1. Discussion and possible approval of financial assistance from Lander County Conservation District for Battle Mountain High School Duck Pond Project work/features - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Cori Warwood presented. For project and funding request supporting documents contact LCCD secretary at nvlccd@outlook.com. Motion to approve LCCD to pay for up to $10,147.19 of duck pond project items out of FY24-25 Lander County Wildlife Funds Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed. Cori to get with Anna (LCCD secretary) with invoices and/or estimates to be paid.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VIII. ITEM A.
1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
3. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
* Motion to adjourn Wayne, 2nd Jalin. 8:13PM.