LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday September 11th, 2024 5:30pm

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

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

* Quorum determined, meeting called to order at 5:38PM.

1. Introduction of those in attendance

* In person: LCCD board members Paul Tomera, Suzann Lemaire, Wayne Nebeker, Amy Nelson, Jalin Nelson. SCC board member Jerry Annis.
* Online/Called In: LCCD natural resource officer Pam Harrington. DCNR program manager Melany Aten.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* None

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 09/11/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Move item VII B to be after item IV. Motion to approve as amended Suzann, 2nd by Wayne. None opposed.

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 08/13/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comment to capitalize proper nouns. Wayne and Suzann not present at 8/13 meeting, motion to table Suzann, 2nd by Wayne. None opposed. ITEM TABLED.

\*AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VII ITEM B\*

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

* No action.

1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Stock Water LLC for $13,676.76 for Argenta Wildlife Management Area Sterrit Field Well Repair (Nevada Department Of Wildlife interlocal agreement, 3% administrative fee, reimbursement to Lander County Conservation District for $14,087.06)

* Comments: Anna to request NDOW to include receipts with task order. Motion to retroactively approve Amy, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

1. Gold Standard Fence LLC for $8,000.00 for Argenta WMA hay corral/pump house removal and rebuild (Nevada Department Of Wildlife interlocal agreement, 3% administrative fee, reimbursement to Lander County Conservation District for $8,240.00)

* Motion to retroactively approve Wayne, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.

1. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for August 2024, $1,000.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve Jalin, 2nd by Wayne. None opposed.

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* (None from secretary)
* Cheryl from USFWS emailed, project not funded.

1. Employee/board member(s) training/travel and reimbursements - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Nevada Association of Conservation Districts/Nevada Weed Management Association annual meeting November 19th and 20th, Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno NV, $250.00 registration fee

* Motion to table Suzann, 2nd by Wayne. None opposed.

1. OPEN BUSINESS
2. Follow up on Ferris/Indian Creek weed abatement/seeding projects, for discussion and possible approval of reseeding Ferris Creek in fall of 2024 –*FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comments: BLM & NDOW seeding at $12/13.00 an acre. Map sections to seed.

1. Follow up on Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project, for discussion and possible approval of phase three of project -  *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comments: still working on water rights.

1. Follow up on Cookhouse Museum natural resource display, for discussion and possible approval of finalizing plans for display – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comments: Jalin and Jerry attended meeting 3 weeks ago. We will look at display and gazebo and meet with museum representatives.

1. For discussion and possible approval of how Lander County Conservation District can assist county with the Lander County beautification efforts (natural resource management, tree planting, weed abatement, community native plant sales, raised garden beds for senior citizens, etc.) - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comments: still in early stages.

1. For discussion and possible approval of annual report for fiscal year 2023/2024 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comments: secretary to put in county newsletter about sprayer rental. Melany went over annual report and added comments.
* Motion to approve/amend Wayne, 2nd by Jalin. None opposed.

1. For discussion and possible approval of annual financial report for fiscal year 2023/2024 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Comments: board commented to add secretary wages.
* Motion to approve/amend Amy, 2nd by Wayne. None opposed.

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences

* None

\*AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO ITEM VIII\*

1. Agency and Partner Updates

* Jerry: nothing to report, no commission meeting.
* Melany: bill introduced, grant would be under state. Conservation annual meeting, possibly send board member in November to meeting.
* Pam: solar ruler and plans with BLM, final EIS will be protested. Large plans with 13 states and D.C. and local counties feel unheard. 162 million acres in 11 western states with solar issues and concern with grazing, habitat, etc. Another issue: Greenlink North – draft EIS came out today. Lander County protested due to priority habitat on Highway 50 corridor for sage grouse, habitat, etc. The plan has a large substation near Austin. They want to change buffers around sage grouse rules. One reason is for data storage in Reno. Press release on 9/9/2024, great things toward green energy to combat climate change. Look at ordinance and Federal Lands Plan Policy to strengthen Lander County’s voice. The plan is to have Andy Riebor. Robinson Mine: record of decision in November. Lander County had issue with domestic well. The mine bought their property. Wild Horses: Randy Martin from BLM working on monitoring data in Callahan Complex. EA almost done.

\*AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO ITEM V\*

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Invite NDOW to discuss Cottonwood Fencing breach.

1. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

**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

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

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