LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday March 12th, 2024 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
2. Introduction of those in attendance

* LCCD board members Suzann Lemaire, Jalin Nelson, Wayne Nebeker, Dennis Cawrse, Amy Nelson, Paul Tomera.
* LCCD secretary Anna Vinogradova.
* LCSD Cori Warwood.
* SCC Jerry Annis
* BM Rentals Dave Wahl
* BLM Robert Burdick

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Cori gave update on duck pond. NDOW removed a lot of fish. Geese relocated, all adopted. Clean up day Saturday the 16th. NV outdoor school, school kids, lots of volunteers. Want to dredge pond, tbd on that process. SSR and empire cap to help with process. Need concrete/asphalt work done, let Cori or LCSD know if we know of anybody available to do the work. Dave offered BM equipment rentals assistance if needed.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 03/12/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Change BM rental to BM Equipment Rental. Move VIII. Item A to after minute approval. Motion to approve changes and agenda Dennis, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 02/02/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve Paul, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO NEW BUSINESS VIII. ITEM A

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

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

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

* None.

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

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

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Rob: NOFO posted. Fuels and community assistance, weeds agreement. More lander county wide agreement, up to 5 years, annual limit on funding used on treatments, weeds possibly could be amended possibly, put in another application is easier since management officer more picky, be general enough to do treatments, specific enough to be able to track/monitor to set standard procedures on what is sprayed/where. Can give general advice, on panel so can’t help directly. Keep within CD boundaries. Would have to work other districts so pesticide use proposal matches ours. Directive to give Anna permission to apply, review and approve next month.

1. Employee/board member(s) training/travel and/or reimbursements - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Society for Range Management hotel room reimbursement for Anna Vinogradova, for $264.08

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

1. Oregon State University Master Gardener, and Sustainable Landscaping courses

* Provide resources, videos, find other classes too, BLM hands out brochures on natives and noxious weeds. Motion to approve Master Gardener class for $50.00 Suzann, 2nd Wayne. None opposed. Find other classes to bring up.

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences

* Anna: museum display. Jerry: 8x8, rotating display. Suzann: sage grouse, wild horses, noxious weeds. Wayne: start with history of LC, CD’s, permanent display then go forward with rotating later. Jalin spearhead project. Put on agenda for next month. Rob: people online to graphic design for project. Jerry: display wildlife and plants in area.
* LC budget meeting 25th and 26th. Wayne and Anna can make it.

1. Agency and Partner Updates

* Jerry SCC: NDOW agreement. In person at next SCC meeting on Thursday the 14th, sage grouse grant approvals, next round of funding to be discussed.
* Rob BLM: grants, completed mostly all pile burning in Shoshone, still working on roadside seeding, new pass mastication, migratory bird season, doing surveys every 2 weeks, lost wildlife biologist, hiring new natural resource specialist and wildlife biologist, fall projects figured out soon.

1. OPEN BUSINESS
2. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
3. Follow up on rangeland drill seeder purchase

* Ask Tammy about amending agreement to reallocate funds for something else. Broadcast seeder. Flell mower. Tractor.

1. Follow up on Indian/Ferris Creek seeding

* Seed in yard, ready for landowners to come get.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VIII. ITEM B

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Discussion and possible approval of partnering/contracting with Battle Mountain maintenance business to store and rent out 300 gallon sprayer tank and trailer on behalf of the Conservation District - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Jerry and Anna talked to Dave about trailer. Dave: got a few calls about sprayer last week, led them to us. Not sure about chemical disposal. Have good cheat sheet for customers to follow along so people don’t destroy equipment or dispose of chemical incorrectly. If sprayer not on road much lately make sure tires are upgraded, wheel bearings checked, etc. Would take on as consignment, who does what maintenance. Dennis brought up neutralizer. Make deal with dump/county about disposal of neutralizer. Clean up fee to include clean up by BM Rentals. Look at Sunbelt Rentals in Reno for rental prices. $150.00/day good price. Don’t do deposits, but can preauthorize on debit/credit to freeze amount until equipment returned. Conflict of interest because Dave works for BLM, will speak to ethics board to clear up whether it’s an issue or not. Does heavy equipment work for BLM. Wayne asked about making contract to rent to Dave, he said no. Ownership on CD, shop to do maintenance, do rentals to customers through contracts his insurance approves. Should make sign for trailer to advertise partnership/CD. Call Ron’s in Winnemucca to ask if they rent sprayer to see what they charge. Take down to Point S to put new tires on. Commercial or residential? Radius? Probably LC. Jerry: charge more if renting out of county border. Insurance through BM equipment rentals covered. Baffle balls? Might be a good idea. Find out weight and capacity. Can somebody go down road with it full? Single axle trailer. Contact Bill Shaeffer about legality issues, boundary issues, etc. BLM has lots of extra baffle balls that they can donate to CD. 4inch. Replace hose. How was it originally purchased? CD bought trailer, sprayer has been on yard 15+ years. Have on contract that contractor use not available, private use only. Motion to table discussion on agreement until next month Suzann, 2nd Amy. None opposed. Motion to take to Point S for tires and maintenance to get trailer ready to use Amy, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
* AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO ITEM V.

1. Discussion and possible approval of Lander County Conservation District November 2024 board member election - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Jalin and Suzann to go to clerk and fill out paperwork. Wayne to write letter of interest.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* Jerry: horses, Winnemucca BLM did east pershing gather. Took 850 horses out of LC.

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

* Wayne went to workshop, biocontrol bug approved to eat Russian knapweed and one to eat Canadian thistle. Taking some to his place to monitor and test. Ellison ranch bought 2100 acres antelope valley, planting crops that don’t require as much water as alfalfa. Native seed project NDA.

1. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to adjourn Dennis 2nd Wayne. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM.