LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday October 15th, 2024 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

* Suzann Lemaire acting chairman, quorum determined and meeting called to order at 5:40.

1. Introduction of those in attendance:

* In person: LCCD board members Suzann Lemaire, Wayne Nebeker, Paul Tomera. SCC board member Jerry Annis. LCCD secretary Anna Vinogradova. Online: LCCD board member Jalin Nelson, Dennis Cawrse. USFWS Cheryl Mandich. BLM Robert Burdick. DCNR program manager Melany Aten. NvACD Connie Lee.
* Suzann turned meeting over to chairman Paul Tomera at this point.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 10/15/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

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

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 08/13/2024 MEETING AND 09/11/2024 MEETING - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Motion to approve 8/13/2024 minutes Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.

Change ruler to rules in agency updates by Pam, Motion to approve 9/11/2024 minutes Suzann 2nd Jalin. Wayne abstained. None opposed.

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences

STAC meeting on November 14th.

1. Agency and Partner Updates

Jerry: SCC meeting in November.

Melany: SCC November meeting will establish if all CD’s are in good standing.

Connie: annual NvACD meeting on November 19th. Would love at least 1 supervisor from each CD to attend and connect with other supervisors. Deadline for hotel booking October 28th. Each CD to provide synopsis on projects so she can make poster. Several lines and picture regarding current projects. Request donations if possible. Donation accepted for scholarship offer via auction items. Jerry asked deadline for donations. Connie said ASAP, bring donations with you if attending meeting. Donate money online, poster stuff email her in the next couple of weeks. Suzann contact tourism board for ticket donation. Will look into other local businesses for donations. Ask Cori for photos of pond for poster. Add photos of Ferris Creek spraying. Send logo for LCCD if needed.

Robert: kicking off fuels season, several fuel break projects around Austin, mowing south of town, spring projects with NDOW several weeks ago, one in Simpson Park Range in old burned area, sprayed, between New Pass and Raven’s Wood Ranges. Did get grant awarded, included amendment to switch equipment purchase type. Paul asked about Reese River, Rob said BLM doesn’t have plan to spray because it’s mostly private. Working with NDF to get it done. Office update: new weeds specialist. Will bring to meeting so we can meet him. Will work with Anna in future on weed grant management.

Cheryl: none.

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

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

1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Stock Water LLC for $16,331.51 for Argenta Wildlife Management Area Final Repairs and Solar Upgrades (Nevada Department Of Wildlife interlocal agreement, 3% administrative fee, reimbursement to Lander County Conservation District for $16,821.51)

Motion to retroactively approve Wayne, 2nd Jalin. None opposed. Wayne commented thanks for invoice.

1. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for September 2024, $1,200.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Motion to approve Wayne, 2nd Suzann. None opposed. Paul asked about NRS review, Anna said just to review applicable laws.

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Bureau of Land Management Weed Grant

Robert: amendment approved for change in equipment purchase. Total for $155,000.00. Dennis had several quotes, will bring to next meeting.

1. United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Cheryl: Project not selected for funding. $1.4 million available in Nevada Great Basin ecosystem, majority of projects denied because not in priority areas. Partner’s funding might be available next year, to discuss later. Paul asked about approved projects. Aerial cheat grass treatment a big one in priority areas. Core growth habitat is essential for funding.

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

About $1400 to send Anna and Wayne. Motion to add Wayne to registration, not exceed $1,500.00, 2nd Jalin. None opposed. Anna to pay for registration and lodging on CD debit card. None opposed. Wayne abstained from motion.

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

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Wayne: move quotes for equipment (tractor, seeder, attachment for sprayer) to front of agenda. Also to discuss sprayer usage. Rob said BLM has less baffle balls than he thought. To add to agenda: finding baffle balls.

Jerry: donations for annual meeting. Tomorrow Department of Agriculture Seed Program road show for half a day. Steve Kielius manager of program. 9:00AM at county courthouse, going to Hot Pot after to look at reseeding projects. BLM might send new weeds person Christopher Beverage to attend. Melany said neat area to see because it’s so dry, interesting to see reseeding done in such areas.

\*AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO IX\*

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*

Melany will contact Morris Ag for quote. Anna to count bags of seed and email Melany. Rob said they have about 10 pallets and can use some if need be. Wayne asked about buying seed, Rob said probably not but can be donated. Melany will take outline of area and do 8-10lb seed rate and see how much we’re short by. 50lb bags that BLM provided. Paul asked if winter seeding in snow is preferred, Melany said can be done anytime.

1. Follow up on Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project -  *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Paul: not able to get Broadbent out, rescheduled for next week. In water rights application need specific location. Will reach out to Zach and Sam Ault to get out. David Dick in Tonopah to be contacted.

1. Follow up on Cookhouse Museum natural resource display – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Jalin: made direction to pursue. Visited little league complex by the school, to get quote from the company that made that gazebo. Jerry: museum meeting tomorrow. Museum board very interested but would like LCCD to do the legwork. Josh Smith has done work over there, Jerry to get quote for similar structure. Bring in xeriscaping, maybe gravel instead of concrete. Lander County possibly can be partner. Jalin wants to discuss with Sean Bakker.

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

1. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Motion to adjourn Suzann, 2nd by Wayne. None opposed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

**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