LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

Tuesday December 10th, 2024 5:30pm

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

 AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

5:40pm.

1. Introduction of those in attendance

Paul, Suzann, Wayne, Anna, Rob, Dennis, Ambur. Online: Melany, Chris, Cheryl.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anna: joint meeting with wildlife advisory board.

Ambur: Larry Teske, Wendy secretary good contact. Worth nelson, shawn mariluch.

Suzann asked about next state meeting. Ambur said January meeting is on the 24th, board meets week before or that week.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 12/10/2024 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Wayne, 2nd dennis. None opposed.

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 11/12/2024 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Tomara to Tomera on open business spell check.

Suzann, 2nd wayne. None opposed.

1. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
2. Correspondences
3. Agency and Partner Updates

Rob: mowing finished on white sage flats, geared up for seeding season, working with NDOW, contract process slower this year, 3bars project area, firecreek area, ndow working on it tomorrow hopefully, seed at airport. 305 south herbicide spraying project going well so far, jobs peak did spraying, hopefully put seed down next spring. Nofos in spring, amendments to do. Paul asked about whiskey fire, rob said sounded like entire area would be seeded, dozer line repair done first, if seeded on dozer line only he needs to ask about it. BLM portion of that was small so could be seeded, paul said about 1500 acres, 1200 BLM. Rob thinks only about 30/40 acres on BLM, paul said majority of fire in West Flat area. Blm planning on keeping seed in stock to do roadside projects, will follow up with NDF to confirm boundaries if needed. Pile burning in Shoshone range to come, road work to get access to the canyons. Paul asked about road to the park from Maysville, too late to get in with a grader? Rob will ask road crew. Grader down on 305 for awhile to work on roads. Wayne thinks dozer would be best to work on it.

Chris: nothing to add, will be here next month in person.

Cheryl: proposal to list monarch as protected species.

Mel: SCC meeting end of January, leg updates, bill tracker coming will send info when it comes through, sv80? soil health bill, under dcnr, grant program associated with it, friends of nacd urban ag grant coming out in feb (ADD TO JANUARY MEETING). Wayne asked about nacd grant, thinks we need to get all the info we can and make a project happen. Mel said most biggest challenge is wind restrictions, have contractor design high wind hoop house/tunnel system, cd have grant to plan then sell the equipment to people interested. Best to have wildlife meeting separate, have agenda item on our meeting. Wayne asked about salt lake meeting in feburary first time goer fees are covered. Mel said it’s a scholarship to attend meeting, not sure if all CD’s or just one per state. Talked to Mike got quote $3650 to fly seed, 32-3600 seed lbs, 10lb/acre rate, needs to get map of area, more or less depending on acreage, need to prioritize areas. Rob asked if from seed already here, anna said yes.

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

Paul asked about ndow invoices.

Suzann, 2nd wayne. None opposed.

1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for November for $1,410.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Wayne, 2nd dennis. None opposed.

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Cheryl: change in leadership means change in funds. Core growth area for park project, several bird species, anna and Cheryl work on proposal for it. Cooperative agreements in fall. Rob: nepa and range improvement needs done. Paul can ask new archialogist to do work to find new appropriate site for arc study. Cheryl and anna can start proposal because we know general area, don’t need specific location for proposal.

1. Employee/board member(s) training/travel reimbursements - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. $304.18 to Wayne Nebeker for Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NVACD) Annual Meeting for 454 miles of travel at $.67/mile

Suzann, 2nd dennis. None opposed. Wayne obstained.

1. $136.26 to Anna Vinogradova, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NVACD) Annual Meeting travel reimbursement (450 miles of travel [$301.50 total-$165.24 to reach $1,500.00 previously approved cap for NVACD travel reimbursement])

Add to next agenda to add the rest. Dennis, 2nd wayne. none opposed.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Discussion and possible approval of equipment purchase under Bureau of Land Management Weed Grant for up to $50,000.00 - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

New quote with trailer included. Anna living out at old bengoa ranch and can keep trailer and tractor at property, ryan mauldin can do maintenance to do work on tractor, anna suggested field day to look at tractor, anna will have to train on how to load up equipment, chains binders and other things need to be purchased for tractor, basic walk around most times but someone needs to keep it fueled. Board can volunteer to take care of it before offloading task onto bm rental, amy talked to county about hut outside office to store it, sprayer can also store it. Needs cleaned out first. Wayne said good idea to have ryan involved in maintenance. Discussion on equipment and specs. Work with dave wall on contract with renters. Anna asked about sales tax. To send letter of exemption to carter ag.

Wayne motioned to approve, 2nd dennis. 49997.25 minus 337.25 for tax. Dennis said can switch out specs. Quote good until end of 2024 calendar year. Throw in hitch chains and binders in lew of tax. Dennis will contact caleb flake at carter ag, anna to withdraw funds and send check. Melany said some other cd’s hire techs to have contract with on call person during busy months to maintain it. Offer tech services of tractor if needed. Secondary grants for on call contractor. Wayne 2nd Suzann. Amended to give dennis authority to call carter ag to schedule purchase. None opposed. Have half a day of training from carter ag for anna and other board members that want training.

1. Discussion and possible approval of adding native seed and/or native plant purchases to Lander County Conservation District cost share program application- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Get list of approved seeds from BLM to add to cost share. Wayne, 2nd dennis. None opposed. Seed warehouse in BLM requires testing to eliminate invasive species, can get list of vendors, do usually more high/low elevation mixes, if native only might need to develop more low elevation list with all native species, Brittany from NDOW good source, vendors might be able to pre-mix seed. Mel said just have list of approved seed. Highlight nonnatives that CANNOT be in mix (Russian olives for example). Amended to include approved non-natives Suzann, 2nd wayne. None opposed.

1. Discussion and possible approval of setting a date for board members to get photo taken and bio written for Lander County Conservation District website “about board members” section - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. OPEN BUSINESS
3. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
4. Follow up on Ferris Creek Weed Abatement Project

Mel gave update earlier. Will get quote to us. Best time now through march to get seeding done. As long as not a lot of ice and snow pack, seed on light snow or between snow and rain event.

1. Follow up on Tomera Ranches Water Development in the Park Project

Still waiting for arch study. If able to get up to area then can pick specific site to get new arch study done. Follow up on cheryl’s application through usfws if need be. Dennis asked if materials can be used on other project, anna said talk to county if can be redistributed. Paul asked if slaven could be approved instead. Paul has site picked, anna and Cheryl went out with him. Other location might need to be looked at instead to actually access project area. Mel mentioned wildlife board. Ambur said discussion on stock water projects started, will discuss with board. Fire creek possible project site. Mel said follow up on irises in the park, person in elko can come by and suggest grazing in area.

1. Follow up on Cookhouse Museum natural resources display

22000 quote on gazebo. Lori price wants to submit application for that, Jerry said work with county and possibly ORMAT for cost share. Mel can work on content, discuss horses, plants, fire, wildlife sg/mule deer, chukar.

1. Discussion on possible workshops for Conservation District to host/cohost

Master canning, homesteading, bee keeping, weed workshop, first week in February mel can have speakers line up. Deeth ranch can come by and put on presentation. Mel can work with anna to have spring time presenters.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis asked mel to email him farmers market grant. Mel said new grant language not posted yet, old grants available to look through, operational funds available, planning funds available. Mel said talk to kim buffington about farmers market and involving cd in it.

1. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Paul talked to anna, winterizing sprayer, rv antifreeze, run through system. Wayne made it to drain everything. Wayne will come by and winterize it, anna will buy antifreeze and leave by sprayer for him.

Wayne talked about tour. Oasis spraying in fallon nv with drones, can do it for 120 acres per day. Spot spray field and save lots of money on it. Suzann said some drones can identify weeds from the air. Wayne said maybe invite oasis to put on presentation. Fintac bee in Utah does drone work as well. Urban ag. Wayne said he talked to james settlemeyer about water rights.

1. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Dennis, 2nd wayne. None opposed.