

LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 13, 2022 5:30pm

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

Acronym Key:

BLM- Bureau of Land Management

DCNR- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

LC- Lander County

LCCD- Lander County Conservation District

NACO- National Association of Counties

NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act

NDOW- Nevada Department of Wildlife

NRCS- Natural Resources Conservation Service

UNR- University of Nevada

USFWS- United States Fish and Wildlife Service

WMA- Wildlife Management Area

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- *Chairman Paul Tomera called meeting to order at 5:37pm.*

A. Introduction of those in attendance

- *In person: LCCD Secretary Anna Vinogradova, board members Amy Nelson, Andrew Warwood, Chase Chapin, Dennis Cawrse, Paul Tomera, Suzann Lemaire. Interested public Jerry Annis. DCNR Melany Aten.*
- *Online: BLM Robert Burdick.*

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 09/13/2022 AGENDA- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

IV. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 08/09/2022 MEETING

- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Motion to approve Andrew, 2nd Amy. None opposed.*

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Financial updates- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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- Discussion of Ferris Creek payment and what funds to pull from. Rob says to wait until October when BLM fiscal year ends for confirmation of BLM grant funds.
- Motion to approve Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.

B. Bills to be paid- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

1. \$915.67 to NDF for Crum Canyon spraying

- Motion to approve Amy, 2nd Andrew. None opposed.

C. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for August- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Motion to approve Amy, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.

D. Grant updates- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- No updates.

VI. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT

A. Correspondences

- Anna: NvACD annual meeting November 15-17.

B. Agency and Partner Updates

- BLM (Rob): NEPA for sagebrush project in Bald Mountain almost ready, discussion of mastication project in Shoshones and Seeds of Success crew in Argenta WMA.
- DCNR (Melany): Annual reports due. PACT insurance audit due. NACO meeting September 27-29th. CD Staff meeting September 19th and 23rd. NV Weed Management meeting October 18-19th. Reminder that's it's an election year.
- 4-H (Andrew): Extension Coordinator Lois Erquiaga retired, Lander under Elko County Extension office. Lander 4-H showcase October 8th at Extension office. Contract on Extension office building ending November, possibly approach county about renting if UNR doesn't renew contract. Possible donation of items left by UNR to LCCD, to be sold to public.

VII. OPEN BUSINESS

A. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Melany: Smith Creek and Kingston projects pending updates. Mentioned NDA grants as way to cover weed project costs for LCCD.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible approval of Joe Cumming Cost Share - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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B. Discussion and possible approval of Annual Report and Fiscal Report- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Motion to approve Fiscal Report Suzann, 2nd Amy. None opposed.*
- *Discussion regarding Annual Report changes. Motion to approve submission of annual report after noted changes Amy, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.*

C. Discussion and possible approval of LCCD Workshop - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Discussion regarding possible workshop plans.*

D. Discussion and possible approval of Secretary performance review - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Suzann received and analyzed hiring committee's performance reviews of LCCD secretary including secretary's own notes, committee recommends raise. Anna mentioned the need for more training, particularly in grant writing. Jerry mentioned secretary going out to in the field to check on projects more. Discussion of where to fund employee wages from.*
- *Motion to approve retroactive increase in wages from \$15/hour to \$20/hour starting January 2022 on Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.*

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *Jerry: Discussion of October meeting speakers attending.*

X. ADJOURNMENT- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Motion to adjourn Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.*
- *Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.*