LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

Tuesday July 11th, 2023 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

* *Quorum established, meeting called to order at 5:34pm.*

1. Introduction of those in attendance:

* *LCCD Board members Paul Tomera, Dennis Cawrse, Amy Nelson, Suzann Lemaire, Jalin Nelson, Wayne Nebeker. LCCD Secretary Anna Vinogradova. DCNR Program Manager Melany Aten. NRCS Jamie Gottlieb. DCNR Gerald (Gerry) Miller. Interested Public Chase Chapin. Lander District Attorney William (Bill) Shaeffer. BLM Robert Burdick.*

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

* *Bill: reminded board not to vote on own projects. Melany asked about PERS (public employee retirement system), possibility of LCCD submitting payments in the future.*

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 07/11/2023 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to approve agenda with change in order of items Suzann, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.*

*AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO VII. ITEM A.*

1. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 06/14/2023 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to approve Jalin, 2nd Dennis. Suzann abstained as she was not present at the 6/14 meeting. None opposed.*

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

* *Melany: LWG meeting August 10, 2-4pm in Winnemucca. New DCNR staff person. Field tours in August.*

1. TREASURER’S REPORT

* *Motion to approve treasurer’s fiscal report Suzann, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.*

1. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Cheryl Mandich (USFWS Grant)

* *Anna read email from Cheryl Mandich (USFWS) stating grant applications to be approved/denied in September. Most likely shovel ready projects to be funded.*

1. Robert Burdick (BLM Weed Grant)

* *Finance office had some questions about drill seeder purchase and how income from renting seeder would be used. Questions on who owns equipment after agreement ends. Anna to email them back and hopefully answer their inquiries.*

1. Anna Vinogradova (LCCD) NACD Technical Assistance Grant

* *Anna to work with NVACD and NRCS to learn programs, language and help tie in speaker workshops to NRCS programs. Motion to approve secretary to apply for NACD TA grant Suzann, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.*

1. Financial updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Audit

* *Anna to continue getting quotes.*

1. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. $529.00 POOL insurance renewal

* *Motion to approve payment to Dolan & Edwards for $529.00 for POOL insurance renewal Suzann, 2nd Jalin. None opposed.*

1. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for June 2023- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to approve Anna’s June timesheet Dennis, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of Secretary travel expenses for NACD Southwest & Pacific Region Meeting August 22-25 for $1,046.22- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Denied, board decided to spend money on better training opportunities.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of Secretary training expenses for Grantsmanship Grant Management Essentials Online Workshop October 12-13 for $695.00- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to approve $695.00 payment to Grantsmanship Management for online workshop Wayne, 2nd Suzann. None opposed. Melany mentioned UNR has grant management training as well that secretary can look into.*

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

1. OPEN BUSINESS
2. Recognition of Chase Chapin resignation from board- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *LCCD presented Chase with plaque and gift card to commemorate his time on board. Photo taken with all present supervisors.*

*AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER, PROCEED TO IV.*

1. Discussion of board member responsibilities- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Melany gave introduction to conservation districts and how they operate for new board members.*

1. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Follow up on Ferris Creek Noxious Weed Spray and Seeding Project
3. Discussion and possible approval of native seed purchase for Ferris Creek

* *Rob talked to NDOW and in house work and seed purchase can be done as Ferris Creek is mostly on BLM lands.*

1. Follow up on Indian Creek Noxious Weed Spray and Seeding Project
2. Discussion and possible approval of native seed purchase for Indian Creek

* *Anna scheduled field trip with NDOW’s soil and seed biologist Brittany Trimble, to wait for her analysis before continuing with seed purchase. LCCD will give instruction to landowners and ask for photo documentation of where seed applied.*

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Discussion and possible approval of CD selling NvACD raffle tickets for $100 each (for every 10 sold LCCD receives $100 donation from NvACD)- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Board approves of selling tickets. No vote taken.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of CD update for commissioners- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Anna to keep working on project portfolio showcasing LCCD projects, LCCD to present to commissioners late August.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of Mariluch stock pond project- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Dennis to contact Shawn Mariluch about project.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of Mill Creek whitetop spraying - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Paul informed everyone he is abstaining from vote due to Mill Creek being in Argenta Allotment. BLM crews already out at Mill Creek, possibly make agreement in spring to start weed spray, apply for NDA noxious weed grant.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of rangeland seeder purchase- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
2. Discussion and possible approval of moving meeting date- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Possible date to reschedule would be 4th Tuesday of the month.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of partnering with 4-H for a Pollinator Field Day- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to table until more partners contacted and plans set Suzann, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.*

1. Discussion and possible approval of partnering with lander county library for activity/event- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to table until more partners contacted and plans set Suzann, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.*

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
2. Annual Report, Annual Fiscal Report Due September 30
3. Pre-emergent usage in Ferris/Indian Creek next year

* *BLM needs to send somebody to do an evaluation at Ferris, new pesticide proposal needed for project to use Rejuvra pre-emergent. Possible use of Rejuvra at Mill Creek?*

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* *Motion to adjourn Suzann, 2nd Jalin. None opposed. Meeting adjourned 8:42pm.*

**Acronym Key:**

BIL- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

BLM- Bureau of Land Management

DCNR- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

EQIP- Environmental Quality Incentives Program

FSA- Farm Service Agency

LCCD- Lander County Conservation District

NACD- The Nation Association of Conservation Districts

NDA- National Department of Agriculture

NDOR- Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation

NDOW- Nevada Department of Wildlife

NRCS-Natural Resources Conservation Service

NVACD- Nevada Association of Conservation Districts

UNCE- University of Nevada Cooperation Extension

USFWS- United States Fish and Wildlife Service