

LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2018, 5:30 PM
University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Office-Lander County,
815 North 2nd Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

Supporting Material for the meeting described herein is available and can be requested by contacting: Shannon Berumen, LCC District Clerk, 815 N 2nd Street, Battle Mountain NV 89820, 775-635-9207, nvlccd@outlook.com

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting start time-5:41pm
- B. Determination of Quorum-*Quorum in attendance*
- C. Introductions of those in attendance- *those in attendance introduced for the record*
 - 1. Sign In Sheet- *Supervisors: Paul Tomera, Jerry Annis, Erik Taylor, Suzann Lemaire, and CD Board District Clerk/Exec. Sec (DC/ES) - Shannon Berumen. Others in attendance: Melany Aten-Conservation Staff Specialist-DCNR via phone, Lyle Whitten- Previous Range Camp Scholarship Recipient, Teresa Whitten-Parent, Anna O'Brien-BLM Weed Specialist, Gary McCuin-NVACD.*

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS-Please avoid repetition and limit comments to 5 minutes. Comments restricted to items on the current agenda and discussion and action will not be taken until specific agenda item is addressed.

Lyle Whitten came to thank the board for his scholarship last year to attend Range Camp and offered information on what he learned including passing around his binder from the camp that they wrote in. Supervisors asked questions about camp. Gary McCuin offered information, as he is one of the camp workers and said he will be taking on Kent McAdoo's work for camp this year. Lyle thanked board for considering his application for the coming year as well.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 03/14/2018 AGENDA- **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION MOTION to approve Agenda Jerry, 2nd Suzann, none opposed.**

IV. REVIEW, AMEND, AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES-

Review, discussion, and possible approval of Board Meeting Minutes from meeting date: regular meeting 01/10/2018. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Shannon explained that the minutes would not count toward the three meetings for good standing due to the fact she did not get the minutes in due to her grandmothers passing and service. She explained that with the time left in the year that there is no issue that the board will have enough time for two other meetings. Paul agreed.

MOTION to approve Jerry, 2nd Suzann, none opposed.

V. Discussion and possible approval of change in officers for 2018 including nomination and election of Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson by Supervisors.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon explained that this is an option every January. MOTION to retain current Officers, Paul Chairman, Suzann Vice Chairman, Jerry, 2nd Erik. None opposed.

VI. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT-

A. District Clerk/Treasurer

- 1) Finance/Treasurer Report-Clerk/Treasurer will summarize finances for review, discussion, and possible approval of the report that includes any payments and/or deposits made. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

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MOTION to approve treasurer report with correction of \$29.65 for check number 1702 to \$29.45 Suzanne, 2nd Erik, none opposed.

- a) Update, review, discussion for possible approval of changes in answering Machine message and times for District Clerk/Secretary to be in office.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION to approve current message Jerry, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.

- b) Update, review, discussion, for possible action on monthly office supplies.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon stated there was nothing purchased this month.

- c) Update, Review, discussion, for possible action on petty cash fund.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon stated that since approval of creation and opening with \$100 there is no other activity.

- 2) Grants- Discussion and review of fiscal updates, reports, and possible modifications of current grants, and/or introduction of new grants for possible approval.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon gave summary of EPA environmental Education grant, will send to Lisa and Heather Nield if has not been.

- a) CURRENT-

- i. 2017-2022 BLM Weed Treatment and Inventory Project Grant.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Anna stated there would be a possible modification toward the end of September.

- b) NEW-

- i. BLM Nevada 2017 Youth Opportunities to Work on Conservation Projects on Nevada Public Lands. -Discussion, review, and possibly approve submitting for grant opportunity. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Shannon summarized grant. Brief discussion, no action.

- ii. Update on Lander County Annual and Sage Grouse for 2018-2019.

Shannon provided update from the budget meeting regarding grants and what dates will be on Commissioner Agenda.

Melany requested copy of agenda.

- 3) Workshops/Meetings/Training-Discussion/Notification/Attendance

- a) Discussion and possible approval of Supervisor or District Clerk attendance to any training/workshop/meeting. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

- i. The Our Farms, Our Future conference-April 3-5, 2018 St. Louis, MO.

- ii. Other

Shannon summarized. Gary offered information on other workshop. Anna offered information on 3/24 that Elko BLM will be doing Sagebrush planting here in Battle Mountain at Rooster Fire location. No action.

- 4) Website-update, discussion and possible approval of any changes to website.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon updated that website is updated as often as possible and that if Supervisors see any issues to let her know. Supervisors expressed that it looks good. No action.

B. NACD-

- 1) Update and information from Annual Meeting.

Shannon summarized online availability of presentations given at meeting.

- 2) Discussion and possible approval of sending letter provided supporting USDA filling NRCS vacancies through the FY 2018 Omnibus appropriations bill and

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to reject in future appropriations bills the president's budget request, which slashes Conservation Technical Assistance. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*Jerry began discussion. Gary offered information. Melany summarized/updated on engineering positions and issue on hand. Paul asked if board wanted to send letter. Jerry said in favor of sending. Anna offered that might be good to include acres of county so they understand the amount of area required to cover by people. **MOTION** to direct Shannon to send to senators and representatives, use template with slight modifications as written on template and including number of acres in counties, Jerry, 2nd Suzann, none opposed.*

C. NDOW-Melany offered information on inter-local agreement creation. Jerry asked Anna if there is any cooperative work going on with BLM and NDOW. Anna gave information on seeding projects and working closely concerning fires.

D. NVDCNR-Bettina Scherer/Melany Aten

Melany stated they are working to assist in seeking grants, working on rebuilding relationships with state and federal entities, attending meetings, weed workshops, dates for workgroup meetings to come out in email, verify credit training, NCCN 8th & 9th, PFC workshops.

E. NVACD-Gary McCuin to provide presentation regarding Resource Needs Assessment.

1) Discussion of and possible approval to begin Resource Needs Assessment process. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

*Gary gave presentation on RNA. Suzann asked for breakdown of what CD will be responsible for, Melany clarifies some information; Gary said the beginning is to have other meetings. Jerry asked about timeline. **MOTION** to move forward with RNA process to prioritize district needs. 2nd Suzann. Amendment of **MOTION** to include investigating the possibility of moving forward. None opposed.*

Gary and Melany to get in touch with Shannon.

F. BLM-Anna updated on Sage Grouse, Fuel breaks, wild horse/burros

G. NRCS-Sage grouse funds 2018 discussed, Not sure of equip funds 2019.

H. IWJV- Duane Coombs-Supervisors asked if anyone had talked to him. Shannon stated that she receives emails back. Different emailed offered of duane.coombs@iwjv.org.

I. UNCE- Lisa Taylor, Extension Educator-Shannon offered that Lisa out of country, Jerry offered information that he will be talking to Lisa about a person moving here and having Bees and hoping to work with them to offer youth or other program.

VII. OPEN ISSUES-

A. Update and Discussion regarding County Appointed Representative.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon updated that she had spoken with Commissioner(s) Patsy Waits and Doug Mills in the budget meeting when Patsy asked what the issue was with the board being on their agenda and appointing a commissioner to the board. Shannon explained that the NRS offers for one count appointed representative to the board and that at that time Shawn Mariluch was the current appointed representative and that when they appointed the commissioner it created a second appointment. She explained to them that if they want the commissioner to be the one appointed representative then that is their choice but only one can be on the board. She also again explained that the LCCD is not an advisory board to the county. Patsy stated that she now understood and would talk to the District Attorney to see what the next steps would be. Shannon stated she would stay on top of the situation. Anna offered

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that she might want to contact Tonopah to find out how one of their CD board supervisors is also a Commissioner.

- B. Update, Review, and Discussion of article for submission to Battle Mountain Bugle.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon provided the article written for review, changes requested to have a title and possibly a picture added, to add the website, and Battle Mountain to address portion. MOTION to approve with changes and submit to bugle, Suzann, 2nd Jerry. None opposed.

- C. Mailings-

- 1) Notecard-Update, review, and possible approval of changes and final approval for sending out.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION to approve as is and for Shannon to send out Suzann, 2nd Jerry. None opposed.

- D. District Projects

- 1) Sage Grouse Initiative –

- a) Lander County Grant Sage Grouse

- i. Project Funding

- a. Application of Interest-Review and Request Proposal. No applications of interest received at time of posting however any received by date of meeting will be discussed and for possible approval

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 1) Daisy Creek-Saval Ranch-*Tabled to next meeting, Jerry abstains, no quorum.*

- b. Proposal Submissions-Review, Hear Presentations, and Possible Approval of funding for projects. No proposals received at time of posting however, any received by date of meeting will be discussed and for possible approval.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- 1) Daisy Creek-Saval Ranch-*Tabled to next meeting, Jerry abstains, no quorum.*

- ii. New Board Projects- Discussion for possible approval

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

None- Jerry offered that he and Anna were discussing the Phoenix Fire and weed spraying, speeding up by looking at weed grant option. Anna offered that a contractor has been chosen and getting ready. Changing anything with weed grant would not change the time it will take to do it.

Shannon offered that she had put in the Sage Grouse scoping report for Supervisor information.

- iii. Current Funded Projects-Update and discussion

- a. Bateman Creek- *Paul updated that when cows are turned out and the mud dried out they will begin project. Surveying and easement all in place.*

- 2) Noxious Weeds-update and discussion

- a) Update and discussion on State of Nevada Weed Committee and proposed list changes.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon updated with information in packet from email. Public meeting March 23 to go over the next part of the process in Reno after changes from last workshop. She included all information in packet. No action.

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b) BLM Weed Grant

i. Current/Ongoing Projects-

a. Indian Creek/Crum Canyon –Follow up discussion.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Paul updated conversation with Jeff for GPS data. In conversation, it appears that more area was sprayed than initially thought. He sprayed up chicken creek on private ground, he sprayed up a fork of Ferris Creek to a fence line separating Tomera Ranches and C Ranches, Paul did not realize that was part of it. Jeff said he is waiting to get up there with a horse to GPS. Paul explained that it was important to get it done. Shannon reiterated when seen them at training as well.

ii. New Board Projects-Discussion for possible approval of new projects and call for proposals for such.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Schwinn & Ferris update and discussion.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Schwinn was something Shawn was addressing. Paul offered burned 3 years ago; Anna said probably at least five more along 6 years ago. Paul looked at that when in Anna's office and Shawn has been talking to Phillipini's since on private property. Tabled to next meeting.

Paul asked Anna if the mapping has the information on the acreage totals for area. Anna offered that the map is in google earth, which allows seeing the line and other information. Using the 40 foot on either side to come up with acreage. She has no weeds inventoried up there. Paul asked how to do that in sending out for bid with acreage total. Need parameter for spray. Such as inventory. Anna offered that might be able to find dead weeds from last year. Shannon offered that providing a viewing option prior to submission.

*Ferris creek – Melany offered that a contractor out of Elko that would do inventory. Anna to go out and get data of area for RFP. Possible to due in phases. Include optional field trip. GPS Data a must before final payment. Inventory will be included. **MOTION** to approve Shannon to create RFP with Paul and Suzann to review and send to list on Ag website including current parameters, Suzann, 2nd Erik. Amendment to **MOTION** to include submission deadline date. None opposed.*

3) Update, discussion and possible action regarding Pool Pact Insurance Opportunity.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon stated waiting to hear from Cory, as he is waiting on information from other CD's. No action.

E. Water Resource Issues- Update and Discussion of any current water resource issues.

1) Discussion of Nevada Water Supply Outlook Report.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

Shannon explained that there is a copy of the report available upon request via email or print. No action.

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- F. Update, Discussion and possible approval of purchase of new signage for front of building and other locations throughout Lander County. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Shannon updated that when putting in for the new signs for UNCE, the county included LCCD signage that they will be providing for office. Other signage throughout county will need to be assessed at later time. Quotes included. Tabled until after new signs for building completed. No action.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS-

- A. Discussion and possible approval of Range Camp Fee Scholarships.

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION to approve Lyle Whitten's Range Camp fee scholarship Suzann, 2nd Jerry/Erik. None opposed.

- B. Discussion of and possible approval of membership application submission and payment to National Watershed Coalition. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Discussion on who they were. Melany offered information that all CD's have received information. Her research found no information on them. Shannon and Supervisors to do some research. If anything found will bring back to discuss. No action.

- C. 2017 Cost Share Applications review, discuss, and possible approval of applications received for payment:

- 1) Jeanne King, possible approval of 50% cost share of \$ 1,350.00 for max of \$675.00 depending on board approval of qualifying items and review of use report. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Suzann abstained, no quorum, Tabled to next meeting.

- D. Discussion on 300 Gallon Spray Tank to include maintenance and repairs and possible reimbursement to Supervisor Jerry Annis on recent repairs, upgrades, and maintenance. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Tabled to future meeting, Jerry still has not completed work on nozzle. Will let Shannon know when completed. No action.

- E. Discussion and possible approval of election via standard ballot election process during November 2018 election or mass meeting election within the first 10 days of November 2018. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Shannon explained two different processes and that in past it has been via mass meeting. MOTION to approve having election for board by mass meeting in first 10 days of November with an article being submitted to Bugle prior to Suzann, 2nd Jerry. None opposed.

IX. SUPERVISOR ONLY ITEMS-For discussion only. - None.

- X. PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Restricted to introduction of items not on current agenda, 5-minute introduction time limit, no discussion will take place at this time, item will be added to the next meeting agenda if so requested and approved by CD Supervisors for further discussion and/or possible action. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

Shannon stated that Ron Unger had called about information on Sunflowers and that she would ask Lisa then if further information needed would follow up.

XI. ADJOURNMENT-

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION to adjourn at 9:48pm Jerry, 2nd Suzann, none opposed.