LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday May 9th, 2023, 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM
   * Quorum determined; meeting called to order at 5:37pm.
2. Introduction of those in attendance

* LCCD clerk Anna Vinogradova; LCCD board members Amy Nelson, Wayne Nebeker, Paul Tomera, Suzann Lemaire. Interested public Jalin Nelson, Jerry Annis. NRCS Jamie Gottlieb. Online DCNR Melany Aten, BLM Robert Burdick.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS
2. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 05/09/2023 AGENDA- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Motion to approve 5/9/23 agenda Amy, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
3. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 04/11/2023 MEETING

- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*

* Motion to approve 4-11-23 meeting minutes Suzann, 2nd Amy. None opposed.

1. TREASURER’S REPORT
2. Financial updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
3. Lander County FY 22 and FY 23 Reimbursement for $78,609.31
4. Microsoft change in billing, now $69.99/yearly as opposed to usual $99.99/yearly, no monthly Teams charge
5. Adobe downgrade from $19.99/month to $12.99/month
6. Bills to be paid- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
7. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for April- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Motion to approve Anna’s April timesheet Suzann, 2nd Amy. None opposed.
8. Grant updates- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
9. State Conservation Commission Sage Grouse Funding for Indian Creek Weed Abatement Project, approved agreement for $19,080.00
10. State of Nevada Operating Grant, approved for $4,108.33
11. USFWS Proposal submitted
12. Lander County Weed and Wildlife grants to be reviewed and possibly approved at commissioner’s May 25, 2023 meeting
    * Commissioner’s meeting date changed to May 10, 2023. Paul said he spoke to county manager and CD funds likely to be approved with stipulations on monies used on projects that benefit board members and family.
13. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT
14. Correspondences
15. Agency and Partner Updates
    * Jamie (NRCS): NRCS and FSA partner disaster assistance. Soil tech in Winnemucca to be hired- promote position on Facebook and website.
    * Rob (BLM): merit review panel done, waiting on funds to be approved/denied. Environmental Day on May 25th at Mill Creek. Paul asked about cheatgrass removal in area, Rob said he’s not sure if it will be done. Jerry asked about targeted grazing. Rob said it’s possible; a new project being considered on New Pass Range for seedling planting. Wayne asked how wild horses affect seedlings, Rob said they have negative affect.
    * Melany (DCNR): Cottonwood Ranch training and workshops coming up. State and transition model training. SCC grant came in. Annual plans and proposed budgets due June 1. Mormon cricket information emailed to Anna, UNCE has article as well. JR Thomas (county commissioner) does spraying, Anna should get in contact with him for information. NACD and NRCS Nevada partnership in the works; technical assistance, job trade off and filtering project funds through CD’s to help continue partnerships and complete projects.
    * Jalin (public): mentioned Mormon cricket bait available at battle mountain landfill.
16. OPEN BUSINESS
17. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
    * *Paul Tomera stated personal connection to Crum canyon, Ferris creek and Indian creek as they are within Argenta Allotment neighboring Tomera ranches properties; abstained from voting and relinquished chair to Suzann.*
18. Follow up on Crum Canyon Weed Abatement Project
    * Melany mentioned NDA grant opportunity coming up, possibility of making this a late summer project. Anna to update the project proposal so it’s ready to send out once funding identified. Motion to approve Crum Canyon weed spraying, pending funding, Amy, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
19. Follow up on Ferris Creek Weed Abatement Project
20. Possible approval of contractor proposal for weed spray
    * Motion to approve Job’s Peak bid with cap at $50,000.00 to spray 400 acres of Ferris Creek, to be taken from general funds until BLM grant approved Amy, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
21. Possible approval of seeding
    * Anna to ask NDOW about seed purchase, Rob said BLM to be making seed purchases in the fall. NDF also can purchase seed. Pending, to be discussed next meeting.
22. Follow up on Indian Creek Weed Abatement Project
23. Possible approval of contractor proposal for weed spray
    * Motion to approve Job’s Peak bid of $37,500.00 to spray 300 acres of Indian Creek, taken from SCC funds and the rest from general funds pending reimbursement from BLM funds Amy, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
24. Possible approval of native seed for landowners

* Pending, to be discussed next meeting.

1. NEW BUSINESS
2. Review and possible approval of Bob Tucker Cost Share for $140.00 – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Motion to approve Bob Tucker cost share for $139.91, amended to $139.92 exact amount based on receipts, from county operating funds Amy, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.
3. Review and possible approval of James Jenne Cost Share for $140.00 – *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Motion to approve James Jenne cost share for $139.92, from county operating funds Amy, 2nd Wayne. None opposed.
4. Discussion and possible approval of Annual Plan - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Anna to add meeting needs, agenda edits, recreational projects, Kingston Pond project to plan. Motion to approve annual plan with changes noted Wayne, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.
5. Discussion and possible approval of Annual Budget - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Anna to edit proposed budget after commissioner’s meeting tomorrow to reflect budget approvals. Motion to approve proposed budget with changes noted Suzann, 2nd Amy. None opposed.
6. Discussion and possible approval of possible action on open LCCD board member position - *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Possible members include Jerry Annis, Jalin Nelson, Joe Cumming. Anna to add action item to next meeting once somebody expresses interest in serving as board member.
7. Discussion and review of board member responsibilities
   * Anna to add to July meeting so Melany can be there to go over all information with the board.
8. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   * Discussion on recreational projects CD can do. Wayne to reach out to Baker Hughes about Miller’s Pit possible project.
9. ADJOURNMENT- *FOR POSSIBLE ACTION*
   * Motion to adjourn meeting Suzann, 2nd Amy. None opposed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

**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