

# LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 5:30pm

Location: 815 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Battle Mountain, NV 89820

### AGENDA

#### I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- *4 Board members present, quorum determined. Chairman Paul Tomera called meeting to order at 5:42 pm.*

#### A. Introduction of those in attendance

- *In person: LCCD Secretary Anna Vinogradova, Board Members Dennis Cawrse, Paul Tomera and Suzann Lemaire. 4-H Andrew Warwood. BLM Robert Burdick and JC McNelly. Local Farmer Jared Cumming. Saval Ranch Jerry Annis.*
- *Online: LCCD Board Member Amy Nelson. NDA Weed Coordinator Jake Dick. LP Insurance Representative Tim Holland.*

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 01/10/2023 AGENDA- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Motion to approve Suzann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis. None opposed.*

#### IV. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 11/08/2022 MEETING

#### - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Motion to approve Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzann. None opposed.*

#### V. TREASURER'S REPORT

#### A. Financial updates- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Suzann asked about Coursera purchase, Anna informed board it was for grant training. Motion to approve Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzann. None opposed.*

AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. PROCEED TO OPEN BUSINESS ITEM 3

#### B. Bills to be paid- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *None to be approved.*

#### C. Wages/timesheet approval for Anna for November and December 2022- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- *Suzann asked about webinar, Anna informed board it was NACD provided webinar regarding burnout and types of Rest and Recovery. Motion to approve Suzann, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dennis. None opposed.*

#### D. Grant updates- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

1. \$110,567.53 cash on hand return to BLM

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- Paul: asked Rob if possible to get cash back.
- Rob: informed Paul no, but \$25,000 to be approved and possibly an additional \$70,000 in the spring. New agreement to be started soon, BLM going through new personnel changes so not enough people to work on grants.

VI. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT

A. Correspondences

- Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA) seminar January 31- February 3.

B. Agency and Partner Updates

- NDA, Jake: NDA accepting new grant proposals focusing on EDRR species.
- BLM, Rob: BLM working on various projects, personnel changes in office.
- Saval Ranch, Jerry: PLUAC requested addressing wild horse removal and designated committee at LC commissioner meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

VII. OPEN BUSINESS

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

POSSIBLE ACTION

- LCCD, Paul: possibility of Indian Creek Spraying to be priority over Ferris Creek for upcoming year, CD to address list of property owners in area, Anna to draft letter. Ask Job's Peak to extend spraying in Ferris to cover Indian Creek? Suggested to throw in bag of native seed to landowners along with approval of spraying. To discuss in February meeting.

1. Follow up on Muleshoe Weed Spray Project

- Paul to call Chase, see if any progress to report on and see about interest in remaining a board member.

2. Follow up on River Ranch meadow dragging and clean up

- Paul addressed personal connection to project, abstained from voting. Motion to approve payment to Tomera Ranches for River Ranch meadow dragging and clean up in 2022 in the amount of \$10,000 Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amy. None opposed.

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3. Follow up on county health insurance information

- Tim Holland discussed county approving LCCD board to be on county insurance plan. Next step to speak with county commissioners.

AGENDA TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. PROCEED TO TREASURER'S REPORT ITEM B

B. - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of District Supervisor Powers and Responsibilities - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
  - Anna provided print out of District Supervisor Powers and Responsibilities. Board members to take home and read over, **will discuss in further detail at February meeting.**
- Discussion of Ethics in Government - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
  - Discussion on Nevada Commission on Ethics, board purpose, contact information. Anna has NRS and NAC information printed out for anybody that needs paper copy of applicable laws.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- CD Board Member, Amy: discussed replacing inactive board members.
- Saval Ranch, Jerry: was asked about possible consideration of becoming board member again. He is not sure at this time. Asked what board did to address BLM AUM cancellation concerns. Was told about letter Anna sent to BLM.
- BLM, Rob: liked suggestion of crested wheat grass seeding on private land to offset expansion damage.
- CD Board Member, Suzann: FFA looking for volunteers.

X. ADJOURNMENT- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

- Motion to adjourn Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzann. None opposed.
- Meeting adjourned 7:07pm.

Acronym Key:

- BLM- Bureau of Land Management
- CD- Conservation District
- DCNR- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- FFA- Future Farmers of America
- LC- Lander County
- LCCD- Lander County Conservation District
- NAC- Nevada Administrative Code
- NACD- The Nation Association of Conservation Districts
- NDA- National Department of Agriculture
- NDOW- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- NRCS- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- NRS- Nevada Revised Statutes
- NVACD- Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
- NWRA- Nevada Water Resources Association
- PLUAC- Public Land Use Advisory Committee