

LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE AND AGENDA OF MEETING

Tuesday March 14th, 2023, 5:30pm

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

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- *Quorum determined, meeting called to order by chairman Paul Tomera at 5:38pm.*

A. Introduction of those in attendance

- *Local FFA youth Michael Lovelace and his mother Karen Haller, FFA leader Mike Martin and wife Rose, LCCD board members Amy Nelson, Wayne Nebeker, Dennis Cawrse, Paul Tomera, Suzann Lemaire, LCCD secretary Anna Vinogradova, Interested public Jerry Annis, NRCS district conservationist Jamie Gottlieb, NDOW Jeremy Lutz, USFWS Cheryl Mandich.*
- ***Agenda taken out of order, proceed to VII. Item A.***

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 03/14/2023 AGENDA- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

IV. REVIEW, AMEND AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES FROM 02/22/2023 MEETING - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

A. Financial updates- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Quickbooks monthly plan options

- ***Motion to approve Quickbooks monthly subscription for \$30/month to come out of County operating funds Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.***

2. Audit of CD funds options

- *Tabled*

B. Bills to be paid- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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

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

D. Grant updates- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

1. Bureau of Land Management Weed Grant

- *No updates*

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2. Nevada Conservation District's Program (NCDP) Sage Grouse Grant
 - Anna submitted grant for Indian Creek Weed Abatement Project.
3. Lander County Grants
 - March 15th county budget meeting, Anna and Paul to attend.
4. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding
 - Discussion of who is responsible if wild horse damages project site. Cheryl said landowner still performs maintenance. Discussion of Tomera Ranches project in Slaven Canyon on riparian enhancement, motion to approve agreement between landowner, LCCD and USFWS up to \$100,000 and 5% indirect/admin/outreach costs Amy, 2nd Dennis. None opposed. Revoted to let the record show Paul abstained from vote as he is directly involved with Tomera Ranches. Paul to get estimates for project sent to Anna and Cheryl, Anna to email Cheryl and work on RFP together.

VI. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT

- A. Correspondences
- B. Agency and Partner Updates
 - Jamie (NRCS) gave EQIP updates. For supporting materials, email nvlccd@outlook.com.
 - **Agenda taken out of order, proceed to VII. Item B.**

VII. OPEN BUSINESS

- A. Presentation by Michael Lovelace on owl and bird houses - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - **Agenda taken out of order, proceed to II.**
- B. Discussion and updates of District Projects, current and possible new projects- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 1. Follow up on Indian Creek Weed Abatement
 - Anna sent spraying request letters to landowners in area. Tabled until more information on fund availability.
 2. Follow up on Ferris Creek Weed Abatement
 - Tabled until more information on fund availability.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action on inactive board members- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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- *Discussion of possible replacements for inactive board member. Motion for Anna to send letter of resignation request, board to approach possible prospects interested in filling role Dennis, 2nd Amy. Wayne abstained as he has not been on board long enough to form opinion on inactive board member. None opposed.*
- B. Discussion and possible approval of wild horse management letter to Debra Haaland, U.S. department of the Interior secretary - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - *Discussion of what actions LCCD board can take regarding wild horse concerns. Letter to U.S. Congresswoman Dina Titus also brought up. Motion to approve Suzann to rewrite letters to address DOI secretary and congresswoman Dina Titus from LCCD and sent to Haaland and Titus Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.*
- C. Discussion and possible approval of changing meeting day and/or time - FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - *Anna to ask Melany what days she is in meetings and rework new LCCD meeting day to accommodate her schedule if needed.*
- D. Discussion of possible agenda items for future meetings.
 - *Discussion of new board member*
 - *Discussion of wild horse concerns*
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- X. ADJOURNMENT- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION
 - *Motion to adjourn Suzann, 2nd Dennis. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.*

Acronym Key:

- BLM- Bureau of Land Management
- DCNR- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- EQIP- The Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- FFA- Future Farmers of America
- LC- Lander County
- LCCD- Lander County Conservation District
- NACD- The Nation Association of Conservation Districts
- NACO- National Association of Counties
- NCDP- Nevada Conservation District's Program
- NDA- National Department of Agriculture
- NEPA- National Environmental Policy Act
- NDOW- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- NRCS- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- NVACD- Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
- PACT- Public Agency Compensation Trust
- PLUAC- Public Land Use and Advisory Board
- STAC- State Technical Advisory Committee
- UNR- University of Nevada
- USFWS- United States Fish and Wildlife Service