

LANDER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14th, 2020 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER-5:56pm

A. Introductions of those in attendance

1. Sign in Sheet- *Supervisors: Paul Tomera, Jerry Annis, Suzann Lemaire, Chase Chapin, and Dennis Cawrse, CD Board District Clerk/Exec. Sec IV - Shannon Berumen. Others in attendance: Jeremy Lutz NDOW, Heather Nield-FFA, Melany Aten-DCNR, Zachary Ormsby-DCNR, K.C. Shedden-BLM, Anna Obrien-BLM.*

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.**

Shannon provided that she overlooked placing the possible re-designation of a chair and vice chair on this agenda and will do so for the March meeting. Melany Aten offered that it should be done at the time of the November elections and should be so stated on the ballots. Shannon offered that the NRS does not provide for that but that it is done normally at the beginning of each calendar year regardless of an election in the previous November. Melany and Shannon will check the NRS.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 01/14/2020 AGENDA- **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to approve Chase, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.

IV. REVIEW, AMEND, AND/OR APPROVE MINUTES-
Review, discussion, and possible approval of Meeting Minutes from 12/10/2019.
MOTION to approve Jerry, 2nd Chase. None opposed **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**

V. REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT-

A. Executive Secretary/District Clerk/Treasurer-

- 1) Finance Report-Review and possible approval. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to approve Suzann, 2nd Chase. None opposed.

- a) Discussion and possible approval of 2020 National Watershed Coalition Membership. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
No Action.

- 2) Grants/Contracts- Discussion and review of fiscal updates, reports and possible modifications of current grants/contracts, and/or introduction of new grants/contracts for possible approval. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to approve grants and contracts report Jerry, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.

MOTION to approve Shannon to submit Lander County Grant for Operating budget of \$6,000 Jerry, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.
MOTION to approve Shannon to submit Lander County Grant for Sage Grouse funding of \$50,000 Jerry, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.

- a) Friends of NACD District Grant Program-Discussion and possible approval of grant proposal and submission of to NACD. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
No Action.

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- 3) Petty Cash-Update, Review, discussion, and possible approval of reconciliation and/or modifications. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to approve Suzann, 2nd Chase. None opposed.
 - 4) Workshops/Meetings/Training-Discussion/Notification/possible approval of Attendance. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
*Shannon provided information on NACD fee benefits.
Melany provided information on Humboldt Modeling USGS, Adaptive Management, NVCCCH, and 3 medusahead workshops. Zach offered information on the wells and river draw. Upper, middle, and lower has different distances and areas.*
- B. Partner Agencies/Organizations-Brief updates from agencies/organizations in attendance. For Discussion Only.
- 1) NV Dept. Conservation and Natural Resources-Introduction of Zachary Ormsby, new Conservation Districts Program Manager.
Introduction and information on the State Commission revising the Strategic Plan including request goals for CD over next 1-5 years which should also be included if not already in the Annual Work Plan and Report.
 - 2) Other-
*NDOW-Jeremy Lutz-Offered information on projects outlook.
BLM-Anna Obrien and KC Shedden brief update on projects, including Crum Canyon, personnel updates, and youth positions.
NvACD-None*

VII.A. taken out of order...1:11:50

VI. OPEN BUSINESS-

A. District Projects

- 1) Wildlife Habitat and Ecological Restoration-
 - a) Crum Canyon Habitat Enhancement-
 - i. Pictures of finished project for review and discussion. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
*Paul updated for what pictures show and also discussed possible seeding on private land.
Melany to discuss with Nevada Gold Mines.*
 - b) NDOW Contract and Projects –update and discussion regarding the contract and projects. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
No new information, Shannon will contact Mark or Bobby to have him offer next phase information in coming months. Jerry offered perhaps in June.
- i. Current Projects
 - A) Smith Creek-Haypress, Dalton, Abel, Stoker Springs Riparian Enhancement Projects-Update and discussion regarding final task order, invoicing, and final project completion report. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Updated information provided from Mark via email with final report and pictures.

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- 2) Noxious Weeds-
- a) BLM Weed Grant
- i. New Projects-Follow up, discussion and possible approval of new weed projects. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- A) Lower Reese River Weed Abatement Project-Discussion and possible approval of White top, Knapweed, and Hoary Cress weed treatment in important wildlife habitat. Jeremy Lutz-NDOW to provide information and mapping. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- MOTION to approve \$25,000 for project, 2nd Dennis. None opposed. Chase offered another option for spray contract, Frey Spraying in Fallon.*
- Jerry amended MOTION to include paying project out of Sage Grouse Grant rather than weed funds, amendment 2nd Dennis. None opposed.*
- 3) Sage Grouse Initiative-
- a) Lander County Sage Grouse Grant
- i. New Projects-Discussion and possible approval of new sage grouse projects. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- Lower Reese River will be under this item moving forward.*
- b) South Central Adaptive Management Response Team-
- i. Work Session update and discussion to include possible approval of involvement and next steps in process. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- Melany offered summary of attendees, information on process and progress made at the meeting. Jake will be typing up summary and providing that to those in attendance and process moving forward. Melany offered that at the next meeting will probably need to be in larger area and steps will be to invite the tribe and hopefully increase attendance from the gold mines. Shannon offered that an issues with different venue is the interactive video capabilities and that she did invite the Battle Mountain Band of Te-Moak Tribe. Information handed out at that meeting is in this meeting packet.*
- ii. Discussion and possible approval to sponsor/reimburse half the cost of the lunch provided at the South Central Adaptive Management Response Team work session held 01/09/2020. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- MOTION to approve \$90 out of Sage Grouse funds to be reimbursed to Eureka Conservation District Jerry, 2nd Chase. None opposed.*

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Item taken out of order...1:11:50(recording)

- A. Future Farmers of America-Heather Nield to provide update and information including appeal for judges for the 2020 FFA Zone Competition for discussion and possible approval. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
- Heather Nield provided information on the upcoming zone competition held in Battle Mountain and is requesting volunteers for judges. The areas for judging will*

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include vet medicine, floriculture, milk quality, environmental and natural resources to name a few. The competition begins February 4 @ 7:30am. She also discussed that the FFA youth need opportunities in Ag for experience and there is also an Ag Advisory Committee that needs volunteers. Paul offered to be a judge and on the advisory committee. Jerry asked if some of the youth would like to come to a speaker/presentation meeting in April and provide information and Heather said that would be possible.

Back to VI. A. regular agenda order

1) Discussion and possible approval of sponsoring refreshments at the 2020 FFA Zone Competition. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to approve \$200 for food/refreshments Dennis, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.

B. Discussion and possible approval regarding acceptance of the letter of resignation from Supervisor Jessica Lancaster. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to accept resignation and write thank you letter Suzann, 2nd Dennis. None opposed.

C. Discussion and possible approval of appointment of a Supervisor to the Lander County Conservation District for remaining 3 years of 4-year term through December 31, 2022. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
Item to remain on agenda until seat filled.

D. Discussion and possible approval of purchasing new meeting recording equipment including reviewing Ghost Writer Multi Person Standalone Voice System as option. **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to approve up to \$350 for new recorder and microphone Dennis, 2nd Suzann. None opposed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Restricted to introduction of items **not on current agenda**, 5-minute introduction time limit, no discussion or action 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.
*Looking at and setting Goals w/ current strategic plan
Gary McCuin with update and next steps on RNA*

*Next presentation meeting February 11
Next business meeting March 10*

IX. ADJOURNMENT- **FOR POSSIBLE ACTION**
MOTION to adjourn at 8:22pm Jerry, 2nd Chase. None opposed.