

Mining Sustainability Meeting
September 6, 2005
Great Basin College (Berg Conf. Room) – Elko
Winnemucca – GBC 108
Battle Mountain – GBC 3
Ely – GBC 111
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Paul Killpatrick
Elaine Barkdull
Elen Kopine
Mary Korpi
Dirk van Zyl
Jim Collard
Leta Collard
Michele Schack
Jay Paxson
Dave Pacioretty
Mary Swetich - Ely
Charlene Mitchel – Battle Mountain
Jerry Smith – Battle Mountain
Joanne Barnette – Battle Mountain

1. Update on Rail Yard
2. Update on Battle Mountain Activities
3. Interest and timing for Winnemucca meeting
4. Cooperation between community groups
5. Other Business Opportunities

Introductions were made.

1. Update on Rail Yard – Elaine Barkdull gave an update on the new transloading facility. The whole idea relates back to this group trying to address what communities can do once mines shut down. She reported that it was approximately one year ago that she went to St. Louis to meet with Union Pacific about rail service in northeastern Nevada. Rail service is becoming more of a factor in transportation and an important need of businesses wanting to relocate to northeastern Nevada. Elko County wasn't even in the game. We came up with a solution to establish our own industrial rail transloading facility and industrial park. Looking at some major leads now based on Elko's ability to offer rail, water and land.

The Elko County Commissioners will vote tomorrow to approve the contract and to finance the project at their 3 p.m. meeting. There has been huge support in the

community. Currently the mining is good, so it is a good time to go forward with this project so that we will be prepared for the future.

2. Battle Mountain Update - Jerry Smith reported that several meetings have been conducted, and their group participated in a Newmont Mine Tour. A Cortez mine tour has been scheduled for October 12. They have discussed the potential of having a meeting in Humboldt County to further the regionalization of the group and have gotten some response. Also, BLM has had a workshop for updating land use plans. Eventually one by one the land use plans need to be updated to include sustainable mining development. Thinking about putting together a questionnaire to mines on what their current infrastructure is and what could be available for future use. Once the questionnaires are compiled, put that information on a website to market that infrastructure. Elko would like to be apart of this process. Joanne Barnett reported that there are two prospects that are looking at developing a dairy industry in Battle Mountain.

3. Interest and Timing for Winnemucca Meeting - The BM group will be meeting in Winnemucca in the fall with a luncheon kickoff. Jim Collard says the format would be similar to the one that was in Battle Mountain. Need champions in Winnemucca. Mary Korpi commented that when we have the meeting in Winnemucca, it would be a good chance to reach Lovelock and Eureka; maybe do some special invites to this area.

4. Cooperation between Community Groups - Introduction of Elen Kopine who is a doctoral student from Chile; she is studying public relations in Chile and is working on mining sustainability. Her specific interest is in community relations. She would like to develop a matrix to determine best practices that mining companies are using.

Dirk van Zyl reported he has been working on indicators for the land use plans, and has a student worker to help him with this project.

Dirk reported on the website: he needs the minutes to post onto the website. The website address is www.unr.edu/mines/mlc.

5. Other Business Opportunities -

Continuing to look at alternative energy resources. Geothermal is still a possibility. There is a ten acre geothermal industrial park in Elko for businesses interested in using all geothermal. Paul is also interested in wind power. Mines have done some testing. Waiting for Lander County put one up.

Leta Collard reported the Stewardship Group is focused on existing facilities and continues to try to network. Continue planning process based on the Lander County

template. Our folks are interested in changing the way we do things. Her guest is Jay Paxson of the UNR, Cooperative Center. The group with their conservation strategies could use help to coordinate and network with ECEDA. Very excited about the Agriculture program. Agriculture is important to the area and the ranching community. It's difficult to keep the younger people in the ranching business. Create a program to develop young mind to go in this direction.

Paul reported that GBC is trying to set up an Underground Miner Training Academy.

Lander County's next meeting will be during the Cortez mine tour on October 12, 2005.

Next NNPE meeting will be November 15, 2005 at noon.