

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee

Minutes March 3, 2010

Present: Jerry Smith, Rod Davis, Jon Sherve, George Fennemore, Katie Neiddenriep, Joy Sweeney, Joe Freeland, Charlene Mitchel, Shar Peterson, and by telephone: Lisa Wolf, Gary McCuen, Ben Veach, Trish Reynolds, Tom Harris

- Minutes of the Annual Dinner Meeting held in January were approved.
- Photo Opportunity for Contributors: Newmont Mining and Barrick Mining Companies have each donated \$30,000 to the FIND project which needs to be publically acknowledged. Rod Davis will coordinate a news article between the Battle Mountain Bugle, Battle Mtn. High School students, LEDA, UNR and representatives of the two mining companies as the high school students begin their part of the project of conducting the UNR studies. Date and time to be announced.
- Further Discussion and Progress on Contribution Letters: Matt Ziglow volunteered to put together contribution letters to be sent to Marigold Mining and NV Energy. George sent a copy of other contribution letters to Matt to use as a template. Jerry will follow up on where Matt is with the process.
- Update on Community Needs Assessment Survey: Rod is working with the data and is having graphs and the information put in usable form. Rod, Jerry, Tom, Sarah Adler, and Shar agreed to serve on a committee to analyze the information and bring usable results to the LCSDC.
- Ben has a list of mines that need to be added to the FIND Project. The mines need to be contacted and they need to grant approval for release of their information. Ben has a template on what information will be requested that will be sent to the mines when asking for the information and approval.
- Update on the Renewable Energy Study for Mining Sites: Update on the Renewable Energy Study for Mining Sites. The Renewable Energy Grant has been posted by BLM so Lander Co. can apply. One requirement of the grant is that the study has to be on public land. The county can apply for the grant; once it is awarded a sub group will be formed to write the contract, a Request for Proposal to be sent out to contracting companies to get bids. The grant will be administered by LEDA for LCSDC.
- Update on the UNR Studies involving the BMHS Educational Project: 12 days of curriculum is ready. Training and surveys will begin after the high school spring break in April. UNR representatives will meet with the high school teacher, Sondra Torgerson, on March 4 to finalize plans.
- FIND Phase III Funding distribution Approval:
 - Phase 1 of FIND, all money has been obligated and spent.
 - Phase 2 all money is obligated and is being spent.
 - Decisions need to be made for Phase 3 funding.
 - 1A- decide where and what mine sites are to be mapped, A planning session is needed to decide what additional mines sites need to be added. Jerry will coordinate a meeting.

- 1F Data Base storage-UNR is currently housing the FIND project, \$5000 was approved to maintain the website and everyone seemed pleased with what UNR has done to this point. Lander Co. has the \$5000 of grant money and can spend it as LEDA requests as per LCSDC.
 - 4C Travel expenses will be covered; we need to decide who and what areas to contact. Expenses can include initial and follow up contacts to potential businesses who are interested in relocating.
- Updating the NNP Website Team Assignment: Katie and Ben volunteered to decide what should be posted on the NNP-E website for LCSDC.
- FIND Presentation for the Northeast Great Basin Resource Advisory Council meeting in Eureka: George and Ben will do a presentation on FIND to the group in Eureka June 17, 18, 2010.
- Other Business:
 - National Summit of Mining communities Annual Meeting will be held in Elko October 4 – 7, 2010. LCSDC will have a booth and possibly do a presentation. Rod, assisted by Katie, will be the liaison to the Elko group and keep us informed on what we can do to help make the meeting a success. LEDA will share the booth with LCSDC, Ben and LEDA will coordinate the booth.
 - April 29, 30. LEDA will have a booth at the Humboldt-Pershing meeting. Jon will coordinate with Rod to showcase the FIND project in the booth.
 - Katie suggested we need a logo (brand) for FIND that could be included on the website, handouts we have, etc. Rod will see what UNR can do to develop a logo. Jon will talk to Don Vetter to see what he suggests. They will report at the next meeting.
- Schedule the next 2 meetings. The next two meetings will be held at 7:00 a. m. at the BLM on April 14 and May 26. Telephone conferencing will be available as usual.