

Sustainable Development Minutes

November 10, 2009

Attendees: Steve Spitze, Shar Peterson, Claudette Ramos, Jerry Smith Jon Sherve, Ben Veach, Rod Davis, Jerry Buk, Tom Harris, Schirete Zick, Deborah Teske, Sarah Adler, Anne Bostick, Ernest Purefory, Matt Zietlow, Pat Rogers, Lisa Wolf, Charlene Mitchel and by conference call George Fennemore.

1. Photo opportunity with Barrick for their donation was postponed to a later date.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
3. Contribution letters for NVEnergy and Marigold Mine are completed. George will contact NV Energy personally.
4. Rod sent approximately 1000 survey questionnaires to about 50% of registered voters in Lander County and had 300 returned. Raw data information will be ready for a group to look at soon. The group can request information on specific information that would be useful to the Sustainable Development Committee. Jerry, Tom Harris, Rod, Charlene volunteered to serve on a group to go over the needs assessment information.
5. George reported he is happy with the SOW proposal and moved to retain UNR to conduct the survey. The motion passed. The contract will be between Lander Co. and UNR. It was suggested that the proposal needs an ADA awareness question included since local businesses are not being supported perhaps, because they are not ADA accessible. We may be able to use local high school students to do a telephone survey with Sarah Burkhart acting as liaison between the high school and SD. Students will receive some training from UNR prior to conducting the survey which will be conducted in the spring. Jerry will send a memo to LEDA requesting LEDA recommend to Lander County that a contract be issued to conduct the survey
6. Renewable energy and secondary uses for mine sites was discussed. Waste rock piles could be used as solar platforms – developing waste rock piles as they are formed for the secondary use would be necessary. The generation of solar power could be beneficial to mining companies by reducing their carbon footprint. SD would come up with a design for the solar platforms. There may be stimulus monies available, under renewable energy, to design a solar platform. Questions that would need to be considered include who owns the lines, how does the platform work once the mine closes, how is reclamation affected? Post mine land uses must be considered in the original mine agreement. The right of way, once the mine closes would need to be addressed. A committee consisting of Jerry, Ben Veach, George, Lisa Wolf, Matt, Tom Harris and Steve Spitze was formed to work on the project and look at solar energy generation using mine waste rock piles.
7. Other business
 - a. NNP-E had a one day renewable energy Conference in Elko which Ben Veach attended. The FIND Project was displayed on portable boards. The boards are available from Ben if you have need to borrow them.
 - b. Humboldt-Pershing group has a meeting last week. They announced they will have a conference in May.

- c. There will be a steering committee meeting in Battle Mtn. December 7. The topic will be to coordinate efforts across the Gold Belt Coalition
- 8. Sarah Adler gave a presentation on how the USDA could benefit Lander Co. including providing money to develop housing in Battle Mountain. The presentation was informative.
- 9. The next meeting will be December 9, 7)) am at the BLM. The annual dinner meeting will be held in January at the Owl. More information will be forthcoming.

Submitted by

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