

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee
May 15, 2007 Minutes

Present:

Jerry Smith, George Fennemore, Charlene Mitchel, Dana Sue Kimbal,
Attending by conference call: Sharlet Berentsen

Agenda Item #1 Minutes

Minutes from April 5, 2007 meeting were approved.

It was decided that Charlene will send the minutes to Jerry as a draft. He will make any necessary changes and return them to Charlene so changes can be made to the draft document. He will also send them to Sharlet as draft so she can send them to the other sustainable committees in our area. The minutes will be approved at the next scheduled meeting and resent to the other sustainable committees in the final form. Draft minutes will be marked DRAFT.

Agenda Item #2 By-Laws

It was decided to remove all roman numerals from the approved by-laws.

Agenda Item #3 review working goals

Goal 1B maintains communication between other SD groups.

Sharlet Berentsten reported she has been in touch with Mardell Wilkins and Mary Korpi of the Elko group but doesn't know the status of the web site. Sharlet has articles for the web site once the site is up and running. Heather McCoy (Estes), co-vice Chair of the Humboldt/Pershing group has married and will be changing positions at GBC beginning July 1, 2007. Heather will resign as Co-Vice-Chair and suggested her replacement, Lisa Costa Campbell be elected co-Vice Chair at their next meeting. Lisa Costa Campbell lives in Lovelock and will be working in Winnemucca so will have perspectives from both communities. Jerry Hepworth is the chairman of the Humboldt/Pershing group, Heather McCoy and Rachael Clingan are Vice Chairs at this point.

Goal 2: Develop common goals for SD within the "Gold Belt Coalition".

Jerry Smith will contact the Elko group to ask who their officers are for 2007. Jerry will also try to schedule a meeting between the Chairmen of the Lander, Elko and Humboldt/Pershing groups to begin a steering committee.

Goal 3 Maintain collaboration with public and private agencies

i. LEDA Charlene reported that LEDA Chairman, Jon Sherve will draft a letter to the SD group concerning how the two groups can work together and complement each other. LEDA does not feel we are in competition but sees both groups as complimenting each other.

- ii. Chamber of Commerce, No report
- iii. Convention and Tourism, No report
- iv. Planning Commission, No report
- v. County Government No report
- vi. Dana Sue reported she is representing the SD interests at Barrick.
- vii. Agriculture community No report

Goal 4 Combined with other goals

Goal 5. Marketing Strategy

George gave a report the Sunshine Mine in White hall, MT. and how the community reacted to mine closure and how they encouraged sustainable development in the area. White Hall, Mt., community members inventoried what assets the mine had to offer once closure was complete and researched what industries would need in White Hall before considering locating there. A matrix was made to match what was available to what was needed by different industries. When a match was found, those industries were contacted about moving to White Hall. Our SD group agreed in context that this was an excellent place to start with the local mines. The next step would be to tap mining representatives to solicit their support in obtaining information and how we are describing existing industrial property in the community. This will be a long term project.

Our SD group felt it would be valuable for George to make this presentation to the LEDA board in August or September and to any other community or mining group that is interested. Charlene will request he be put on the LEDA agenda.

George will fine tune his presentation and find or develop a matrix to present at our next meeting.

Agenda item #4 Old Business:

Dana Sue will research grant opportunities to see if there are any grants that provide money for any expenses we will have. She will also check on how we can become a 501 C-3 group.

It was reported that Bob Edwards is the RMP team leader in the Winnemucca BLM office and will include SD in the RMP.

On May 16 Humboldt/Pershing will have a post-post summit meeting for finalize their organization. Their new Mission Statement is: *"We are working on ways to make our rural lifestyles less dependant on mining by finding alternative uses for mining sites post mining"* They have their officers and logo.

Agenda item #5 New Business

Our next meetings will be Thursday July 12 at 4:00 at the BLM office and Thursday, September 13 at 4:00. Note the time change from 5:00 to 4:00.

Respectively submitted,

Charlene Mitchel, Acting Secretary