

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee

Minutes, May 26, 2010

Present: Jerry Smith, Deborah Teske, Rod Davis, Jon Sherve, George Fennemore, Ben Veach, Claudette Ramos, Tim Arnold, Katie Neiddenriep, Charlene Mitchel. By conference call: Scott Murrellwright, Tom Harris, Gary McCuen

1. Battle Mountain High School Leadership class did a power point presentation on the highlights of the business survey they distributed to local businesses. Rod Davis will have the complete survey to our group at a later date.

The minutes of April 14 were approved

2. Update on letters requesting contributions – no report. George F. will take over the project.
3. Progress Reports on the FIND Project:
 - a. Jerry reported there is \$28,000 still available. He was wondering if Humboldt or Eureka County were interested in doing a survey using some of the funds. It was decided that before we give money to other groups or counties, they need to provide matching funds and be serious about a sustainable development project. Gary McCuen reported that Eureka County has money to match depending on the project they choose.
 - b. Ben talked to Eureka County. He could use Eureka County's GIS data for Crescent Valley, Mt. Hope and others around Eureka. He will see what is available and what would be needed to add. Eureka Co. will decide what project they want to do and present a scope and match when applying for our funds.
 - c. Funding is needed for putting data from mines on our website as we receive the information from individual mines.
 - d. All the funds go to completion of current project rather than expand to other areas.
 - e. Task 1G mine site data completion moved \$28,000 to this task.
 - f. We currently have \$42,000 for inventory that could be used to fund update of the website as we receive information from the mines.
 - g. #1 priority for LCSDC is to complete FIND and do some marketing through LEDA. We need to show the public the FIND project works.
 - h. George, Ben and Jon will get on Eureka County Economic Development group's agenda for their next meeting to discuss where the two groups mesh.
 - i. Ben will check with the US Forest Service and see what is going on with mineral exploring in and around Austin with new or old mines. Ben will report back at the next meeting. Jon will check with LEDA to see if they want additional money for inventory above what they have done to this point.
4. Update on NNP Website Team for LCSDC: A logo was discussed. Katie will make suggestion for our link on NNP-E website. Ben will call Mardell to add FIND/GIS website to the NNP-E website. Jon reported LEDA has the FIND project on their website.
5. Other business:

- a. Ben reported on Humboldt County's workshop on Renewable Energy.
- b. FIND Project was selected as UNR Extension highlight in their end of year publication program highlights.
- c. National Summit of Mining Conference: Ben will submit an abstract for a presentation of FIND Project for the summit and a second abstract for Renewable Energy Development (REDS) feasibility presentation separate or as part of the FIND presentation.
- d. Our next meetings will be 7:00 at BLM on July 14 and August 25,