

## Lander County Sustainable Development Committee

Minutes March 4, 2009

Attending: Rod Davis, Del Fortner, George Fennemore, Ben Veach, Jerry Smith, Claudette Ramos, Shar Peterson, Jon Sherve, Charlene Mitchel, and Katie Neddenriep. by phone.

The November and January minutes were approved with a correction and addition.

Ben Veach reported on Summit Engineering's progress on data collection for the FIND project. They are ahead of schedule with their mapping. He presented a slide show of the progress on mapping of the Phoenix mine. Their next phase will be to add information from the mines.

LEDA has contracted with Summit Engineering to map all Lander County. This information will be useful to LEDA and to the FIND project.

George F. handed out a FIND project information packet of Cortez Joint Venture. All the information included in the draft is from the public domain. The FIND project planning session assignments were reviewed – it seems we are on track with assignments. The FIND project is intended to be a template for future inventories. Tony Brinkman is gathering data on Lone Tree Mine and George and Charlie H. will send the Cortez information and format to Tony Brinkman @ UNR for his perusal. He can use their format or his own.

Rod reported attending a meeting with UNR staff who are involved with Sustainable Development and the FIND project.

A discussion of where the FIND Project information would be stored who would be responsible for maintenance once the project was completed was held. Maintenance would be critical as information would be changing and would need to be updated regularly. No decision was made with suggestions of UNR, BLM or portable hard drives. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

Rod reported on the community survey he is doing. The survey is written and is ready to be mailed. It will go to 50% of the registered voters in Lander County proportionally by voter precinct. Surveys will be mailed to Elko to be scanned and numbers crunched.

Jerry reported on the FIND Project budget. He described how the ASAP system works, the money is in Lander County treasury and once LEDA has approved paying any bills that have been received, Lander Co. will pay them electronically. It was agreed our group needs to have a tracking system to see what bills are received, when they are paid and a copy of the quarterly reports. Jon and Shar will request the LEDA board approve any bills that have been submitted for the FIND Project and ask the county to pay the bills.

George reported on out-year budgeting. We are currently in Phase I, of the project. Items 4A-4E on the FIND task list should be funded this year to be completed in the next 18-24 months. Shar will work with George to develop a budget for each item with George getting cost estimates to complete the project. .

It was decided we should complete phase I before expanding to outer areas. We will move to task 4 on the task list into this year and George will rework the budget with LEDA's assistance. Tasks 2 & 3 will be handled by George and Rod. It was agreed to add task 5 – Develop Case History Summary. A line item will be added to the budget to pay for the cost to write the summary. Rod will work with UNR to get an estimate of the cost if UNR were selected to write the summary. The summary would need to include a measurement to determine the success of the project.

Humboldt/Pershing SD is planning a meeting for the end of April. Jerry, George, and Rod will request time at the meeting to do a presentation to update everyone on the FIND Project. Information will be forthcoming from the H/P group.

Rod reported Cooperative Extension added an economist to do County finance business planning who could play a part in the future in sustaining existing businesses or bringing new businesses to our communities. Rod will teach a class on Civic Engagement Initiative – How to successfully involve locals in their community.

Our next meetings will be April 15, and May 27, 7:00 a. m. at the BLM. Telephone conference calling will be available.

Charlene Mitchel

Secretary