

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2009

Present: Jon Sherve, Jerry Smith, Rod Davis, Ben Veach, Joy Sweeney, Del Fortner, George Fennemore, Claudette Ramos, Matt Zietlow, Marigold Mine, Dana Sue Kimbal.

1. Review and Approval of the May 27, 2009 Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. Status update of the FIND Project BLM Funding:
 - Jerry Smith reported that the BLM awarded \$105,000 for the FIND Project for Budget Year 2009 (Obligation years 2009-2010). This will fund Task 1A & 1E, Task 2B, 2C, & 2D, and Task 5 (totaling \$100,000). The additional \$5,000 is earmarked for the maintenance of the Gold Belt Coalition web site over the next three years. The Elko Group of the Northern Nevada Partnership is finishing the virtual mine tour video which will be on the website. This should be completed by August 2009.

3. Status from Lander County on BLM Funding Process:
 - Joy Sweeney reported that Lander County has filled out the necessary forms. Brief discussion: UNR has been given an extension to June 26th, has anyone received a product? Jerry will follow up on this with an e-mail to NSO to find out what is going on. Ben Veach reported that they are waiting on the footprints from the Mines. George Fennemore noted that hopefully he can get Barrick/Cortez done by next week. Brief discussion with Matt Zietlow regarding the information Summit is requesting. Ben stated that he can go ahead and get what information they have on the web site and update the web when information comes in from the Mines. Jerry handed out copies of the Briefing Paper he submitted to the Associate State Director/BLM Nevada State Office regarding the FIND Project Long-Term Data Storage. He recommends that the BLM should be the place to store this long-term data once it is completed. The BLM would be responsible to maintain and update the data when needed. Jerry is not sure if there would be any type of security problems to the BLM website and will be looking into it. He will bring this up at the SLT meeting tomorrow and will be talking with Dave Morlan. Ben noted that the data will be a separate unit put on the server and does not foresee any problems with viruses. He also noted that other people are interested in adding data to it once it is up and running. They would not add it independently but through whoever will be maintaining the data base. Jerry noted that data will be available to the public through internet "hot link" connections from various web sites. George suggested that the group needs to discuss what will go on the website/map. Rod Davis asked if the web site should have a contact name and number in the event someone has a question regarding how to use this site. Ben stated that they can call him if questions arise. George suggested to Ben that if he gets bombarded with a lot of calls, he can come to the Committee and we can discuss alternatives. Del suggested that if the BLM maintains the website, possibly a Planner can be designated with this task.

4. Status Update on the FIND Project Community Survey:
 - George asked if the Community Survey was sent out in Lander County. Rod stated that the survey has been mailed. After the survey is over, UNR Department of Education will input the information into software for statistical analysis. Rod suggested that the committee meet and discuss what we want from this survey. Rod will keep the committee updated.

5. FIND Project Out-Year Budget Development:
 - Identify funding for all remaining tasks of Phase I: George noted that we are wrapping up Year 1 Tasks and suggests a planning session. Rod briefly discussed Task 5 – “Develop FIND Case History Summary Publication”. Rod noted that he and Claudette will be gathering this information. A question was asked to Joy and Jon Sherve regarding Sole Source contracting. What is the process for Lander County? Can LEDA accept the recommendation of the Committee or does it need to go through the bidding process? Several committee members agreed that we should use the CBM Model that Tom Harris and Buddy Borden/UNR presented during our fall workshop. If Lander County would allow for Sole Source Contracting, we will make that recommendation to LEDA. Joy noted that Lander County does have criterion for sole sourcing. George noted that we would need a workshop/planning session with LEDA to clearly identify output/expectations of UNR and/or whoever gets this contract. He noted that Task 1, 2, and 5 needs attention. To execute this, we need a (1) vision and (2) UNR/Tom Harris. Joy, Jerry, Rod and George will meet after this meeting to talk about Sole Sourcing this part of the project to UNR because they have the expertise that no one else has. Joy will take this information back to Lander County government and give us some type of answer possibly today as to Sole Sourcing. An Agenda for this workshop/meeting will be drafted. The BLM will host this workshop/meeting on August 19, 2009 @ 7 a.m. and invite the LEDA board.
 - Matching and/or Contributed Funding: BLM came up with \$100,000 of a \$167,000 budget. There is still an outstanding amount of approximately \$67,000 that we need to come up with. At the last meeting Katie N. and Shar P. volunteered to write a letter to Barrick/Cortez and Newmont to solicit funding. George stated that Katie sent out her letter to Barrick and we are not sure what the status is regarding the letter to Newmont. At this meeting, George was asked to write a letter to NV Energy on behalf of the Committee.
 - LEDA Funding for Task 4: Jon noted that they were unable to get a quorum at the last LEDA meeting so they have rescheduled the meeting for July 22nd. At this meeting they will determine how much money LEDA can contribute to this budget. The LCSDC tied Task 4C to LEDA in the amount of \$35,000 because it is the obvious task – “Deliver Opportunities Data to Decision-Makers”. Jerry would like to see the letters to Barrick/Cortez, Newmont and NV Energy sent out before August 19, 2009 and would like to have copies made for the next meeting. A question was asked to Jon, “can LEDA carry over money into the new year? Jon said, yes. Jerry noted that BLM money, which has been earmarked for this project, can be carried over, and we have three years left of the original four years to spend it.

6. Other Business: Rod informed the group that he will be helping Dan Nelson, who is the UNR Coop Extension Educator in White Pine County, with a Community Needs Assessment. He will be inviting Dan to sit in on the Gold Belt Coalition meetings. Dan is interested in the FIND project or something similar. It was noted that Task 5, when it is completed, will be a helpful tool for anyone interested in this type of project. Jerry informed the group that Clint Koble referred Diane Severence, with Rural NV Housing to him. After a brief discussion with the group, Jerry will call her back and refer her to Dr. Maureen Kilkenny/UNR, Department of Resource Economics. Del Fortner announced that he is now working with Telesto as of July 1, 2009. He requests a brief meeting with Jerry and Rod regarding planning.

7. Scheduled Meeting Dates: Wed., August 19, 2009 @ 7 a.m. – BM BLM Office
 Wed., September 23, 2009 @ 7 a.m. – BM BLM Office