

Lander County Sustainable Development Committee Minutes

December 9, 2009

Present: Shar Peterson, Ben Veach, Tom Harris, Sarah Burkhart, Gary McCuan, Rod Davis, Claudette Ramos, Jerry Smith, Joy Sweeney, Lisa Walsh, Dana Sue Kimball, Joe Freeland, Charlene Mitchel, Steve Spitze

1. November 10 minutes were approved
2. The \$30,000 donated by Barrick Gold of North America will be sent to LEDA for use by the Sustainable Development Committee. A photo shoot for the local newspaper will be set up for January.
3. George is working on the contribution letter for NV Energy and Matt Zieglow is working on one for Marigold Mining.
4. UNR has the data for the Community Survey and Rod is awaiting the information from them.
5. Tom Harris of UNR is working on the Leakage and CBM Model. He will meet with Battle Mtn. High School because he is planning on using the high school students to conduct the survey after the students have received training. Rod and Sarah B. will also meet with Sandra Torgerson from the HS who will be our contact with the school and students. Rod wrote a RFP and contract between the high school and UNR. Two steps need to be completed before the survey can be conducted: LEDA must approve and request Lander Co. issue a contract, and UNR needs approval from their internal review board
6. Nevada BLM has not been cooperative in providing storage for the FIND data. Other options are being considered.
7. The solar subgroup has not met. \$80,000 has been requested from NV BLM as part of their money from Green Energy for Secondary Use to fund the project. Subjects considered include engineering techniques on using rock waste piles for wind or solar energy production, including cost analysis, feasibility. Legal ramifications, environmental liability consideration, etc will be part of the project. Sarah Adler asked to be added to the subgroup.
8. Other business:
 - a. This is Dana Sue Kimball's last meeting; she accepted a job at Couer Rochester and will be working out of our area.
 - b. Eureka County is attending LCSD meeting via phone.
 - c. H-P group will be hosing a Renewal Energy Seminar April 29 in Winnemucca. LCSD needs to be represented at the meeting.
 - d. The steering Committee meeting was cancelled due to the weather. They will reschedule in the next month. Jerry will ask the other two chairs if it would be agreeable for a representative of Eureka County to attend the meeting.
 - e. Next meeting is Jan. 20 6:00 P. M. at The Owl and March 3 at 7:00 A. M. at the BLM.
9. The annual No Host Dinner meeting has been set for January 20, 2010, 6:00 at The Owl. We will celebrate previous year's successes and plan for 2010. A few business items will be attended to including election of officers.

Respectfully Submitted

Charlene Mitchel, Secretary