

Lander County Sustainable Development

Minutes January 20, 2010

Annual Dinner Meeting, Owl Club

Attending: Deborah Teske , Lander County, John Fuller, Chukar Hills MHP, Trish Reynolds, Eureka Co. Economic Development Leta Collard, NNSG, Rod Davis , UNCE, Jerry Smith, BLM, George Fennemore, Barrick, Shar Peterson, Newmont, Jon Sherve, BLM and LEDA, T. Schott Murrellwright, BLM NSO, Ben Veach, Summit Engineering, Lisa Wolf, ECEDB, Joe Freeland, BLM, Charlene Mitchel, Great Basin College.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jerry Smith, introductions were made and minutes from the Nov. 9, 2009 meeting were approved.

Elections were held with the following results: Jerry Smith Chair, Rod Davis, Vice Chair and Charlene Mitchel, Secretary.

A review of 2009 accomplishments:

- Update of G. I. S. mapping project was given by Ben Veach. The FIND project will be housed at the UNR School of Mines server. The web address is http://gisweb.unr.edu/FIND_project/ . The map contents are available to the public and more information will be added as it is available. The cost of housing FIND has been funded for two years through a BLM grant.
- Rod Davis updated the community Needs Assessment. He sent out 1000 surveys and received 28% back which is considered significantly relevant so data can be analyzed and used.
- Housing Study done in 2009. Tom Harris, UNR conducted a housing study to determine what housing was available in Lander Co. USDA will fund a townhouse project in Battle Mtn. and presented their ideas at the October 2009 meeting.
- Renewable Energy Study Project. A subgroup was formed to define a statement of work to do a study on using mine sites, waste dumps and other areas as land to be used for renewable energy such as placing wind generators on waste rock sites. A \$100,000 grant was received from BLM to fund the project of which \$2000 was kept by NV BLM office for administration.
- A review of grants, awards and donations was given.
- Eureka County is interested in forming a sustainable development group and has had representatives at our last two meetings.

Plans for 2010

- A Community Business Matching project will match data with US Department of Labor data to find compatible industry for Battle Mtn. Once industries are identified, LCSD or LEDA can present the findings to residents of the community to see which industry or industries should be pursued.
- Civic Engagement BMHS. BMHS has agreed to assist LCSD is doing a business survey in Battle Mtn. The survey will identify what businesses are available, what is wanted (entrepreneurial

study) and where is the greatest leakage of dollars from Battle Mtn. The high school students will receive training through their Leadership Class before doing the survey. The survey will be complete by June.

- Phase III of FIND Continuation of work done so far. We need to rethink what we want the project to look like and make changes as necessary. We will see what the studies show and how we can use the information.

LEDA update LEDA is an active partner with LCSD with Jon Sherve and Shar Peterson members of both groups. LEDA has funded a web site www.landeropportunity.org

Update on the expansion of the FIND project to other areas. Members of LCSD have presented the FIND project at conventions and meetings and have found an interest in the project both in the state and out of state.

Other items.

- Ben Veach showed the virtual mine tour and gave LCSD members a copy of the CD. The tour will be available on the website.
- Leta Collard announced the National Mining Summit will be held in Elko October 4 – 7 2010. She will be looking at LCSD for help before and during the convention.
- The next LCSD meeting will be held March 3 7:00 am at the BLM office. Conference calling will be available.

The meeting was adjourned