

Sustainable Development Meeting
February 28, 2008

Present: Johnny Pappas, Rod Davis, George Fennemore, Charlene Mitchel, Jon Sherve, Del Fortner

Agenda Item #1: Minutes were approved as e-mailed

Agenda Item #2: Everyone present was asked to look at the website and suggest any changes or additions.

Agenda Item #3: Gold Belt Steering Committee Update

Jerry Smith, Rod Davis, Charlene Mitchel from Lander Co. SD and Sharlet Berentsen from the H-P SD Committee met February 13 for the first time as a steering committee, the Elko SD group was not represented. The Steering Committee will consist of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of the three SD groups. Charlene was asked to be present, as secretary for the first meeting. The Steering Committee decided to meet on a quarterly basis, or more frequently as necessary, agreed to host a 1 ½ day fall meeting with either Battle Mtn. or Elko hosting. LEDA would be interested in co-sponsoring if Battle Mountain is the host. The Elko group will be contacted to see if they are interesting in hosting. Rod offered to talk to the Eureka County Extension Educator about sustainable development and invite him to the fall workshop.

Agenda Item #4 Market Strategies was covered under Item #6

Agenda Item #5: LEDA Update

Jon Sherve, LEDA Chair, reported that LEDA has completed a 2008 scope of work, has a 160K budget, and has received a report on Rural Target Industries for our area paid for from a Rural Target Industry Analysis grant. LEDA will be updating the Battle Mtn. Master Plan, Business Plan and CEDS document. These were written and updated about 5 years ago. A Scope of Work for 2008 workshop is planned between LEDA and the Lander SD Committee on March 11, 2008, 2:00 at the Civic Center. The focus of the workshop will be to define the roles for both groups concerning the scope of work assuring all the tasks will be completed by the assigned party with minimal of duplication of efforts. Both LEDA and LCSDC want to have a good working relationship with each group by knowing what their area of responsibility is so that they can complement, rather than, compete with each other.

Agenda Item #6: George Fennemore Update etc.

George's work will be used to develop a community driven process for attracting business partnerships to the Gold Belt Region by putting together a process to identify opportunities to attract new industrial opportunities to the region. Focus will be on

existing mine sites but can include application to real property and industrial sites. He sees the scope of work as:

- What you have (inventory)
- Who would be interested in what you have
- Get the pulse of the community
- Market what you have

George presented his ideas at the last LEDA meeting. LEDA liked what was presented and now must decide who will do what which lead to setting up a Scope of Work Workshop on March 11 with the two groups participating. The workshop will be used to develop a strategy, who and how to approach funding opportunities and decide on outsourcing with some of the funding. We will need to finalize tasks, integrate with other groups, and get something in front of BLM so we don't miss any funding opportunities. Del Fortner said funding may be available for this specific project according to Bob Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, BLM Nevada State Office. The funds will need to go through an agency with a 501 C3. Rod Davis UNR Extension Educator, will do a community needs assessment, such as quality of life in Battle Mtn. etc. that could be incorporated in the scope of work and report.

Agenda item #7: Mailing List Update

The current e-mailing list was updated so secretary can delete those on the list who have not attended a meeting or responded in any way for over a year.

Agenda item #8: Fall workshop

See agenda item # 3

Agenda item #9 Next meetings

The next scheduled meetings will be April 10 and May 22. All present agreed on 7:00 am no host breakfast meetings at the Owl Club restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlene Mitchel
Secretary