

Nevada Grazing Board of District No. 3

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Meeting Packet

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May 10, 2012

Michelle Langsdorf
Nevada Grazing Board of District #3
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Dear Ms. Langsdorf:

I am writing to inform you that the Nevada Grazing Board of District #3 has been scheduled for a public hearing concerning its termination, modification, consolidation or continued operation pursuant to NRS 232B.240. The Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, upon adjournment of the Legislative Commission, approximately 11:30 a.m., to conduct the public hearing. The meeting is in Room 4412 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building at 555 East Washington Avenue in Las Vegas with a simultaneous videoconference to Room 3138 of the Legislative Building in Carson City and Room 118, Greenhaw Technical Arts Building, Great Basin College, 1500 College Parkway, Elko, Nevada.

We have received the materials that you sent concerning the Nevada Grazing Board of District #3. In addition, the Sunset Subcommittee will be provided with any other materials submitted by members of the public, as well as copies of applicable laws and regulations. Please present any other materials to the Sunset Subcommittee that you feel would be helpful to this review. Keep in mind that pursuant to NRS 232B.240, "[a] board or commission has the burden of proving that there is a public need for its continued existence." However, the purpose of the Sunset Subcommittee is not solely to determine whether to "sunset" an entity. The reviews conducted by the Subcommittee must also include:

(a) An evaluation of the major policies and programs of the board or commission, including, without limitation, an examination of other programs or services offered in this State to determine if any other provided programs or services duplicate those offered by the board or commission;



(b) Any recommendations for improvements in the policies and programs offered by the board or commission; and

(c) A determination of whether any statutory tax exemptions, abatements or money set aside to be provided to the board or commission should be terminated, modified or continued. (subsection 1 of NRS 232B.220)

Please feel free to contact me at 684-6825 or mpthomas@lcb.state.nv.us if you have any questions concerning the review of the Nevada Grazing Board of District #3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marjorie Paslov Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Marjorie Paslov Thomas, Principal Research Analyst
Research Division, Legislative Counsel Bureau

MPT/jc: L01-1 - Nevada Grazing Board of District #3



**Information concerning Board or Commission
Subject to Review by the
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission**

as required by section 10 of S.B. 251 of the 2011 Legislative Session



Board or Commission Name:	N-3 State Grazing Board
Members' Names:	Dave Stix, Maureen Weishaupt, Richard Huntsberger, Edwin L. Depaoli, Steve Capurro, Steven C. Felton, Harry L. Brown, Don Shullanberger, Steven Fulstone, Fred Fulstone
Web site Address (if any):	NA
Web site Developer (if not DoIT, please indicate if DoIT approved the web site):	NA
Executive Director's Name and Contact Information:	No Executive Director. Contact person: Michelle Langsdorf, 625 S Center St Yerington NV 89447 phone 775-250-7412 cell, 775-463-2265 x 106 work
Staff Members' Names:	Michelle Langsdorf part time as needed
Created by what Authority:	Nevada Revised Statute 568 Grazing and Ranging
Authority to adopt regulations (NRS) and citation to regulations (NAC):	NA
Any required regulations that have not been adopted:	nine
Governing structure of the Board or Commission:	NRS 568.060 Chairman and Vice Chairman elected annually Board meets only once a year, whenever funds are received from BLM through Nevada State Treasurer's office, to county offices in Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, and Pershing counties. Ten Board Members are nominated, indicate willing to serve, elected every three years.

**Information concerning Board or Commission
Subject to Review by the
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (Continued)**

**Duties of the Board or
Commission:**

NRS 568.010-030
carry out provisions of federal Taylor Grazing Act June 28, 1934
Arrange, monitor, critique, comment on activities of federal land management agencies in support of the livestock industry sustainability and assure continued historic and cultural multiple uses of the federally managed lands.

**Dates of the Immediately
Preceding Six Meetings:**

We meet only annually
April 26, 2012; April 28, 2011; April 15, 2010; March 19, 2009; April 3, 2008; March 23, 2007; March 31, 2006

**Statement of the objectives
and programs of the Board
or Commission:**

This Board receives 12.5 percent of the grazing fees paid into BLM by the cowboys operating on public land.
NRS 568.030
Consider range improvements on active grazing allotments and monitor and improve range conditions to support the economic viability of the livestock industry, promote future growth of the agriculture industry including cattle, sheep, wildlife, water developments and public information dissemination to members of the livestock industry and the public.

**Statutory tax exemptions,
abatements, or money set
aside for the Board or
Commission:**

none. The only money this Board operates on is the 12.5 percent of the grazing fees paid into BLM by the operating ranchers. There are no state funds of any kind available to this Board. The only thing we spend is the grazing fees.

**Conclusion concerning the
effectiveness of the
objectives and programs of
the Board or Commission:**

For the past 60 years this board has been helping ranchers with range improvements and providing comments to proposed federal land management agency actions such as Environmental Impact Statements, wild horse and burro gathers, range condition reviews, grazing permit renewals, grazing EIS and ocular reconnaissance surveys, wilderness designations, utility and water developments proposed by outside the area operators such as NV Energy transmission line, and Southern Nevada Water Authority water pipeline, along with various renewable energy projects, Off Highway Vehicle events, Scenic Byway designations, and other BLM proposed actions on public land where grazing is permitted.

**Information concerning Board or Commission
Subject to Review by the
Sunset Subcommittee of the Legislative Commission (Continued)**

Any duplication of services with those offered by another Board or Commission or recommendation for consolidation with another Board or Commission:

There are no duplication of the services that this Grazing Board provides to ranchers, county commissions, state and federal agencies. This Board provides a very specific and unique set of services and activities designed to stabilize and enhance the grazing livestock industry in western Nevada.

Any recommendations for statutory changes which are necessary for the Board or Commission to carry out its objectives and programs:

Please be aware that the 2009 Nevada Legislature created the Grazing Boards as a separate entity of state government, not associated with the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

We have no set operating budget. We rely solely on the incoming grazing fees each year. We get nothing through the State of Nevada budget. We cannot prepare a budget because we never know the amount of grazing fees we will be given, until those funds are actually received in our county treasurer's offices. Once we know the amount of fees received in county treasury's, we set the Annual meeting, and the Board votes in open meeting on how to spend that amount of money. We operate strictly in the black, and have never had a bank account, savings account, debts, or outstanding obligations of any kind.

I will email the minutes of the last three Annual meetings for your information, to jeanne.peyton@lcb.state.nv.us.

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

Michelle Langsdorf
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775-463-2265 x 106 work
michelle.langsdorf@nv.nacdn.net

If additional space is necessary, please attach additional pages and refer to the attachments on the form. Please include with this form:

- 1. The operating budget of the Board or Commission.**
- 2. A statement setting forth the income and expenses of the Board or Commission for at least 3 years immediately preceding the date on which the Board or Commission submits this form, including the balances of any fund or account maintained by or on behalf of the Board or Commission.**
- 3. The most recent legislative audit or other audit of the Board or Commission, and any efficiency studies or constituent or staff surveys conducted in the past 3 years.**
- 4. Any reports required to be filed with the Legislative or Executive Branch over the past 3 years. Please indicate if any reports were filed late or have not been filed.**
- 5. The minutes of any meetings of the Board or Commission in the past year, if any.**

Please forward all documents to: jeanne.peyton@lcb.state.nv.us

**NEVADA STATE GRAZING BOARD N-3
ANNUAL MEETING March 19, 2009
Copper Creek Grill
211 North Main Street, Yerington, NV**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Huntsberger at 9:40 am.

Those present introduced themselves. The following were listed on the attendance roster:

Board Members: Dick Huntsberger, Ed Depaoli, Steve Felton, Steve Capurro, Don Shullanberger, Maureen Weishaupt, Fred Fulstone, Dave Stix, Harry Brown and retiring Board Member Herb Capurro. Board Member Richard Fulstone was not present.

Secretary: James Linebaugh

UNR College of Ag., Biotech, & Nat. Res.: Tamzen Stringham, Jean Carbon, Barry Perryman

BLM Resource Advisory Council: Ernie Paine

USDI Bureau of Land Management: Alan Bittner, Robert Mead, Chris McAlear

USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services: Jack Spencer, Jr., Jack Sengl

NV Dept. of Wildlife: Kevin Lansford

NV Dept. of Agriculture: Tony Lesperance

NV State Grazing Boards Central Committee: Ron Cerri

Notary Public: Linda Huntsbergeer

BLM Permittees/Guests: Benny Romero, Dave Carbon, Mike Stremler, Mick Casey, Marianne Leinassar, Don Alt, Floyd Rathbun

Linebaugh reported on the fall 2008 **N-3 Grazing Board Elections**. All Board Members except Herb Capurro, who chose to retire, were re-elected to new three year terms. Steve Capurro was elected to replace Herb. **Notary Public Linda Huntsberger administered the Oath of Office** to Depaoli, Felton, S. Capurro, Shullanberger, Weishaupt, F. Fulstone, Stix, and Brown. Huntsberger was sworn in earlier and Richard Fulstone agreed to be sworn in at another time and return the completed oath form to the secretary.

A silver saddle fob was presented to Herb Capurro in recognition of his 24 years service as a board member.

It was moved (Depaoli), seconded (Shullanberger) and passed unanimously to retain the present **officers and Central Committee representatives for another year**. They are: Chairman Richard Huntsberger; Vice-chairman Ed Depaoli; Secretary Jim Linebaugh; and Central Committee Representatives Ed Depaoli and Fred Fulstone. Dave Stix was appointed by Governor Gibbons to represent the N-3 Grazing Board on the NV Rangeland Resources Commission.

It was moved (Depaoli), seconded (Fulstone) and passed unanimously to approve the **minutes of the April 3, 2008, meeting** as distributed to the board.

Linebaugh presented the **Financial Report** for the year ending March 12 showing a balance of \$11863.48. About \$5000. of budgeted funds were not used (1000 for BLM land use plan review, 2000 for special technical assistance, 2000 for FIM Corp. Spring Gulch Well). It was moved (Depaoli), seconded (Shullanberger) and passed to accept the financial report as presented.

Nevada State Grazing Boards Central Committee Chairman Ron Cerri stressed the important work of the **Public Lands Council** for which NV support is provided by grazing boards through the Central Committee. Other comments included concern about possible reduced predator control funding at both the state and federal level; USDA/NRCS EQUIP money may be available for projects on federal lands; former NV BLM Director Bob Abbey is being recommended to head the BLM; legislation of concern involving wild horses is proposed in NV and nationally; PLC dues are expected to increase by about \$4500.

Cerri reported on the **Western Legacy Alliance**, a common interest organization of various producers on public lands. He and Stix urged the N-3 Grazing Board to join as have the NV Cattlemens Association, NV Rangeland Resources Commission, and the Central Committee.

Lesperance expects a general fund reduction of about 25% for the **NV Dept. of Agriculture**. He reported on legislative action including Gustafson's AB 341 relating to BLM livestock impoundment; a bill to again make grazing boards independent from the NV Dept. of Agriculture; and AB 427 addressing wild horses in the Virginia Range. Dr. Lesperance is hopeful that the resource position in the department can be filled and would like to see half of it devoted to water resources. Funding other than state appropriations will be needed.

Stix reported that the **Rangeland Resources Commission** met last month. They joined the Western Legacy Alliance. The approximately 1600 wild horses in the Virginia Range are a huge problem but the commission took no position on wild horse legislation.

Spencer handed out information on **Wildlife Services** activities during the past year. They did not have a pilot for aerial activity in western NV for much of the year until December. As of March 11 the N-3 account balance was \$6148. He presented a new work and funding agreement for the board to consider.

Lansford spoke for the **NV Dept. of Wildlife** and stressed the importance of partnering with ranchers for mutual benefit especially on predator management and control. Dr. Mark Atkinson has been hired to be in charge of big game for the department. State funding for their department is also being reduced.

Mead reported for the **Bureau of Land Management** including an update on permit renewals. There are two active appeals. There was much discussion on permitted livestock in suburban areas. In Fernley there is a city ordinance under which a permittee was cited for allowing cattle within the city boundary. The BLM Land Use Plan revision will be complete in 2011 or 2012 and will cover the whole district including the Pine Nuts planning area. A letter was sent to permittees pointing out the need for possible grazing adjustments if drought conditions persist. Comments included the suggestion that more water hauling would help during drought and that emergency wild horse gathers may be needed. Mead said that John Axtell is now handling wild horse and burro activities for the district.

Bittner offered BLM's assistance if the N-3 Board wished to stockpile materials at the Carson City yard for range improvement and maintenance. After some discussion it was generally agreed not to do it at this time. Alt and Stremmer pointed out that an audit report of some NV BLM districts indicated that grazing fee return (8100) funds were not being used as intended and that they may be a source of funding for materials.

Perryman updated on **University of NV Reno rangeland work**. A peer reviewed paper that addresses habitat requirements for sage grouse, including stubble height, will be published next month in the wildlife journal. The cheatgrass fall grazing project at the Gund Ranch may be continued another year. October-November grazing appears to reduce the fuel load and cheatgrass seed bank while increasing perennial grass. He is working on a wildhorse & burro symposium later this year with all of the players together in Reno seeking solutions to a huge problem.

Stringham reported further on **UNR rangeland activities**. High priority work centers around common sense approaches to riparian management, wild horse and burro grazing impacts, sage grouse habitat/livestock grazing compatibility, and followup to bring about changes needed and identified at the 2007 Great Basin Wildfire Forum. Cooperative work is underway in Oregon on sage grouse research and Brigham Young University will be studying wild horse and burro impacts on the Sheldon refuge. They need range students at UNR.

J. Carbon said Dean Thawley is recuperating in New Zealand from an accident last winter. He is doing well but will not be back at UNR for several months. She is recruiting funds to establish an endowment to support NV rangeland research in cooperation with Dr. Stringham. This initiative is called **Invest in Nevada Rangelands** and will provide scientific information to help maintain the ranching culture in the American West.

Depaoli reported that the **Range Conservation Foundation** still supports Range Magazine and associated activities. Range now has about 160000 subscribers.

Roy Risi has requested N-3 help to repair the **Lattin Well** works damaged by vandals looking for copper. It was moved (Weishaupt), seconded (Fulstone) and passed unanimously to reimburse Risi for up to \$1000. of the cost for repair after work is complete.

Letters from Bob McKay and BLM requesting help with road work to facilitate water hauling in the **Belleville and Little Huntoon** allotments were read and discussed at some length. It was generally agreed that the N-3 board has never funded road work and that it should be taken care by BLM or, possibly, the county. It was moved (Fulstone), seconded (Depaoli) and passed unanimously that BLM (Rick Depaoli) be contacted with the suggestion that they work with McKay on needed road and access improvements. Stremmler suggested use of Range Improvement "8100" funds from grazing fees.

It was moved (Fulstone), seconded (Depaoli) and passed unanimously to approve **Resolution 09-1** supporting the **Central Committee** budget and to authorize payment of 15% from this year's funds.

It was moved (Capurro), seconded (Felton) and passed unanimously to become a member of the **Western Legacy Alliance**.

After further discussion and based on \$ \$12891.81 available from BLM fee returns plus carryover and other income for a total of \$24795.29 it was moved (Fulstone), seconded (Felton) and unanimously passed to **approve a budget for the ensuing year** to include \$200. for office supplies, mailing, etc.; \$2000. Secretary; Central Committee \$1934.; Travel/Miscellaneous \$500.; Wildlife Services \$4000.; Invest in NV Rangelands \$2000.; Range Conservation Foundation \$3000; special technical assistance \$1000.; FIM Spring Gulch Well \$ 2000. (carryover project from last year); Risi well repair \$1000.; Western Legacy Alliance \$2000.; leaving a carryover balance of \$5161.29 and to approve **Resolution 09-2 authorizing transfer of all Range Improvement Funds available from counties to N-3 accounts** for retention or disbursement in accord with the budget.

It was moved (Fulstone), seconded (Shullanberger), and passed unanimously to authorize signing a **work and funding agreement for the coming year with Wildlife Services** for predator control.

Alt and Stremmler discussed activities of the **NV Livestock Assoc.** urging recognition of historic rights and uses on federal land.

It was agreed to meet at the same location around March 1 next year.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:20. pm There was a lunch break from 11:45 am until 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, James Linebaugh-Secretary

**NEVADA STATE GRAZING BOARD N-3
ANNUAL MEETING April 15, 2010
Lyon County Library
20 Nevin Way, Yerington, NV**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Huntsberger at 9:25 am.

Those present introduced themselves. The following were listed on the attendance roster:

Board Members: Dick Huntsberger, Ed Depaoli, Steve Felton, Steve Capurro, Don Shullanberger, Maureen Weishaupt, Fred Fulstone, Harry Brown, Richard Fulstone. Board Member Dave Stix was not present.

Secretary: James Linebaugh

UNR College of Ag., Biotech., and Natural Resources: Tamzen Stringham

USDA Nat. Res. Conservation Service: Tracey Jean Wolfe

USDI Bureau of Land Management: Alan Bittner, Jim DeLaurel, Chris McAlear

BLM Resource Advisory Council: Ernie Paine

USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services: Mark Jensen

BLM Permittees/Guests: Don Alt, Cliff Thompson, Dellis Bone, Mike Stremmer, Jim Estill, Floyd Rathbun, Michael Casey, Marianne Leinassar

Officers and Committee Representative positions were reviewed with no changes from last year. They are: Chairman Richard Huntsberger, Vice Chairman Ed Depaoli, Secretary Jim Linebaugh, and Central Committee Representatives Depaoli and Fred Fulstone. Dave Stix is appointed by the governor and represents the N-3 Grazing Board on the NV Rangeland Resources Commission.

It was moved (Shullanberger), seconded (Depaoli), and passed unanimously to appoint Linebaugh to represent the board with the **BiState sage grouse group**.

It was moved (F. Fulstone), seconded (Depaoli), and passed unanimously to approve the **March 19, 2009, Annual Meeting** minutes as distributed to the board.

Linebaugh presented the **Financial Report** for the year ending April 5, 2010, showing a balance of \$9403.73. About \$4000. of budgeted funds were not used (1000. special technical assistance, 2000 for the FIM Spring Gulch well, 1000. for the Risi/Lattin well repair). It was moved (F. Fulstone), seconded (Shullanberger), and passed unanimously to accept the financial report as presented.

Huntsberger made special note of the fact that 24 year former board member **Herb Capurro** passed away, March 30, 2010.

Linebaugh reviewed **correspondence** which included thank you letters from the **Range Conservation Foundation** (along with a copy of C.J. Hadley's latest book "Grit") and from Professor Stringham for the **"Invest in NV Rangeland"** contribution. A letter from the N-3 board to University of NV Chancellor Daniel Klaich was read urging **retention of the UNR College of Ag., Biotech, and Nat. Resources**.

Wolfe reported that the 2008 Farm Bill authorized **NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQUIP) cost sharing** on federal land. The cost share is 50%. New special funding, in cooperation with the Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS), for sage grouse related projects has been authorized and the deadline for an initial round of applications is April 24. It may be possible to use grazing board funds for the private cost share portion. NRCS also has the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) that can be used on private land.

The F&WS has determined that **sage grouse could be listed** under the Endangered Species Act but is not high priority at this time. The "Mono Population" has been classified as No. 3 priority for listing as a "Distinct Population Segment". The "Greater Sage Grouse" has been given a lower priority. Bittner said BLM can work with the F&WS on **Candidate Conservation Agreements**. Rathbun suggested the use of categorical exclusions to reduce the time and detail needed for sage grouse project approvals.

Linebaugh and Depaoli reported that the **Western Legacy Alliance** has been quite active. Significant positive attention resulted from work with a Budd-Falen law firm investigation into misuse of reimbursements through the Equal Access to Justice Act by organizations opposed to rangeland grazing. As a result bills to require more detail on EAJA funding have been introduced in Congress with multiple sponsors.

NV State **APHIS Wildlife Services** Director Jensen provided an accounting of **N-3 aerial hunting activity** through the end of March showing a trust fund balance of \$2987. They have a good full time pilot now. The state contribution for animal control is down 40%. About \$40000. goes into the program from the \$3. included in hunting license fees. Some wildlife organizations have offered contributions but they have not been accepted by the NV Dept. of Wildlife. Frank Homan has retired and Eric Hansen has replaced him in this area. Rathbun suggested money may be available from the Wildlife Commission Heritage Fund.

Depaoli reported that the **NV State Grazing Board Central Committee** continues to pay the **National Public Lands Council** dues for Nevada. The PLC is an active voice for federal land use and helps the industry stay alert to possible impacts on grazing from agency actions. Recent work has included activity relative to possible ESA listing and sage grouse management, wind/solar/oil/gas/geothermal energy development, grazing permit renewals and use of range betterment funds. Dustin Van Liew is the new PLC director. PLC has changed its formula for payments from the states and Nevada's is expected to increase.

McAlear, Bittner, and DeLareal reported on **Bureau of Land Management** activities including wildhorse roundups and work with interest groups. The district resource management plan update is on hold. Project activities, included some paid for with range improvement money from fee returns (8100). They are not funded for a full complement of range specialists but will replace Randy Mead who retired. Range Technician Ross Ruff is working with wild horses in Fallon.

Questions on 8100 funds were raised along with the need for an accounting of their use in the district. Rathbun pointed out that a 1999 OIG audit in some other Nevada BLM districts found that 8100 funds were not being used as intended. He asked if this problem has been corrected. It was also pointed out that 8100 moneys can be carried over and maybe funds are available but not being used. McAlear stressed transparency and offered to provide further information to send to the N-3 board.

Stremmer raised questions about the function and responsibility of the board and its relation to the BLM Grazing Advisory Board. It was pointed out that the state grazing boards operate under NV law to handle the 12.5% of grazing fees returned for state and local use. Resource Advisory Councils took over responsibilities of the BLM grazing advisory boards.

It was moved (Depaoli), seconded (Felton), and passed unanimously to ask the NV State Grazing Boards Central Committee to schedule a meeting with the BLM State Director for discussion of livestock industry concerns. Depaoli offered to contact Central Committee Chair Boies with the request.

Dr. Stringham reported that the **University of NV** administration has proposed elimination of the **College of Ag, Biotech, and Nat. Res.** Her position is endowed and would be retained some place along with the **Invest in NV Rangelands** fund to which the N-3 board has contributed. She suggested moving the rangeland livestock production program to Great Basin College in Elko.

Paine reported on the **BLM Resource Advisory Council**. Much of the council discussions have involved the wild horse management and sage grouse. There seems to be quite a bit of opposition to solar and wind power projects.

Depaoli reported for the **Range Conservation Foundation** that Range Magazine continues. Publisher C.J. Hadley has released her latest book "Grit" which highlights the most significant Range articles over the last twenty years.

Stremmer discussed a proposal and funding request by the **NV Livestock Association** to establish and maintain a user friendly **website** that will inform ranchers and agency employees on legal aspects of federal land use by graziers and others. They have had favorable discussions on the proposal with some NV Cattlemens Assoc. and Central Committee leaders.

The total cost could be about \$30000. with maintenance at around \$100. per month. \$1500. is needed right away. The proposal was discussed at some length and it was moved (Weishaupt) to set aside \$500. with payment pending acceptable guidelines for website operation. The motion was not seconded. Depaoli suggested contact with the NV Land Action Association for funding.

Weishaupt reported that Mary Risi has no immediate plans for repair of the **Lattin well** for which \$1000 was authorized last year. Proposals for **Churchill Canyon Corral** materials (Huntsberger), **Spring Gulch well** (FIM Corp.), and **Phillips well pipeline**

repair materials (H. Brown) were discussed for inclusion in the budget. All have or are expected to have BLM clearance this year.

Bone asked about using 8100 funds for **highway fencing**. The BLM representatives had departed so no answer was forthcoming. This can be another agenda item to include when grazing board representatives meet with the state director.

Estill brought up the possibility of board funding to help restore the **Grayson Spring development** for which he has a vested water right. There is question about the need for BLM project approval. This needs to be clarified and can be brought up when central committee representatives meet with the BLM State Director.

It was moved (F. Fulstone), seconded (Depaoli) and passed unanimously to adopt Resolution 10-1 in support of **Central Committee** activities and to authorize funding at the 15% level of grazing fee returns received by the N-3 board.

After further discussion and based on \$16802.32 available from BLM grazing fee returns plus carryover and interest it was moved (F. Fulstone), seconded (Capurro) and passed unanimously to **approve a budget for the ensuing year** to include \$200. for office supplies, mailing, etc.; \$2000. Secretary; \$2520 Central Committee; \$500. Travel/Miscellaneous; \$5000. Wildlife Services; \$3000. Range Conservation Foundation; \$1500. Special Technical Assistance; \$1000. Western Legacy Alliance; \$2000. FIM Spring Gulch well (carryover project); \$1975 Huntsberger Churchill Canyon corrals; \$1500. H. Brown Phillips Well pipeline; leaving a carryover balance of \$5041.05 and to approve **Resolution 10-2 authorizing transfer of all Range Improvement Funds** available from counties to N-3 accounts for retention or disbursement in accord with the budget.

It was moved (F. Fulstone), seconded (Felton) and passed unanimously to authorize signing a **work and funding agreement for the coming year with Wildlife Services** for predator control.

It was moved (Weishaupt), seconded (Shullanberger) and passed unanimously to send a letter to the **Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Supervisor** opposing use of unscientifically based computer models **assuming disease transmission from domestic to wild sheep** in risk assessment on rangelands.

It was agreed to meet in Fallon next year. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm. There was a lunch break at El Superior from 11:45 am until 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James Linebaugh-Secretary

**NV STATE GRAZING BOARD
CARSON CITY DISTRICT N-3**

BUDGET FOR 2010

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allocations to Counties	\$ 16802.32
Interest	30.00
Carryover Funds	<u>9403.73</u>
Total	\$ 26236.05

FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS

Mailing, Supplies, Copies, etc	\$ 200.00
Secretary	2000.00
Central Committee (15%)	2520.00
Travel/Miscellaneous	500.00
Wildlife Services (Predator Control)	5000.00
Range Conservation Foundation	3000.00
Special Technical Assistance	1500.00
Western Legacy Alliance	1000.00
Spring Gulch Well (FIM Corp.)	2000.00
Churchill Canyon Corrals (Huntsberger)	1975.00
Phillips Well Pipeline Repair (H. Brown)	1500.00
Carryover/Reserve	<u>5041.05</u>
Total	26236.05

**Nevada State Grazing Board N-3
Annual Meeting 28, 2011
Churchill County Extension Office
111 Sheckler, Fallon, NV**

The N-3 Grazing Board met at the Churchill County Extension Office, 111 Sheckler Rd, Fallon, NV, 0940. All board members were present: Richard Huntsberger, Ed Depaoli, Fred Fulstone, Harry Brown, Steve Capurro, Steve Felton, Maureen Weishaupt, Richard Fulstone, Dave Stix and Don Shullanberger.

The following were also present:

Secretary: Jim Linebaugh, Michelle Langsdorf

USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Alan Bittner, Chris McAlear, Rick Depaoli, Kathryn Dyer,
Coreen Francis, Linda Appel, Chelsy Simerson

BLM Resource Advisory Council: Ernie Paine

USDS/APHIS Wildlife Services: Mark Jensen, Jack Spencer

BLM Permittees/Guests: Mike Stremmer, Marianne Leinassar, Dellis Bone, Bill Card, Steven Fulstone;
Ray Hendrix

R. Huntsberger began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by introductions of those in attendance. Jim Linebaugh announced he would retire as secretary of the Grazing Board.

R. Huntsberger recommended Michelle Langsdorf as his replacement with Jim remaining to assist with transition and as a special consultant for the board..

The board discussed appointments to the Range Commission (appointed by the governor), Central Committee, Sage Grouse Committee and Board positions without any changes. F. Fulstone made a motion to retain all officers and appointees in their present positions (Huntsberger as N-3 Grazing Board Chairman; E. Depaoli as Vice-Chair and representative to the Central Committee; F. Fulstone as representative to the Central Committee; J. Linebaugh to the Bi-State Sage Grouse Committee) and to appoint Michelle Langsdorf as Secretary). D. Shullanberger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Linebaugh reviewed minutes from last year's annual meeting including a Western Legacy Alliance (WLA) update stating that WLA is inactive and recommended not funding this year. E. Depaoli made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2010 meeting. M. Weishaupt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

J. Linebaugh reviewed the Financial Report as of April 25, 2011 showing a balance of \$10,403.63. The \$2,000 Spring Gulch Well (FIM Corp.) and \$1,975 Churchill Canyon Corrals (Huntsberger) projects were not completed and should be included in the budget for the coming year. R. Fulstone made a motion to approve the 2010 Financial Report, motion seconded by Capurro. Motion carried.

J. Linebaugh reviewed correspondence which included a thank you letter from the Range Conservation Foundation and Christmas greetings from Dr. Glick, University Nevada Reno.

R. Huntsberger reported on NV Rangeland Resource Commission activities including updates on the Great Basin Water Network, the Western Legacy Alliance, funding for education/ awareness and technical assistance. There was considerable discussion at meetings on the proposed Pickens Wild Horse Sanctuary and BLM limitations on "hot season" grazing.

D. Bone reported on fencing projects along Highway 50 and 95A. Water access will be limited north of US 50. Highway fencing in these areas was discussed with the Central Committee representatives and BLM state office people. BLM has been working with the NV Dept. of Transportation and the City of Fernley to address the problem.

J. Linebaugh presented a breakdown of 8100 fund expenditures from BLM for 2005-2009. Carson City BLM representatives later provided detailed information on 8100 projects for fiscal years 2010-11.

NV State APHIS Wildlife Services Director Jensen provided an accounting of N-3 aerial hunting activity through the end of April. Wildlife Services staffing has been reduced from 12 to 7 positions. Tom Kilbey retired leaving Wildlife Services without a dedicated mountain lion person; therefore, it is imperative to report problems with lions as soon as possible. Director Jensen stated they are still waiting for their FY 2011 federal budget. He provided a review of 2010 and 2011 accounts with N-3 funding. They are still flying at \$70/hr using federal appropriations to make up the difference. H. Brown inquired about number of coyotes killed. Director Jensen stated he was not aware of the exact number killed since their emphasis is on solving problems. A discussion regarding raven control for sage grouse and livestock protection ensued. Ravens are a migratory bird; therefore, a US Fish and Wildlife Service permit is required for raven control. Currently, Wildlife Services has a permit to kill 1500 ravens with poison eggs for sage grouse protection plus an additional 1500 from a Nevada Department of Wildlife permit. Director Jensen formally requested same amount of funding as last year (\$5000) from the N-3 board for aerial hunting.

McAlear commented on BLM activities and stressed the importance of accessibility and transparency. Range Supervisors A. Bittner and C. Francis gave field office reports, provided information on allotment assignments and introduced new range specialists Kathryn Dyer and Chelsy Simerson. Coreen stated that future permit renewals will incorporate landscape planning which looks at all resource concerns and announced a May 11, 2011 roundtable meeting in Fallon with permittees for educational outreach. There will be opportunity for one on one discussions with range specialists. R. Depaoli reviewed new and maintenance projects funded by 8100 funds. There are approximately \$101,000 in carried over funds and they expect to use over \$105,000 leaving a balance of \$73,000. Timing on new projects is limited by NEPA requirements.

No report was given by the UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources. The board agreed to write a letter to the UNR administration, Board of Regents, and legislators stressing the need to continue and expand extension, teaching, and research through UNR as a land grant institution. (note: After the meeting a message of regret was received from Dr. Barry Perryman)

E. Depaoli reported on Range Conservation Foundation/Range Magazine activities stating they lost their main writer and they are looking for contributing authors.

2010 Projects: R. Huntsberger stated one corral is about complete; however, the others are in the comment period. F. Fulstone reported he is ready to complete the Spring Gulch Well project but is waiting for clearance from the State Engineer's Office. H. Brown completed his project.

New Funding Requests: M. Stemler requested funding for water troughs (12-1000 gallon plastic units \$3,576) and (fencing \$1,384) stating the water troughs were highest priority. In addition, M. Stemler, presented a project on behalf of Mick Casey for 3 solar pumps (approximately \$9,000). J. Estill requested funding for fencing (\$650) and a pipeline (\$5,000). R. Huntsberger requested assistance for well repairs (\$2,420).

J. Linebaugh stated the Board's general policy is to limit new well projects to \$2,000. A general discussion of vandalism on wells, tanks troughs, and other equipment was held by all in attendance.

E. Paine updated the Board on BLM RAC topics stating that wild horse discussions continue to dominate meetings; along with UNR budget proposals possibly eliminating the College of Agriculture/extension reductions; and feasibility of green energy. After three terms, E. Paine plans to retire from the RAC and suggested Ray Hendrix as a replacement.

The Board held a general budget discussion. F. Fulstone made a motion to allocate office expenses - \$250, Secretary \$2,500 (\$500 J. Linebaugh and \$2000 M. Langsdorf), Central Committee - \$2,136, Travel etc. \$500, carry over \$3,000, Wildlife Services - \$5,000, Range Magazine \$2,000, Casey Solar Pumps - \$2,000, Stemler Fence/Troughs \$2,000, FIM Spr Gulch Well - \$2,000 (carryover from last year), Huntsberger Corrals - \$1,975 (Carryover from last year), Special Technical Help - \$750, Estill Fencing - \$575. Motion seconded by D. Shullanberger. Motion carried. The motion also included adoption of Resolution 11-1 in support of Central Committee activities and authorizing funding at the 15% level (\$2136) and Resolution 11-2 authorizing transfer of all Range Improvement Funds available from counties to the N-3 account for retention or disbursement in accord with the budget.

McAlear introduced Ray Hendrix, Smith Creek Ranch, to the group and reported on the 2010 BLM Rangeland Stewardship Award recognizing outstanding accomplishment in rangeland management at Smith Creek by Hendrix and Ranch Manager/Range Specialist Duane Coombs .

S. Felton made a motion to approve the 5 year cooperative agreement with Wildlife Services, motion seconded by M. Weishaupt. Motion carried.

A Resolution passed to remove J. Linebaugh and Benny Romero as signers and add Michelle Langsdorf and Edwin Depaoli to the US Bank checking account was made by S. Felton and seconded by S. Capurro. Resolution adopted by a unanimous vote

As required by NRS, the Grazing Board must hold an election again late in 2011. Ballots will be sent to all permittees. J. Linebaugh will assist M. Langsford with election coordination. M. Weishaupt and R. Huntsberger will serve on the election committee.

Motion to nominate Ray Hendrix to the BLM RAC was made by H. Brown and seconded by S. Capurro. Motion carried unanimously.

Next year's meeting will be held in Yerington. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 to lunch at the Courtyard Café in Fallon.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Langsdorf
N-3 Grazing Board Secretary

BUDGET FOR 2011

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Allocations to Counties	\$ 14238.22
Interest	15.00
Carryover	<u>10403.63</u>
Total	\$ 24656.85

FUNDING AUTHORIZATIONS

Mailing, Supplies, Copies, etc.	\$ 250.00
Secretary (Langsford 2000, Linebaugh 500)	2500.00
Central Committee (15%)	2136.00
Travel/Miscellaneous	500.00
Wildlife Services (predator control)	5000.00
Range Conservation Foundation	2000.00
Special Technical Assistance	750.00
Spring Gulch Well (FIM Corp.)	2000.00
Churchill Canyon Pens (Huntsberger)	1975.00
Hole in the Wall Fencing/Troughs (Stremler)	2000.00
Solar Pumps (Casey)	2000.00
Corral Fence (Estill)	575.00
Carryover/Reserve	<u>2970.85</u>
Total	\$ 24656.85