

## **April 9, 2011 Nevada Shade Tree Council meeting**

Video conference from Las Vegas, Elko, and Reno, Nevada

Meeting started at 9:00am

**I. Welcome and introductions/determine quorum.** Welcome from Lisa Ortega.  
Quorum determined.

\*Members Present :

Matthew Haro, Cliff Wood, ML Robinson, Lisa Ortega, Mike Kelly, Bill Bowers, Dick Post. Susan Stead,.NDF

\*Molly Sinnott by telephone

**II. USFS reporting and discussions.** None reported

**III. NDF Urban and Community Forestry State Coordinator Report.** Moved to end of agenda.

### **IV. Nevada Shade Tree Council Items.**

- **Approval of Feb 4, 2011 minutes. ML Robinson made a motion to approve February minutes. Mike Kelley seconded. Motion approved unanimous.**

- **Committee Reports**

- 1. Treasurers Report – Bill Account: \$12,836.00**

- Bill Bowers and Susan Stead met last week, and went over grants. FSR 6 grant closed out, and is being processed. New grant reviewed. First request submitted to NDF. Grant match ½ done from next grant. ACT \$500.grant match added to reporting for last year.

- 2. Tree City USA** Clark County proclamation. Henderson 20<sup>th</sup> year, Nellis AFB, Fallon Naval AFB new this year. 12 cities in TCUSA: May Arboretum celebrating Arbor Day this year. 49% of Nevadas population in a Tree City USA  
**GOAL: 90% of Nevada in TCUSA by 2012.**

- 3. Fundraising – group (Educational committee).** Nothing to report.

- 4. Northern, Southern, and Western group reports.** Nothing reported.

### **C. Old Business:**

- 1. Arbor Day Activities.** Arbor Day activities: April 18<sup>th</sup> Sparks Bodega park with Boy Scouts. Need a tree.

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Pittman Wash. Need \$ for Earth Day project.

- Beatty Elementary, Clark County School and Sue Morrow Elementary replacement tree  
**Bill Bowers made the motion to Allocate funding for Arbor day trees, not to exceed 10 projects or 1,200.00. ML Robinson seconded the motion, unanimous. Delayed**

Arbor Day activities will also be included. Match signatures on sign up sheet for attendees, hours recorded. The Council would like a lessons learned from Arbor Day activities for program improvement. Clark County outreach follow up needed.

- **Tammi G. update.** Bumper sticker update. Nevadashadetrees.org partner logos. Make a donation. Truckee Meadows Community Forestry Coalition, SNLA, SLA, ASLA, SNAG, NDF, NSTC. Cliff Wood: **200.00 request recommended donation per organization to have logo on bumper sticker. Matthew Haro seconded. Unanimous.**

- **New Business:**

1. **Grant Award Possibilities, Match and Reporting.** Lisa Ortega will be traveling to Washington DC with a scholarship from Alliance For Community Trees on April 14. They will lobby for green infrastructure legislation. **Bill Bowers made the motion to support travel of Lisa Ortega to Washington DC with Alliance For Community Trees up to \$500.00 for reimbursement. Seconded by Mike Kelley. Unanimous.** The group talked about what message they would like to deliver to Nevada constituents while in DC. Those included: Efforts by NSTC and NDF. Adequate code and bmp's education, urban foresters necessary, clean air act, NDOT, intermountain west for conversion and canopy loss.

- **Conference Updates:**

**Tree Ambassador Program** – Program started to address the large tree loss from conversions. It is currently supported by SNAG 200 SNLA 200, ALSA 200, SNWA 200. **Mike Kelley made a motion for a joint sponsorship for 200.00 to support the Tree Ambassador program. Cliff Wood seconded. Unanimous vote.**

Molly is working with NDF grant program to produce two workshops in the Tahoe Basin. One project will be in conjunction with WCISA.

Workshop 1. Hazard Tree Assessment. Speakers will be Nelda Matheny and Jim Clark. This workshop is also promoted with IVGID. Participants will be in the classroom one day, and field day with evaluations. Speakers charge 6,000.00. Registration is 90.00. **Motion by ML for the Council to fund up to 2,000.00 for the Hazard Tree Assessment program. Seconded by Bill B. Unanimous vote**

Workshop 2. Crane safety will also be presented in approximately June of this year. This will also be presented in Tahoe, and date is TBD.  
(wildfire summit on June 24)

3. **Membership:** Reviewed 2009-11 members. Tina, Molly, Helen, Bill, Cliff, Ann, Forest, Alan Dixon and Cleto Arcaes.

**Mike Kelley made the Motion to accept into membership for 2009-11 and includes: Alan Dixon, Cleto Arcaes, and John Crandall. Cliff Wood seconded. Unanimous**

**vote.**

**President: Molly Sinnott, Mike Kelly. 2011-2013.**

**Dick Post made the motion to elect Molly as President for 2011-2013.  
and Mike Kelly as President-Elect 2011-2013.**

**Seconded by Cliff Wood. Unanimous vote.**

\*Molly voted via telephone and voted yes to all motions.

**III. NDF Urban and Community Forestry State Coordinator Report.**

- ARRA employee Adria DeCorte is the new Resource Management Officer. Resume due April 18<sup>th</sup> for the new position of UF through Manpower.
- The State Tree Nursery still has 200 plants still available through the ARRA application.
- Washoe canopy study RFP is going out on May. Should start project beginning of September. Inventories through Las Vegas and Clark County. Henderson grant award paperwork will be worked on tomorrow.
- RC&D, Teri Knight last day is April 10<sup>th</sup>. The Hispanic workshop grant is still to be completed. Sparks also has a grant out, but so far all grants are still moving along.

**Cliff Wood made Motion to adjourn meeting. Bill Bowers seconded the motion.**

**Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Next meeting set in conjunction with the training in Incline.

Submitted by Lisa Ortega. Past President.