

Dream Tags Advisory Board  
Minutes for February 17, 2022  
Via Zoom

Meeting began at 2:30 p.m. Attending: Advisory Board members Bill Bradley, Chris MacKenzie, Judi Caron, and Tommy Caviglia; NDOW: Alan Jenne; CFNN staff: Lauren Renda.

1. Bradley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.
2. The agenda was reviewed, and item #5 was recommended to be tabled until the May meeting. MacKenzie moved to approve. Caron seconded. Unanimous.
3. Bradley called for approval of the November 2021 minutes. MacKenzie moved to approve. Bradley seconded. Unanimous with Caron abstaining.
4. Renda reported that the fund balance was \$1,661,668.25 as of 12/31/21, with an available to spend amount of \$1,018,341.41.
5. Alan Jenne's presentation on conservation easements was postponed until the May meeting.
6. Project proposals were reviewed:

#78 Tufts University: Adam Eichenwald and Micheal Reed presented their proposal. Belding and MacKenzie expressed their hesitation to fund this project due to the scope. Bradley mentioned that the Board is trying to maintain a focus on habitat restoration and recommended that they look into funding from the Heritage Fund which may have a broader scope. MacKenzie moved to decline the proposal. Unanimous.

#79 The Nature Conservancy: Kris Kirkpatrick, Lori Leonard, and Elisabeth presented their proposal. The DT Board agreed this did not fit into the scope of big game habitat restoration. TNC noted that not much has been done with regard to monitoring of waterfowl in the last decade making this an important project. The Board moved to decline the proposal.

#80 NDOW: Mark Freese presented this proposal and noted that he could put together an update presentation for the Board. MacKenzie moved to approve the proposal in the full amount; Caron seconded. Unanimous.

#81 NDOW: Mark Freese presented this proposal noting that the request is for remaining funding needed for seeding. Caron inquired about the timeline for seeding which was reported to be in the Fall of 2022. MacKenzie moved to approve the proposal in the full amount; Caron seconded. Unanimous.

#82 Walker Basin Conservancy: Dash Hibbard and Jessica Abbott presented this proposal. Caviglia asked if the seed was solely for NDOW; Hibbard noted that an agreement with NDOW was currently in the works. Jenne noted that this is an important project because seeds produced in Nevada are better for use in Nevada. MacKenzie mentioned that as long as there is no competition, he supports the project.

Bradley expressed concern with funding a brand-new project; Hibbard noted that without Dream Tag grant support they would be unable to do the project unless they seek other funding. MacKenzie moved to approve the proposal in the full amount; Caron seconded. Unanimous.

#83 One Truckee River: Iris Jehle-Peppard presented this proposal. Bradley noted this was not within the Dream Tag's scope; Caron agreed, stating that she values OTR's work but that this project is outside the scope. Jehle-Peppard mentioned that she thought the work with trout would help the project meet Dream Tag's criteria. Bradley stated that while all wildlife is important, the focus is more on big game as defined by the Legislature, but that they might request funding from the Heritage Fund. The Board agreed to decline this proposal.

*\*\*Bradley left the meeting at 3:40p pm and MacKenzie took over running the remainder of the meeting*

7. Review completed projects: #63 The Nature Conservancy; #66 Carson Valley Conservation District
8. Next Advisory Board meeting scheduled for Thursday May 19, 2022 from 2:30-4:30 p.m.
9. Other Business: none
10. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.