

## NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

April 22, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

NACO Office

304 S. Minnesota Street

Carson City, NV 89703

### ADOPTED MINUTES

**Attendance:** (NACO Staff; Jeff Fontaine, Dagny Stapleton, Amanda Evans, Tori Sundheim) President Carson, President Elect Phillips, Vice President Weekly, Immediate Past President Wichman, Humboldt County Commissioner French, Washoe County Commissioner Lucey, Churchill County Commissioner Olsen, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, Lander County Commissioner Waits, Esmeralda County Commissioner Bates, Douglas County Commissioner Johnson, Clark County Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Pershing County Commissioner Irwin, Nye County Commissioner Schinhofen, Bob Roshak-Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs' Association, Tammi Davis-Nevada Treasurer's Association and Nancy Parent-Nevada Association of Clerks and Election Officials.

**Other Attendees:** Douglas County Commissioner Thaler, John Dunlap-D4 Advanced Media, Linda Bissett-NV Energy, Lee Bonner-NDOT, Jennafer Jenkins-NV Office of Labor Commissioner, Shannon Chambers-Nevada Labor Commissioner, Thomas Moore-NDOT, Lindsey Harmon-Connect Nevada, Britta Kuhn-NV Broadband Manager, Governor's Office and Stephanie Haddock-RTC Washoe.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Bates with second by Commissioner Waits.
3. **NACO President's Report.** In the interest of time President Carson noted that her remarks would be made under the appropriate several agenda items.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** In the interest of time Jeff did not give a report, noting that his update to the Board would be given under the appropriate agenda items.
5. **Viewing of the Lander County Economic Development Authority You-Tube.** The five minute video was viewed by the Board.
6. **Approval of Minutes of the March 25, 2016 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Johnson with second by Commissioner Bates.
7. **Presentation on the Nevada Shared Radio System.** Thomas Moore of NDOT updated the Board on the system including background of its establishment in 1990 as a 800 megahertz system with three partners Washoe County, NV Energy and NDOT who each have their own infrastructure tied together to provide seamless coverage statewide. Mr. Moore informed the Board that the manufacturer of the system had declared it at "end of life" and that there will be no support for the existing system after 2017. He also noted that the current system is also at its end of capacity, which results in lack of ability to add new users to the system. Both of these factors require the development and construction of a new system. He noted that the partnership was reaffirmed with the Governor's Office and the partners made the joint decision to move forward with a new system. The system will consist of 114 sites (67 through NDOT, 36 through NV Energy and 11 through Washoe County with each agency responsible for their own maintenance). The project will be broken into three phases; the first is complete, which was a needs assessment. The assessment determined that the system will be an open platform which will allow any manufacturer's device or system to connect to the system as long it is compatible with P25 technology. The first part of the second phase has also been completed which was identifying all the existing infrastructure and developing a document which will allow system manufacturers to submit

a qualified proposal for the new system. The partners are currently in the design phase of the project and expect to release the requirements for an RFP in late August or early September. Mr. Moore noted that they expect to award the project in January of 2017 and that each partner will enter into their own contract. Commissioner French stated that Humboldt County is in the midst of a P25 conversion and questioned whether some of the other state and federal agencies are involved. Mr. Moore noted that with the frequencies that are planned will allow for interoperability but that end users will be responsible for their own equipment upgrades and that there are no mandates for use, but that there could be continued issues with interagency communications. Commissioner Lucey asked for clarification on the timeline of the total project and the Board was informed that project completion is expected to take 5-7 years and that the partners signed an MOU that they will all use the same technology. Commissioner Lucey also asked how the project would fiscally impact the rural counties and Mr. Moore stated that with the standardization of the platform there would be savings to the counties especially with the current infrastructure. It was also noted that there are currently four interested manufacturers interested in the project with two lobbying extensively one of which is the manufacturer of the current infrastructure. Mr. Moore concluded his remarks with the fact that there could be cost savings to end users for radios etc. with the open platform.

8. **Update on the Activities of the Nevada Broadband Task Force.** Britta Kuhn, Broadband Manager for the Governor's Office of Science, Innovation and Technology informed the Board that under an Executive Order from the Governor the Taskforce was reinvigorated and through legislation her position was created during the last session. Ms. Kuhn, she was then appointed as Vice Chair of the Taskforce, whose charge is to determine needs throughout the state and to provide recommendations to the Governor for expansion. Britta noted that her office is taking an assessment of what is in place as well as what is needed throughout the state, including the fiber network necessary to successfully operate the Nevada Shared Radio System upgrade. It was noted that schools, transportation and medical systems also require fiber optic networks. She spoke about the ability to utilize NDOT right of ways for the installation of the lines as a result of work Jeff had completed when he was Director of the Department. She added that they are working on how they can leverage those areas for installation. She also noted that economic development throughout the State will also be affected positively by the installation of additional broadband infrastructure. Ms. Kuhn introduced Lindsey Harmon, the Executive Director of Connect Nevada, and spoke about the work her office is doing in conjunction with the Organization and the trips they have taken and will take across the state to assess broadband needs. She discussed the need to bring in telephone and/or wireless providers in some of the more rural areas and that when, in some of those areas there is an issue with, in many cases the only, tower goes down the ability to conduct business in the communities simply ceases. She spoke to policy issues using Utah as an example where when their DOT does a project they install conduit in the right of way for future ease of use for utility providers and then allow those providers to install at the time the trenches are open. Ms. Kuhn also noted the desire to fully leverage E-Rate and the federal dollars the program brings to outfit schools with the technology. She informed the Board that SWITCH will be furnishing the fiber and construction for completion of the I-95 corridor and will be a stakeholder going forward, especially when it comes to installation in schools, although they will not perform as an ISP. The completion of the I-95 corridor will complete the final 100 miles of the project to bring telemedicine connection to the hospitals along the corridor. She informed the Board that Renown has agreed to provide matching funds for a USDA grant to bring telemedicine to rural hospitals in the form of primary care and emergency cards in collaboration with California. She told the Board that her report is due to the Governor on June 30 and asked the Board to contact her with any ideas or issues their counties face. Commissioner French inquired as to whether Ms. Kuhn had spoken with Ken Kessner from Oregon regarding the "erasure" of state lines for technology and she stated that she is working with their engineer on the matter. Ms. Harmon stated that Connected Nation is working on solutions for state line 'erasure' and regional ownership of infrastructure. Commissioner Kirkpatrick noted that there are rural areas of Clark and Washoe Counties and there are issues in those areas as well and asked for updates to the counties on a regular basis. Lindsay agreed with Commissioner Kirkpatrick's statements and told her that there is work to be completed imminently on Mount Charleston. Ms. Kuhn asked to meet with Commissioner Kirkpatrick on broadband compacts and Lindsay concluded the presentation with the fact that there are a lot of 'low hanging fruit' opportunities in the counties that they can help to leverage for real time solutions in the short term.

9. **Update on the Development of NACO's New Website.** Jeff reminded the Board of their decision to include funding for the development of a new website due to the age and issues experienced with the function of the current website. John Dunlap of D4 Advanced Media updated the Board on the progress of the development of NACO's new website and gave the Board a preview of the new design. Commissioner Johnson inquired as to where the Associate Members are identified and it was clarified that they are included in the Home page as well as the Members page. Commissioner Waits asked if updates would be completed in house, which they will and how the Counties individual agendas would be managed and it was clarified that while the commission meeting dates will be included on the calendar only links to the county websites will provided. Commissioner Wichman asked when the site would be live and John noted that with the inclusion of some missing content the site could be live within a week or two.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Bureau of Land Management's and U.S. Forest Service's Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plans (ARMP'S) including the The Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Filed by Western Exploration LLC, Elko County, Eureka County, Quantum Minerals, White Pine County, Lander County, Humboldt County, Ninety-Six Ranch, LLC, Paragon Precious Metals, LLC, Churchill County, Washoe County and the State of Nevada.** This item was heard in closed session with legal counsel and no action was taken.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Options to Compensate NACO's Raymond James Financial Advisor.** Jeff referenced the letter included in the agenda packet regarding the compensation of the Associations Financial Advisor, Joe Woods. He stated that the firm no longer offers new clients a commission based compensation package but that NACO was grandfathered into the commission based compensation rate due to the long standing account with the firm. Mr. Woods recommended transferring to a fee based compensation plan based on an analysis of the accounts on a rolling 24 month basis and that had NACO transferred to this option five years ago, for example, there would have been significant cost savings over five years. He did note that he can't estimate the amount of trading that will be done in the future but still believes the fee based plan would be the best for the Association. He noted that there would have been a couple hundred dollars saved over the analysis period. President Carson inquired whether there had been an analysis done in the prior period to determine a trend. Mr. Woods stated that this is the second time the issue had come up in the past six years and that in both reports there would have been cost savings, specifically because fees have been compressed while commissions have not. Commissioner French inquired as to the fact that there is more trading in a volatile market and what fees were prior to the recession. Joe stated that the issue came up prior to the recession and the fact that the account has a larger balance. He said that commissions are based on the dollars traded and the fees on the value of the account and based on Department of Labor (DOL) Fiduciary rules require advisors to work within their clients' best interests. Commissioner Johnson noted that the new wave in the industry is to move away from commissions and that the industry is more competitive and that the Association could change brokers. Mr. Woods concurred with Commissioner Johnson and suggested the Board shop the account every couple of years. Commissioner Olsen moved to go to the fee based agreement and the motion passed unanimously with a second by Commissioner Lucey.
12. **Discussion and Possible Approval for NACO to Amend its Marketing Agreement with the National Association of Counties (NACo) for its Prescription Discount Card Program to Add Dental and Health Discount Programs Administered by CVS/Caremark.** Jeff reviewed the previous presentation to the Board on the matter and reminded the Board that the Association's current marketing contract is for only the Prescription Discount Card Program and that adding the Dental and Health Discount programs would require an amended contract. Individual counties can enroll in the program without the Association participating in a marketing agreement but by executing the agreement as an Association it allows NACO to assist in marketing efforts. Commissioner Waits clarified that each county must adopt the program individually and inquired if the county is required to market the program. Jeff noted that materials are provided by NACo and the counties would be able to market the program through their social services programs and that there are no costs to the counties for the materials. Commissioner Johnson noted that he has been on the NACo committee on the program for several years that it is better to make it available and let residents know that it is an option vs. aggressively marketing it and potentially causing conflict with other programs. President

Carson agreed that it is a good option but agreed with Commissioner Johnson that an open show of competition would not be a positive avenue. Jeff said that he was comfortable with signing the agreement if counties are interested in participating and clarified that the agreement does not add additional tasks to staff that it only adds the additional programs. Commissioner Waits asked if the program can be used for incarcerated individuals and the program does allow for prescription discounts for those individuals. Commissioner French asked if the coverage satisfies the requirements of the ACA which it does not. The Board agreed to execute the agreement on a motion by Commissioner Wichman with second by Commissioner Schinhoffen.

13. **Update on Nevada's Medicaid Program and Impacts to Nevada's Counties.** Marti Cote, Manager of the Clinical Policy Team for Nevada Medicaid. Ms. Cote gave a high level overview of the very complex Nevada Medicaid program and noted that the program also includes Nevada Checkup, which provides services to children. The program benefits include both mandatory and optional services outlined by federal policy with federal funding and noted that there are low cost premiums associated with Nevada Checkup because the program allows assistance for families that don't qualify for full Medicaid but still require assistance. Fee for Service Medicaid is in place in all rural counties and includes several different programs, and Medicaid Managed Care is in the urban counties and is offered by two private insurance companies as mandated by the federal government to provide for user choice. She noted that the managed care companies follow the same criteria as the fee for service program. It was explained that with the implementation of the ACA that caseloads increased greatly in 2013 due to Medicaid expansion included in the Act. It was noted that they are conducting town halls and focus groups to determine how best to expand managed care and that the Department is very interested in hearing from the counties on the matter. The department's mental and behavioral health programs were outlined and how their rehab and intervention services are utilized and gave contact information for the program. Jeff stated that Ms. Cote was asked to present to the Board due to previous discussion on how the ACA would impact counties fiscally and the presentation is to start the conversation on ways costs could be reduced to counties for direct services they provided and if cost assessments could be reduced. He noted that there might be the opportunity to participate in pilot studies to centralize the processes for billing Medicaid. New services for which Medicaid is looking into providing might be billed are telemedicine and paramedicine. Commissioner Waits asked if the county can bill directly for EMS transportation services and Ms. Cote said she will get back to the Commissioner with the answer to her question. Commissioner Irwin spoke to some of the work being done to allow Fire and EMS services greater ability to provide paramedicine services in communities without a critical access hospital through the program, including higher reimbursement rates.
14. **Presentation by the State Labor Commissioner.** Nevada State Labor Commissioner, Shannon Chambers gave the Board a brief overview of her office's responsibility to enforce the wage and labor laws within the State including a review of the public works project requirements. She noted that the public project cost requiring the payment of prevailing wage was increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000 for the payment of prevailing wage by AB172 in the 2015 legislative session. She noted that with economic recovery they are seeing an increase in public works projects and those public entities are experiencing issues with the monitoring and reporting requirements due to decreased staff. She reiterated the need to ensure that counties properly tracking actual work classifications that the contractors are using to paying their employees in accordance with the classifications. Ms. Chambers stressed the need for oversight of projects including the requirements of individual workers and to consistently review reports for contractual consistency to avoid complaints and the costs of investigation which are by law the responsibility of the project's awarding body. She noted that her Office is more than willing to work with the counties on the legal requirements surrounding public projects, including trainings and advisory opinions to eliminate potential issues.
15. **Update and Possible Action regarding a Proposal to Consolidate the University of Nevada, Reno College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources (CABNR), Cooperative Extension, and the Nevada Agriculture Experiment Station (NAES).** Dagny updated the Board on the activities of NACO's Cooperative Extension working group and the April 11th letter NACO sent in response to the Provost's letter regarding NACO's list of requested assurances. The NACO letter to the Provost contained strong language regarding the list of assurances and requested additional funding. She also discussed county/UNCE MOU's and what they would look like. She asked counties to let her know if the University reaches out regarding the MOUs. She said that there has been no

response yet from the Administration to NACO's April 11<sup>th</sup> letter. She then gave the Board an update on the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Faculty Senate, where the Senate voted on the CABNR/UNCE consolidation. She informed the Board that, while the Faculty Senate had access to NACO's April 11th letter, they were not made aware of it nor was it forwarded to the members directly as requested. She noted that Commissioners Irwin, Herman and French attended the meeting with her and that they were initially given only two minutes to comment on the item, despite their stakeholder status. Both Dagny and Commissioner French made statements to the Senate that NACO could not support the consolidation without agreement on NACO's list of assurances but still hoped to work with the Administration. Commissioner French's comments also detailed the county budget structure, funding of Cooperative Extension by the counties and the lack of recovery of programs. Dagny noted that the Deans were in the audience but the Provost was not there and that other comments were made in opposition but none in favor of the consolidation. She told the Board that the Faculty Senate deliberated for quite some time prior to voting and noted they had concerns with the lack of information and analysis accompanying the proposal, and that the Faculty Senate Subcommittee in charge of reviewing the issue was not able to effectively defend their position to support the consolidation. The Faculty Senate voted, nearly unanimously, to not support consolidation; however, they also voted to encourage continued work on the consolidation proposal including: additional engagement with stakeholders, a more robust strategic planning process, and development of a working group. Dagny and Commissioner French spoke with the Deans following the meeting and both Deans said they were interested in continuing to communicate and work with NACO. Commissioner Wichman noted that as of May Nye County would not be funding Cooperative Extension and that they would have to come back to the County to request refunding and would need to prove that the issues within the program have been fixed. Commissioner Kirkpatrick noted agreement with Commissioner Wichman that if they are not providing services they should not be receiving funding and there needs to be equity of assets across every county. Dagny informed the Board that the consolidation proposal can still be taken to the Board of Regents even without the support of the Faculty Senate.

16. **Update and Possible Action on AB191 Enacted in the 2015 Legislative Session which Authorizes a County to Place on the Ballot at the General Election on November 8, 2016 a Question which Asks the Voters in the County whether to Authorize the Board of County Commissioners to Impose, for the Period beginning on January 1, 2017, Annual Increases to Taxes on Certain Motor Vehicle Fuels.** Jeff noted that counties are already hearing the issue in their individual commissions and have appointed committees to provide the pro and con arguments. He said that Douglas County Commission and Carson City RTC heard the items and that their question language included a monetary cap of 3 cents per year. He informed the Board that he participated in a video conference with the committees in Eureka County and made it clear that the Board has not taken a position but is simply providing information. He also noted that he was asked to provide totals on the portions going to the counties based on the DMV revenue estimates and that he is still working on sample pro & con arguments which he expects to have completed soon along with estimated financial impacts that must be included in the question. He noted that per an email received from Sondra Rosenberg from NDOT, the previously distributed estimates provided by the DMV are still valid. He informed the Board that he finally was able to have a meeting with LCB facilitated by Assemblyman Ellison and that while there is still confusion surrounding the Bill it was determined that the way we have been proceeding is appropriate. He noted that there was a lot of confusion surrounding the distribution of revenue but after a lengthy discussion it was determined that the way we have been explaining it is also correct. With respect to non-passage and how that would affect counties, Jeff indicated that NDOT is mandated to maintain Interstate and National Highways. He also said that there could be effects in rural counties regarding frontage roads etc., and that in his experience the ranking of projects often requires participation from the counties. Lee Bonner from NDOT informed the Board that the Department gathered 550 different issues and that those were pared down to 350 viable projects and that the counties will receive a list of identified projects during the Department's county tours. Mr. Bonner said that he would provide Jeff the list for distribution for the counties to use in identifying projects for their arguments. Commissioner Waits referenced an article in the Elko newspaper that was excellent and is a good resource. Commissioner Kirkpatrick spoke to the issues experienced with peoples' expectations for project completion which may not be possible due to actual funds realized and that it is necessary to collaborate across county lines on the list of projects that benefit neighboring counties in concert. Jeff agreed with Commissioner Kirkpatrick

and encouraged conversations with both the northern and southern RTC's with regards to support from the private sector. There was also discussion about concerns with lack of flexibility in the future with certain caps vs. utilizing percentages. Commissioner Johnson noted that they are having a hard time finding people to participate in the pro & con argument committees. Jeff informed the Board that if they are having issues with gathering argument committees that it is allowable by statute for the counties to write their own arguments as long as due diligence is proven.

17. **Discussion and Possible Action regarding Funding Options for the Use of Portable Recording Devices (Body Cameras) by County Peace Officers.** Dagny gave an overview of the discussion on the issue from the last legislative session. She noted that the technology is trending across the country and that most agencies have indicated support but that the cost of implementation is the issue most departments run into. She noted that it is likely to come up in the 2017 session and that work is being done to gather data on costs of implementation from the Sheriffs and Chief's Association. She noted that Lander County has fully implemented the technology and that Clark County's Metro is working toward full implementation. She noted that Bob Roshak from the Sheriffs and Chief's Association is reaching out to equipment and data management firms to determine costs. Dagny noted that this data will be very important for the conversation going forward and that identifying funding sources is key to the issue. Commissioner Wichman noted that Nye County just approved a grant application for funding for the technology and Dagny asked that the agencies share any funding opportunities that they find as well as if they apply for grants.
18. **Discussion on Recommendations from the Southern Nevada Forum.** Commissioner Kirkpatrick informed the Board that the Forum is wrapping up and that the property tax discussion went well. She indicated that and that there is buy-in from the business community and that there is no disagreement that the property tax system must be fixed. She noted that there was discussion on the creation of a transportation infrastructure bond program, healthcare services on a regional level and proposed changes to the Open Meeting Law (OML) that would include the ability for counties to promote their own ballot questions. She stated that in her opinion there was nothing to come out of the Forum that would be detrimental to the rest of the State.
19. **Update on Interim Legislative Committees and Studies and Possible Issues for the 2017 Legislature.** Jeff informed the Board that on Thursday (4-21) he presented before the Sunset Subcommittee on the Board for the Fund for Hospital Care to Indigent Persons. He said he received no questions but pointed out there have been additional responsibilities added to the Board and that he is awaiting a recommendation. He reported that he believes they will recommend continuation of the Board. He noted that the Public Lands Committee met on the 15<sup>th</sup> and that on May 24<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting of the Attorney General's Open Meeting Law Task Force. Jeff represents NACO on that Task Force and he asked if any members have questions, concerns or ideas for adjustments to the OML to contact him. Jeff noted that he has been meeting with the state on the budget particularly in the area of child protective services to avoid issues with assessment calculations from the previous budget. Nancy Parent gave an update on items of concern for Clerks including laws regarding voter registration through the vehicle registration process and the fact Nevada has only been partially compliant with the law which has resulted in action from the ALCU. While the DMV is attempting to fix the issue there is great concern within the Clerks that it is being done during a Presidential election year and that there will not be enough time to effectively test the system. She also spoke to the replacement of voting machines and that it will be a huge fiscal impact and that they are trying to discussing funding sources for the replacement and/or a delayed implementation timeline. President Elect Phillips asked how she would suggest assisting their Clerks and Jeff said that conversations have been conducted with the Governor's Office and that it is being stressed that the Clerks must be a party to the conversation and that it is imperative that a deal is not made between the Governor's Office and the Secretary of State without the input of the Clerks. Dagny announced that the NACO Legislative Committee will have its first meeting soon and that the required Home Rule report will be due. She will be collecting information on any use of or planned use to implementation of the authority. She also noted that the Emeritus Committee is working on ideas for home rule implementation.
20. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Public Lands and Natural Resources Issues Including:**

- a. **Report from the NACO Public Lands Committee.** Due to Commissioner Tipton not being able to attend the Board Meeting Tori updated the Board on the activities of the Committee on her behalf. She noted that the Committee would provide a letter of recommendation for anyone submitting an application for the Resource Advisory Council and that the next meeting of the Committee would be May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00P. She spoke to the completion and distribution of the white paper on the Antiquities Act and asked that the Board share the document as appropriate. She also noted that while conducting the research associated with the document that there is little that can be done without legislation. She announced that the signature of the ROD regarding the Bi-State Sage Grouse listing decision is imminent and that work is continuing on comments for the BLM's proposed Planning 2.0. Tori also noted that she is putting together a meeting with her counterparts in other states at the WIR Conference to discuss how best we can consolidate efforts on common issues.
- b. **Report on the Legislative Committee on Public Lands April 15, 2016 Meeting.** Tori informed the Board that she and Commissioner French spoke at the meeting regarding Planning 2.0 and that the Committee voted to make comments on the issue.
- c. **Comments on the Bureau of Land Management's Proposed 2.0 Planning Regulations.** Tori informed the Board that NACo will be providing comments and that she is drafting long and detailed comments and due to the length of these comments she is drafting a template for counties to reference support for NACO's comments. She intends to have the completed draft comments in early May and reiterated that the comments are due on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that she is attempting to inform the Western Governors Association of the issue in hopes they will provide comments and that SLUPAC will also be providing comments. Tori informed the Board that on 4-21 Eureka County's Jake Tibbets brought a letter to her attention that was written by Commissioners in other states that notes FLPMA's requirement that the BLM must provide meaningful public involvement with state and local government officials on rule making. The letter said that since they weren't consulted that the BLM is not in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) they request that the process be put on hold until this involvement is completed. She noted that the Public Lands Committee requested that the Board approve a letter in support. Jeff spoke to the fact that the BLM's stance is that they need to revise their rules & regulations because they feel that they aren't consistent with FLPMA but actually the process itself is inconsistent with FLPMA because they didn't follow the existing law. He reiterated the Committee's recommendation to send a letter at least in support of the other counties. Commissioner Wichman moved to send a letter requesting to halt the process with a second by Commissioner Irwin. The motion passed unanimously with the letter being reviewed by Commissioner's French and Tipton for approval.
- d. **BLM's Proposed Sagebrush Focal Area Withdrawal Environmental Impact Statement.** Tori informed the Board that NACO is a cooperating agency for Nye County and there was one meeting that was very introductory but that where the BLM indicated that they intend to have their EIS completed in the fall which she feels is rather a rather aggressive schedule. She noted that Wyoming has a statewide initiative for socioeconomic impacts that provides a baseline applicable for any projects. Jeff said that when they looked at scoping comments that it would be essential for an economic impacts analysis and reached out to UNR for assistance. Tori also noted that in Wyoming each of their counties worked with the University of Wyoming to assist with the baseline. Jeff added and that he located a 2002 NACO document that is a similar template that provides both a qualitative and quantitative baseline on a range of issues and he has been discussing the development of a new document reflecting current information. Tori added that part of Wyoming's initiative was to get federal buy-in and that John Ruhs assisted with the initiative and how the federal agencies would understand and incorporate the baseline information. Tori referred to the Sunshine and Open Meeting Laws and suggested the Board consider closed sessions when MOU's are in effect that reference the sharing of confidential information. Commissioner Waits noted that Lander County had experienced issues with public outcry in the past and that was echoed by Commissioner Wichman and Tori noted that the suggestion was based upon the need for legislative action. Commissioner Wichman noted that they simply add a statement in the section regarding confidentiality agreements "subject to Nevada's OML". Jeff noted that the subject would be best discussed in a joint discussion with the Public Lands and Legislative Committee's and if deemed necessary be brought back to the Board for consideration. No action was taken.
- e. **Report on the April 19, 2016 Quarterly Public Lands Breakfast Hosted by Lt. Governor Hutchison and NACO.** President Carson noted that it was the first in the scheduled series and

that the location of the next event was yet to be determined. Dagny noted that the events were initiated by the Summit held in September 2015. She noted that the event was well attended including representatives of the federal agencies and that the conversation was productive and that the plan is to hold future breakfasts in each congressional district. President Carson thanked those in attendance for making the trip and noted that the presentations regarding economic development by Rob Hooper of the Northern Nevada Development Authority (NNDAA) and Jeff Page, Lyon County Manager were excellent. Commissioner Irwin suggested utilizing the BLM's expertise in southern Nevada regarding land sales and that Manager Page's information was very helpful during a Town Hall in Pershing County. President Elect Phillips noted that the event reminded him of the quarterly meetings that Lincoln, White Pine and Lyon Counties have with all the federal and state agencies to assist in communication. Dagny announced that the white paper resulting from the 2015 Public Lands Summit was distributed for the first time at the breakfast and that it is available in both print and digital form.

21. **NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Commissioner Wichman informed the Board that the Committee has been reviewing the topics for educational workshops including one on public lands and that the next workshop is scheduled for June 13<sup>th</sup> but may be postponed due to the primary election schedule. She also noted that the Committee reviewed the success of past workshops and that they are updating the Commissioners Handbook. Dagny noted that the Committee is continuing to work on possible uses for the newly acquired Home Rule authority and that the next workshop is a training on how to use social media.
22. **National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.** Commissioner French informed the Board that WIR had a recent conference call and that legislation is being proposed in Idaho which would be the inverse of Planning 2.0 and would tighten up regulations with regards to FLPMA and that he has requested a copy of the legislation but has yet to receive it. Commissioner Wichman noted that they are promoting an Idaho forestry package in the House which would set precedent for future collaboration. Commissioner Irwin informed the Board of Directors that there is a scheduled meeting to review proposed resolutions which will go forward to the Annual Conference in Long Beach in July.
23. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Updates were given by the Board, including a discussion regarding the possibility of Board meetings being held outside of Carson City. Due to the Legislative Committee on Public Lands meeting in Lincoln County on May 20<sup>th</sup> and President Carson being scheduled to testify it was determined that the May meeting of the Board will be compressed and held via teleconference.
24. **Public Comment** – Commissioner Irwin informed the Board that Next Gen 911 will be submitted to the Governor in June and a presentation can be given to the Board if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.