

NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)

Board of Directors' Meeting

November 14th, 2018

Carson Valley Inn

CV Steak

1627 HWY 395

Minden, NV 89423

ADOPTED MINUTES

Attendance: President Weekly, President Elect Waits, Vice President French, Western Interstate Region Representative Elko County Commissioner Dahl, Churchill County Commissioner Olsen, Clark County Commissioner Kirkpatrick, Douglas County Commissioner Thaler, Elko County Commissioner Steninger, Esmeralda County Commissioner Bates, Lincoln County Commissioner Higbee, Lyon County Commissioner Hunewill, Mineral County Commissioner Tipton, Nye County Commissioner Wichman, Pershing County Commissioner Shank, Washoe County Commissioner Hartung, White Pine County Commissioner Stork, NACO Fiscal Officer Kalt and NACO Staff (Dagny Stapleton, Vinson Guthreau and Sandra Hoover)

Other Attendance: Churchill County Manager Jim Barbee, Washoe County Commissioner Herman, Lyon County DA Steve Rye, Humboldt County Manager Dave Mendiola, Marla McDaid Williams, Lee Boner - NDOT, Elko County Manager Rob Stokes, Lyon County Commissioner Alt, Norm and Sue Frey

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Commissioner Hartung.
3. **NACO President's Report.** President Weekly welcomed support from the Association and Counties as Clark County prepares to host the 2019 National Association of Counties (NACo) Annual Conference in July. He noted that the December meeting would be his last as President and wished a blessed Thanksgiving season to the Board.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Dagny deferred to her report given during the General Membership meeting.
5. **Approval of Minutes of the October 19th, 2018 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Hartung with second by Commissioner Tipton.
6. **Discussion and Approval of 2019 NACO Board meeting dates.** President Weekly noted that the item was brought back from a prior meeting due to potential conflicts with the legislative session and previously discussed potential meetings in Clark County. Dagny informed the Board that staff had proposed hosting the meeting in Clark County on January 25th, due to Clark County and NACO Board members wishing to discuss potential events and locations for events for the NACo Annual Conference. She noted that the date was the best date due to conflicts with the legislative session and June/July would be too close to the NACo conference. President Elect Waits noted a conflict with the Lander County Commission meeting. Vice President French noted the previous discussion held by the Board regarding the sharing of the plans for the conference, conflicts with the availability of Clark County and NACO staff due to the legislative session, and President Weekly noted that January is their preferred timing to host the meeting. Additional discussion from the Board included having the meeting later in the day and Clark County's planned efforts to encourage registration for the event at the NACo Legislative Conference in March, and the desire to have Nevada's attendees at the Legislative Conference help advertise the planned tours and events for the Summer Conference. Commissioner Kirkpatrick noted that the County is planning on doing several things differently than at any previous conference and that they are excited to share their plans. Dagny suggested having the

tour of the event locations/and or presentation by Clark about Conference plans begin at 10:00 a.m. and then have the Board meeting begin at 1:00 p.m. The 2019 meeting calendar was approved with Dagny's suggested timing for the January meeting on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Commissioner Higbee. Dagny concluded the item by informing the Board that the approved 2019 NACO Board meeting schedule will be distributed to all Board members.

7. **Approval of the 2018 NACO Honor Roll and NACO Participatory Democracy Awards.** The award recipients were unanimously approved on a motion by Commissioner Tipton with second by Commissioner Wichman.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the BLM Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final EIS.** Sandy informed the Board that the BLM had delayed the publication of the FEIS in order to facilitate continued discussion with the Governors of the affected states, noting that when the document is published there will be a 30-day protest period. Sandy stated that 70-80% of the items requested by the Association had been incorporated in the draft document but there are still issues outstanding that could be worthy of protesting in the final document. Those issues include land disposal and mitigation. She informed the Board that when the document is published a meeting would be held with the Governor's office regarding the State's intentions going forward, but requested, at the direction of the Public Lands and Natural Resources Committee, permission from the Board for the Committee to meet and make a final determination on whether to protest due to the short timeframe of the protest period. Commissioner Wichman moved to allow the Committee to make the determination and the motion was passed on a second by Commissioner Kirkpatrick.
9. **National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.** Commissioner Kirkpatrick informed the Board that she had attended the recent NACo Board meeting and that there was a focus on rural economic development. She reported that she left the meeting with several takeaways and action plans and that Nevada is participating on every level. Commissioner Tipton noted that the NACo Board's next meeting would be on December 7th & 8th in San Diego and that President Weekly would be attending the meeting in her place. Dagny noted that Commissioner Tipton is terming out and that the Board would need to appoint her replacement to the NACo Board of Directors at their December meeting. Commissioner Dahl informed the Board that discussions at the last WIR meeting included PILT and SRS funding. He noted that the group decided to focus primarily on the issue of wildfire and how the epidemic is going to be addressed and additional discussion was held regarding RS2477 roads. Commissioner Hartung inquired as to fuels management programs and the differences in the state's topography. Commissioner Dahl noted that discussions included utilizing updated AUM levels to allow for targeted grazing and Vice President French noted that noxious weed issues and flash fuels are major issues. He also referenced a discussion held with Congressman Amodei regarding the issue and FEMA's role in wildfire management. Commissioner Wichman noted that the reauthorization of SRS is imperative for funding projects to address invasive weeds, creating fire breaks and partnering on Sage Grouse initiatives. Commissioner Olsen noted that timing for restoration following a wildfire is an important issue, specifically regarding re-vegetation that must be completed in the Fall to be effective. Vice President French echoed the timing issue brought up by Commissioner Olsen and also noted the need to end the practice of fire borrowing.
10. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Updates were given by members of the Board on activities within their respective counties.
11. **Public Comment.** Commissioner Higbee offered the assistance of Lincoln County to Clark County as they prepare to host the NACo Annual Conference.

Adjournment.