

## **NEVADA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (NACO)**

Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 13, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

NACO Office  
304 S. Minnesota Street  
Carson City, NV 89703

### **ADOPTED MINUTES**

**Attendance:** President Waits, President Elect French, Carson City Mayor Crowell, Elko County Commissioner Steninger, Eureka County Commissioner Goicoechea, Lincoln County Commissioner Higbee, Lincoln County Commissioner Lister, Lyon County Commissioner Keller, Mineral County Commissioner Price, Nye County Commissioner Wichman and NACO Staff (Dagny Stapleton, Vinson Guthreau, Colby Prout, and Amanda Evans)

**Remote Attendance:** Vice President Kirkpatrick, Clark County Commissioner Weekly, Esmeralda County Commissioner Keyes, Lander County Commissioner Allen, Washoe County Commissioner Hartung, and Washoe County Commissioner Lucey

**Other Attendance:** Lee Bonner and Jamie Cooper, NDOT; Marla McDade-Williams, Strategies 360; Holly Gatske, University of Nevada Extension; Domonique Etchegoyhen, DCNR; Scott Keller; and Sally Goicoechea

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

1. **Public Comment.** None was given.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved on a motion by Commissioner Goicoechea with second by Commissioner Price.
3. **NACO President's Report.** President Waits discussed the workshop held earlier in the month and noted that it was excellent, well attended and that a video of the workshop could be found on the Association's YouTube channel as well as on the NACO website. She informed the Board that the National Association of Counties (NACo) subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety had been working on an amendment in Congress that would allow funding for disaster relief efforts to flow more quickly but that it was currently held up in the Senate. She thanked the members for their support during her tenure as president and for all the hard work they do to support the Association and its staff. She concluded her remarks by recognizing the birthday of Commissioner Steninger.
4. **NACO Executive Director's Report.** Dagny reminded the Board that the January meeting will be held in Clark County at 10:30 a.m. with the Public Lands and Natural Resources subcommittee meeting prior to the Board meeting at 9:30. She noted that the investiture of officers would be conducted at the meeting and encouraged everyone to attend. She also informed the Board that if anyone would be interested in a tour of the Clark County Shooting Complex to reach out to herself or Amanda and if there was enough interest by the members one would be arranged. Dagny reminded the Board that registration is open for the NACo Legislative Conference at the end of February and encouraged the Board to attend. She thanked President Waits for her leadership during 2019 and concluded her remarks by letting the Board know that Mayor

Crowell had been selected to Chair the State's new Board on Indigent Defense and that updates on the activities of that group would be brought to the Board at a later date.

5. **Approval of Minutes of the November 15th, 2019 NACO Board of Directors Meeting.** The minutes were approved on a motion by Commissioner Price with second by Commissioner Wichman.
6. **Discussion and Approval of Updated NACO Personnel Policies.** Dagny informed the Board that it had been over 10 years since the policies had been updated and that staff had been working with POOL/PACT on the update. Commissioner Wichman inquired as to the largest change within the document and Dagny explained that the largest changes occurred because of changes in law and currently accepted general procedures. The policies were approved on a motion by Commissioner Price with second by Commissioner Higbee.
7. **Approval of NACO's 2020 Associate Members.** Dagny reminded the Board that the Associate Members are members of the business community that support counties and the Association. The Associate Members were approved on a motion by Commissioner Price with second by Commissioner Goicoechea.
8. **Approval of NACO's October 2019 Financial Statements and Investment Reports.** The Board was reminded that the financial statement and investment reports are brought to them quarterly for review. Dagny also reminded the Board that she is looking for a new investment manager per previous direction of the Board and that once a potential manager had been identified that she would bring the proposal to the Board for approval. The statements and reports were approved on a motion by Commissioner Higbee with second by Commissioner Price.
9. **Final Discussion and Approval of NACO's 2020 Budget.** Dagny gave an overview of the budget and discussed the new line items that were added for software subscriptions and IT support as well as the removal of the line item for video conference hosting, as the system is 'end of life' and no longer being utilized. The budget was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wichman with second by Commissioner Higbee.
10. **Discussion and Update on Activities of the Nevada Commission on Off-Highway Vehicles and the Nevada OHV Program, Sue Baker, Vice-Chair, and Nikhil Narkhede, Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.** Mr. Narkhede gave the Board an overview of the program, the leadership and make-up of the Commission, its mission, goals and the grant program it oversees to make improvements to and encourage the proper usage of the State's public lands and OHV trails. He and Ms. Baker noted that a major project is the identification of trails and roads that are currently in place and being used to be included in a centralized mapping device that will be found on their website. Discussion and questions from the Board included the inclusion of county and RS2477 roads in the mapping, collaboration with county road departments, connectivity of trails between counties, the definition of an OHV, working with counties that have ordinances on allowed usage and encouragement of the Commission to make their signage more distinguishable from that of the BLM. Mr. Narkhede and Ms. Baker assured the Board that they are working with the counties on the inclusion of roads in the mapping, that they are collaborating with the BLM and that while the Commission can provide funding for projects through their grants program they can't make decisions for the agency. The item will be placed on a future Board agenda for discussion on specific items of concern to the Board. No action was taken.

11. **Discussion and Approval of NACO's Recommendations for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension 2021 Budget Enhancement Proposal.** Dagny reviewed the recommendations distributed to the Board and thanked the Commissioners who worked on the proposal. Discussion from the Board included concern with the increase in staffing levels in Clark County and lack of overall historic funding for 4-H. Vice President Kirkpatrick noted that there is a need to educate legislators on exactly what Extension is and why it is important, as well as the fact that there is a lot of work to still be done to restore 4-H programs. Dagny informed the Board that the recommendations will need to be approved by the Board of Regents and that it would require a large lobbying effort at each step of the process. The recommendations were approved on a motion by Commissioner Goicoechea with second by Vice President French.
12. **Discussion and Updates Related to the 2020 U.S. Census.** Dagny informed the Board that the State's 2020 Census website is active and that grant funds are available to assist counties in outreach efforts. She gave an overview of the timeline for the Census noting that between March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> requests will be sent to complete the Census on-line. After that those that don't complete the form online will be sent one in the mail and then door-to-door counts will begin.
13. **Update and Possible Action Regarding Natural Resources and Public Lands and Issues Affecting Counties Including:**
  - a. **Update on Greater Sage Grouse Issues Including the BLM and USFS Greater Sage Grouse Resource Management Plans.** Colby informed the Board that the BLM reported that it is creating a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement that is expected to be released for a comment period in January. He informed the Board that he had attended the USFS Objection Resolution Meeting in Salt Lake City and requested approval from the Board to continue working with the USFS on the issues cited in the formal objection. His request was approved on a motion by Commissioner Wichman with second by Commissioner Higbee.
  - b. **Other Updates from the NACO Public Lands and Natural Resources Subcommittee.** President Elect French informed the Board that discussion during the previous day's meeting of the subcommittee included the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout, Waters of the US, and the BLM moving forward with the recommendations under the Path Forward proposal for wild horse and burro management.
14. **NACO Committee of the Emeritus Update.** Vinson informed the Board that the workshop on actions counties must take due to bills passed during the 2019 Legislative Session was well attended. He also informed the Board that the next workshop will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> and will discuss why water resource plans are important and how to incorporate them into county master plans pursuant to legislation passed in 2019.
15. **National Association of Counties and Western Interstate Region Board Member Updates.** President Elect French informed the Board that he had attended the WIR winter meeting in Mariposa County, CA. Discussion during the meeting included wildfire interoperability and the creation of MOU's for response, suppression contracts and reclamation. The group also discussed travel management as it applies to lands bills and wilderness areas. Commissioner Higbee gave the Board an overview of the policies adopted by the Board of Directors during their winter meeting and noted that he was glad for the opportunity to provide input on implementation of the adopted policies.
16. **NACO Board Member Updates.** Updates were given by members of the Board on activities within their counties.

17. **Public Comment.** Scott Carey introduced himself to the Board and announced that he is the replacement for Skip Canfield at the Nevada Division of State Lands.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.