

**Minutes of the  
EUREKA COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The Eureka County Natural Resources Advisory Commission (NRAC) held a public meeting on February 13, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the County Administrative Facility, Eureka, Nevada.

**Members Present:** Jim Baumann, Carl Slagowski, Paul Etzler, Ari Erickson, Ken Conley, and Mike Rebealeati (via phone conference)

**Members Absent:** Jerry Todd and Gary McCuin

**Others Present:** Jake Tibbitts- Eureka County Natural Resources Manager, Jessica Santoyo- Natural Resources Secretary, and Gail Ross-Barrick

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Baumann at 6:04 p.m., a quorum was determined to be present.

**Public Comment**

Gail Ross stated that she is the manager for Biological and Biochemical Sciences for Barrick.

Jake Tibbitts stated that Ms. Ross has expressed interest in submitting a letter of interest for the wildlife representative seat on the board.

**Commission Business**

*Review and approve minutes from the January 18, 2018 meeting.*

The board member decided to table the meeting minutes until the next meeting.

**Member Updates and Reports.**

Carl Slagowski stated that he attended the Humboldt River Basin Water Authority meeting and Winnemucca Farms is applying for 300,000 acre feet of water for storage which is really a farfetched thing. The advisory board will be protesting their application along with Pershing, Lander and Elko County. He doesn't think that Eureka County is protesting it yet but they are part of the board so they do have a seat at the table for the protest. Winnemucca Farms did provide a presentation during the meeting and even though he is upstream from them, he doesn't like their plan at all. They are basically asking for 300,000 acre feet of flood waters from the river on the year's when its above normal and everyone is satisfied. The presenter was very non-committal on exactly what they are doing and stated that they would do a variety of things for the water storage. Long story short Winnemucca Farms owns the only piece of property that has an ideal underground aquifer for storage and on all of the dry years to come, guess who will pump the water out for their benefit, Winnemucca Farms of course.

*Discuss correspondence and natural resource issues affecting Eureka County and consider action items for the next agenda.*

Jake Tibbitts covered the following correspondence and natural resources issues.

- During their last meeting, the board requested that the Eureka Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) send a letter regarding the Triple B Complex gather and that letter was sent. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) began gathering horses on January 31, 2018 and they have already removed 437 just from Newark Valley. BLM published a press release today, that states that they are finding that once they start gathering there are more horses out there than originally counted and that horses are being found in poor body conditions. Their original proposal was to gather 1500 horses, remove 1000, treat with PZP and turn 500 back out. Due to the large number of horses

outside of the complex, public land concerns, public concerns, the higher rate of horses in poor body condition, and abnormally dry conditions they will be removing more horses off of the complex.

- The Kobeh Valley Ranch/General Moly water rights round three litigation is moving forward. The State Engineer held a pre-hearing conference on January 24, 2018 and set the official hearing for this fall for two full weeks in September beginning September 11, 2018.
- John Ruhs, has been recently re-assigned to Boise, Idaho to lead the National Fire Center. Therefore, as they sit here today he is no longer the NV BLM Director.
- The Department of Interior re-organization is still being worked on and is moving along. The Western Governors Association, National NACO and various state associations are working behind the scenes on this in a very friendly way with the administration and ensuring that the re-organization is a good thing for everyone. They have been asked to hold off on any formal letters for the time being. During their last meeting, they reviewed the map that broke the state up into various proposed regions based on watersheds. A new map has been released that shows different proposed regions and that doesn't break states up. With all the behind the scenes work, the associations are putting together a draft letter that everyone will have an opportunity to sign onto. The letter is saying that they will not support any effort that will dilute state and local voice, the regions are fine if they will help streamline certain things but essentially, they don't see how a region will help bolster local voice processes. The associations working behind the scenes want everyone to sign the same letter in order to have the same approach to address this.
- The Trump Administration released their proposed budget and the budget shows where their priorities are for the year, it doesn't mean that Congress will fund it all. The budget does contain a line item to fund the re-organization which would include office space and moving the headquarters from D.C. to the west. The budget is proposing to end all revenue sharing with counties for all geothermal and oil and gas leases. They are proposing to use those funds to fund some of the infrastructure plans that the administration is pushing. There are proposals to cut the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by 25% and keep it as it was funded last year. The Land and Water Conservation Fund that was funded at \$158 million last year is proposed to be cut down to \$8 million. They are proposing to increase budgets for the National Park Service for the deferred maintenance that hasn't been taking place. They want to fund wildfire using a new formula where they will take a ten-year rolling average moving forward and fund it according to what the ten-year average is for wildfires.
- Secretary Zinke signed Secretarial Order 3362, which is for the improvement of habitat quality in western big game winter range in migration corridors. The order is directing all of the Department of Interior agencies to complete various tasks within certain timelines. The order says that they have 30 days to try to put all of the data together and get something reported back to him. The biggest thing to take from all of this is that he is requiring the agencies to complete all of these specific tasks but they need to do it in a way that recognizes state authority to conserve and manage big game species and protects property rights. The intent of all of this is for the agencies to come up with action plans that contain the data of where the migration corridors are. It's all a big game thing and it specifically highlights deer, rocky mountain deer, and pronghorn antelope. They will begin to see more regarding this item, such as proposals from the BLM as to where they want to get work done.
- Donna Bath from Senator Heller's office recently called and she wants to know where Eureka County stood on passing a resolution asking Congress to address Wilderness

Study Areas similar to what Elko County just passed. Ms. Bath informed him that Senator Heller would be taking the Elko County resolution and will be moving forward with legislation. Mr. Tibbitts informed her that Eureka County doesn't need to pass a resolution because this is adopted into Eureka County policy, it's in the Eureka County Master Plan, and it's in county code. Therefore, she asked for a quick letter where the BOCC outlines what is in the Eureka County's policies. The letter was approved on February 6, 2018 and submitted to Senator Heller. The letter basically says that they need to approach the effort to address the long standing issue of wilderness study areas, they need to clarify their status returning their management to multiple use and they also ask that they consider addressing Inventory Roadless Area's (IRA's) which is kind of a core area of wilderness study areas on FS land. The letter also highlights the importance of use of the areas by the county citizens and how Eureka County has formal plans regarding wilderness study areas.

- The Legislative Committee on Public Lands has started hosting their meetings and Eureka County received an invitation to provide a county update at the March 2, 2018 meeting. Chairwoman Swank specifically requested certain items that she wants Eureka County to focus on such as the economics of public lands and explain how public land management impairs but also assists in some of the county's economic outputs. There will also be a meetings in Laughlin on April 6, in Hawthorne on May 18 and in Pioche on June 24, 2018. The work session meeting will be in Carson City on August 3, 2018.
- Mr. Tibbitts stated that he will be going to D.C. in a month on behalf of Eureka County with J.J. Goicoechea. There will be an agenda specific item on the next agenda to discuss what NRAC would like Mr. Tibbitts to cover in D.C.

*\*A copy of all correspondence is available upon request.*

*Discuss and consider budget request and priorities to pursue for upcoming fiscal year.*

Mr. Tibbitts stated that the NRAC budget hearing is next week during the BOCC meeting. Mr. Tibbitts went over last year's budget and this year's proposed budget (below). This year the BOCC is asking that all departments go with flat budgets for the upcoming year and if they have specific projects that require more funds, they will have to justify those to the commission. Mr. Tibbitts stated that he recommends that they ask for flat budget at \$12,950.00.

**FY 2018 – 2019 Proposed Budget**

Line Item	Current Budget (FY 17-8)	Current Budget Spent To Date	Proposed FY 18-19 Budget
Salaries/Wages/Benefits	\$6300.00	\$1045.93	\$6300.00
Services and supplies	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$500.00
Contract Services	\$10000.00	\$0.00	\$10000.00
Machine Maintenance	\$200.00	\$68.12	\$200.00
Meeting Expense	\$1000.00	\$464.60	\$1000.00
Postage	\$150.00	\$14.50	\$150.00
Telephone/Fax	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Travel/Training	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12950.00</b>	<b>\$1643.15</b>	<b>\$12950.00</b>

Note: 67% of time has elapsed with 9% of budget being expended.

Mr. Tibbitts stated that last year the board received a list of priorities of what they are doing and what they are working on and this year he put together a similar list. The NRAC 2018 and 2019 Proposed Strategies and Involvement list. The first part covers what the DNR (Department of Natural resources is involved in currently).

1. BLM Cooperation Agency Involvement: Gold Rock EIS, Deep South EIS, Sagebrush Ecosystem EA, PEIS for Fuels Breaks, PEIS for Fuels Treatments and Rangeland Restoration, Sage Grouse RMPA SEIS
2. BLM items involved in that have not yet finalized: 3-Bars EIS, Various O&G Lease EAs, Fish Creek WH Gather and Fertility Control (Still at IBLA)
3. BLM items formally identified: BMD RMP revision re-start, Roberts Mountain AMP, Implementation of Roadside Fuels Break EA, Targeted Grazing EA
4. FRTC Modernization EIS
5. Nevada Interim Legislative Committee on Public Lands
6. Diamond Valley GMP development
7. Entity involvement – involved in nearly every meeting: County level - Firewise Committees, Wildlife Board, Eureka CD, NGO – NvACD, DNRPCA, NWMA, HRBWA, CNRWA, SLUPAC, NV Collaborative Conservation Network (For implementation of sage grouse LUPAs)
8. Review and comment as appropriate on every project, proposal, permits, etc. that comes across DNR desk

Mr. Tibbitts went over the suggested 2018-2019 NRAC Priorities:

1. Increased local coordination and involvement in public land management
  - DOI Reorganization
  - DOI streamlining of planning and NEPA processes (Avoid Planning 2.0 re-do)
2. RS 2477
  - Pass ordinance adopting all roads in Eureka County Road Atlas that do not have a specific road number. (Primarily roads maintained by users. Master plan and County Code already include these roads but we need a map depicting at least what we know is out there now).
  - Retain attorney (e.g. Shawn Welch) to assist in development of a protocol to get all information together in case of Quiet Title Action or controversy. Include legal strategy as part of the protocol for future budgeting.
  - Develop and fly RFP for assistance with completing RS2477 protocol, short of court action
    - Gather historical evidence on existence, extent, and maintenance of roads pre-FLPMA
    - Use County Atlas as starting point
    - Hold workshops to have road users, landowners, etc. bring forward roads not on Atlas
    - Gather affidavits (and depositions?) from users of roads and those that maintained the roads
    - Field work to GPS road centerlines that are not already done, take various photos, document conditions, etc.
    - Enter all information into a geo-database for future use.
  - Develop budget and funding mechanism for future year(s) legal strategy to finalize title.
  - Support federal legislation seeking to streamline clarification of title. Congressional solutions proposed still require sufficient evidence to back up claims. This would avoid many legal costs.
3. Internal review and update of Natural Resources and State or Federal Land Use Element.
  - Determine if outside help needed for update.
4. Sage Grouse– Challenges to BLM/USFS Land Use Plan Amendments and ESA listing; Proactive Habitat and Predator Projects
  - Active involvement for positive changes through SEIS
  - Continue to support litigation of BLM/USFS LUP amendments.
  - Lobby for federal legislation allowing State to “prove itself” in managing sage grouse
  - Develop projects for habitat, predator work, and rangeland improvement
    - Pursue contests or bounties? (Permitting implications (BLM recreational permit))?
    - Pursue getting a raven take permit and implement raven work.
    - Get data from NDOW on sage grouse and mule deer counts.
    - Pursue partnerships for funding: Wildlife board, Grazing board, Silver State Sportsmen, Conservation District, Private landowners, Funding through conservation district, wildlife board, NRAC, Leverage through grants as has been done
    - Additional PJ work: Pine Valley, 3-Bars Project
5. WOTUS
  - Better definition under new rulemaking to meet Supreme Court standard that is as “friendly” as possible
6. BLM water rights
  - Active involvement in addressing PWR 107 claims by BLM in DV adjudication

7. Wild Horses and Burros
  - BLM compliance with Act
  - Removal of Congressional rider “roadblocks”
8. FRTC Modernization
  - Minimize land use impacts
  - Ensure mitigation of impacts
9. BMD RMP Offense
  - LWC clarity
  - Disposal lands
  - Get to BLM leadership at State and National Level about concerns with just “restarting” – need almost complete start-over
10. Grazing Permit Renewals
  - Address consistency report from Jack Alexander
  - Roberts Mountain AMP
  - Argenta, Copper Canyon, Buffalo Valley (May set the stage for future permit renewal in BMDO)
11. Comment on and get involved in projects and proposals as they come forward
  - Federal agency decisions
  - EAs and EISs
12. Other?
  - Topics, issues, Boards/entities wanting closer involvement with.

*\*A copy of the NRAC 2018 and 2019 Proposed Strategies and Involvement is available upon request.*

Mr. Tibbitts asked the board if there are any other items that they would like him to look into such as other boards or entities, or having presentations done by specific entities.

The board stated that all of the issues that Mr. Tibbitts went over, are all issues that they need to prioritize and continue to work on.

Mr. Conley moved to support the NRAC 2018 and 2019 Proposed Strategies and Involvement as presented and to request a flat budget for the upcoming year as discussed. Mr. Slagowski seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### **Agency Reports**

*Reports and updates from various natural resources and land management agencies in attendance.*

Kyle Hendrix (not in attendance) provided the Battle Mountain District- Bureau of Land Management (BMD-BLM) yearly report. The information in the report covers major program areas from the last 6 months of 2017 - present. Mr. Hendrix wanted to provide this report to the NRAC group this week in the place of his typical report. There will obviously be items on the report that do not directly impact Eureka County but he hopes that the group enjoys reviewing a larger summary of the major project work that has been taking place in Battle Mountain. If the board has any questions, please let Mr. Tibbitts know. *\*A copy of the BMD-BLM 2017 Report is available upon request.*

### **BLM Programmatic EISs**

*Discuss and consider scoping comments for the two BLM Programmatic EISs, one for Fuel Breaks across the Great Basin Region, and the other for Fuel Treatments and Rangeland Restoration, and all matters properly relating thereto.*

Mr. Tibbitts stated that the BLM is moving forward with two programmatic EIS's that will cover the entire Great Basin area. One of the EISs is for Fuels Breaks and the other is for Fuels Reduction and Rangeland Restoration. The EISs will analyze all of the potential treatments that can be done such as mowing, mastication, herbicide, targeted grazing, and the general impacts

from all of those things for this area. When a project is proposed or someone wants to do some work, the BLM would tier to the EIS and they would do a determination of NEPA adequacy. Eureka County has already been asked to be a cooperating agency on both EISs and the county has accepted that. BLM is currently hosting scoping meetings and the scoping period is still open for comments. Mr. Tibbitts stated that he put together a comment letter that he would like the NRAC board to review, the BOCC has already reviewed the letter but would like NRAC's blessing before they approve it at their upcoming meeting. The letter states that Eureka County supports these types of processes to try to streamline activities on public lands and they also outline that they can't support anything that's not consistent with Eureka County's local plans and policies. The letter also discusses balancing uses on the land because they see these projects done often and they should be done in a way that balances all multiple uses rather than tipping the scales one way or the other. Other items mentioned in the letter include: restoration versus improvement, data references and disclosures, ecological site concepts and actually using those, monitoring and inventory, fires and fuel management, pinion-juniper woodlands, wild horses, riparian concepts, and the conclusion. The conclusion says that they want to be actively involved in the process and that they have tremendous reliance on public lands. They encourage them to look at economic opportunities and keep project dollars close to home. \*A copy of the letter is available upon request.

Mr. Etzler moved to approve the letter as written. Mr. Conley seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Roadside Fuels Breaks EA**

*Discuss and consider identifying priorities and proposals for fuels breaks treatments under the Roadside Fuels Breaks EA.*

Mr. Tibbitts stated that the EA was finalized and the Record of Decision (ROD) was signed. The BLM scheduled a coordination meeting with the counties and the tribes on January 17, 2018. Mr. Tibbitts and Ron Damele attended that meeting and discussed how the BLM will implement this Roadside Fuels Break EA. This EA approves thousands of acres within the entire BMD for fuels breaks along many roads. By the end of that meeting, the BLM stated that they would do a tabletop exercise and send out maps with proposed treatments to the counties and tribes for comments. Throughout this whole process, the BLM is also taking formal proposal from individuals that would like a project. Mr. Tibbitts stated that Chairman Baumann has a project proposal that he would like NRAC to consider supporting through a formal motion tonight for the Roadside Fuels Break EA. Mr. Tibbitts went over a project map with the board. The Shannon Station allotment which is Chairman Baumann's allotment is located in priority habitat and every year there has been some type of lightning strike or fire there. This specific area is right under the Diamonds, its filled with homes on private lands, and there are a bunch of two-track roads filled with Pinion Juniper encroachment. Chairman Baumann has already done fuels related work in that area and has created sage grouse habitat, which has been documented as bringing in sage grouse. Chairman Baumann would like the NRAC board to consider proposing a proposal to the BLM with his blessing, to do some roadside fuels treatments up in that area on the roads. The main point, is to get on BLM's radar and say they want to do some work in this specific area, here are the ideas, and here are some resources to get it done. Mr. Tibbitts stated that if the NRAC board approves a formal proposal, he will commit to write the proposal.

Mr. Conley moved to support Chairman Baumann's project proposal for roadside fuels break treatments. Mr. Erickson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

#### **Mining**

*Discuss other mining projects and activities in and affecting Eureka County, including but not limited to the McEwen Mining Gold Bar Project, Barrick Deep South Expansion, GRP Resources Gold Rock Project, Gulsil Prospect Project, Halliburton Ann Barite Project, all Carlin Trend operations and consider response to any related issues or comment periods.*

Mr. Tibbitts stated the following mining update was provided by Kyle Hendrix, BLM:

- Gulsil – Prospect Mountain Project: Prospect is currently re-writing the preliminary EA. Cultural Resources had to be re-examined due to a treatment plan being needed since avoidance is no longer an option due to re purposed cultural artifacts being used in current buildings slated for upgrade and use for their proposed mining operations. Gulsil met with BLM at the beginning of January and we are looking at 30-60 days for SHPO concurrence. After concurrence, we will be ready to do a final EA review and take public comment. BLM comments on the EA were submitted to the proponent. The Plan of Operations is being revised and will likely be complete upon resubmission. Draft EA being reviewed by ID Team. Estimated Final EA in March.
- Gibellini Project: BLM is working with Prophecy to submit financial security to assume control of existing exploration activity. BLM has reviewed existing baseline reporting for acceptance. BLM is negotiating Notice-level bulk sampling to support a Plan of Operations. FR NOI scheduled for fourth quarter 2018

Mr. Erickson stated that that update for Gulsil has changed a bit. He doesn't know if it's normal but BLM kicked their cultural stuff over to Tonopah. Therefore, they are assuming it will be longer than stated in the update to get it done since BLM is no longer in charge of it. He assumes that Tonopah will have it for 30 days and then it will go to SHPO for another 35 day. Therefore, if everyone stays on track they may have something in April. The biggest issue right now is with BLM making the Town of Prospect a cultural site.

Mr. Tibbitts stated that during their last meeting, Mr. Erickson brought up draft regulations from the NV Mining Association (NVMA) and his concern about the language changes regarding what a small mine is. Mr. Tibbitts stated that he reached out to the NVMA because their name is on top of the draft regulations and he spoke with Dana Bennett who is the president of the NVMA. She informed him that this is the third draft of regulations and that they have been working with NDEP on the regulations at the request of the NVMA. The NVMA are the one's proposing the changes in language and he informed her that there is a concern from a small mine about the regulation language change. Mr. Tibbitts stated that Ms. Bennett said that they will not be able to make these proposed regulation changes unless they have some type of law go into effect during the next session. The main change is that small mines will no longer include underground facilities and they will have to meet all of the same required regulations as everyone else and they won't be able to claim the small mine exemption, Mr. Erickson's mine is a small underground facility. The reasoning behind this change is that since 2011 there have been three specific small mines that fell under the small miner exemption on private land, which were not properly bonded, they walked away with open holes in the ground and left a bunch of chemicals behind. The large mines that are involved with the NVMA feel that these bad players are making it harder on the rest of the mining industry because its making NDEP tighten regulations.

Mr. Erickson stated that he agrees with the restricting chemicals but he does not agree with the categorical exclusion for an underground mine.

Mr. Tibbitts stated that the regulations aren't public yet and they are still working on them, that's why they are on the third draft of changes. They will have a public process on the draft regulations once they are deemed ready and that will include a public comment period.

Currently, the best way for mines to engage and express their concerns is to go through the NVMA right now while they are still working on the regulations. Mr. Tibbitts has a scheduled conference call with NVMA to discuss the draft regulations in more detail. Mr. Erickson is welcome to join in on that conference call to express his concerns regarding the draft regulations. Mr. Tibbitts stated that Mr. Erickson doesn't need to be member of the association and that he can just express his concerns.

Mr. Erickson stated that he is going to speak aloud and be honest but they have decided not to become members of the NVMA primarily because they feel like the big mines don't take into account the little operators. He also doesn't feel that many of the junior operators come in from overseas with good intentions, they pull a project and turn around and sell it to the next big mine. That is a completely different cycle from what they are trying to do as a family operated project. Mr. Erickson stated that he knows of other small projects that could be harmed and that don't want to be gobbled up by big entities. It's not that they don't support the association but there are things that they don't agree with. Mr. Erickson stated that he would join the call and voice his concerns.

### **Sage Grouse**

*Discuss and consider response to recent activities and issues related to sage grouse including, but not limited to federal Land Use Plan Amendments and associated litigation and Supplemental EISs, Interim Guidance and Instructional Memoranda, NV Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and NV Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan.*

Mr. Tibbitts provided the Instructional Memorandum's (IM's) to all of the board members for their review and so they can provide feedback on how the IM's apply to them, the land users. The IM's should help clear up the implementation of the plan and the important thing to take from this is that the Department of Interior can come and go with the IM's and all they want is feedback to know what they can change or improve on. The overarching IM that they need to really look at is the Implementation of Habitat Objectives Table because that is for every use on the land such as grazing, wild horses, mining, oil and gas, ROW's, etc., basically everything and anything. Eureka County has accepted to be a cooperating agency on the Supplemental EIS.

### **Lands with Wilderness Characteristics**

*Discuss and consider response regarding BLM inventories and identification of Lands with Wilderness Characteristics, the process involved and land use implications related to these designations.*

Mr. Tibbitts stated the BOCC has already discussed this issue but most recently, they have seen sections in certain EA's on Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC). For example, the Gunman Exploration EA, which is a mining exploration project on the east slope of the Diamonds, had a whole section regarding LWC and it identified the whole top of the Diamonds as LWC. That LWC was never there before but now all of a sudden it shows up. Therefore, they have to comment on proposals that they don't have a concern with but there is a concern on the analysis in the proposals. The concern is that BLM is having this kind of closed door, no public and no coordination approach deals to identify these lands that potentially end up with restrictions. The BLM isn't taking into account Eureka County's specific comment about LWC and separating those out to address that issue instead of throwing it into an EA. Mr. Tibbitts stated that he doesn't have a letter written yet but he would like a motion made so they can initiate a formal process to start discussions with the state BLM to determine the proper process to follow to designate LWC. BLM has the authority under FLPMA to do this but FLPMA also requires a public process, which is not being done.

Mr. Conley moved that they initiate a formal process to start discussions with the state level BLM to determine the proper process that needs to be followed to designate LWC. Mr. Slagowski seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**Grazing**

*Discuss and consider response on recent grazing actions and decisions affecting Eureka County.* Mr. Tibbitts stated that last week they received a notice from the BMD-BLM informing them that they are moving forward with the Argenta, Copper Canyon, and North Buffalo grazing permit renewals. These three allotments have never had ten year grazing permits, its always been grazing authorizations on a year to year term. They are now looking at grazing permit renewals because of the settlement that was signed between the ranchers and the BLM. Due to this the BLM sent out a letter informing everyone that they are in the final stages of completing the Rangeland Health Assessment and Evaluation Report for those allotments and it will be sent out early March. The BLM plans to host one meeting between February 20 and February 28 for any any of the grazing permittees and other interested public individuals. Mr. Tibbitts stated that he has informed BLM that he wants to be involved on that on behalf of Eureka County and he is planning to participate on that process. Although these allotments aren't in Eureka County, this is important because this will set the stage for how grazing permit renewals move forward in all of the BMD-BLM. The Roberts Mountain Allotment which is owned Etcheverry's is still in the works for getting an Allotment Management Plan (AMP) completed out of the BMD-BLM. The board motioned to send in a letter to the BLM informing them that Eureka County wants to be formally and actively involved in that process. They have received invitations to attend phone conferences but the process is moving fairly slowly and their isn't much of an update yet. Mr. Tibbitts suggested that they invite Doug Furtado to one of their meeting so he can describe how the AMP works and what it entails.

**Next Meeting-**

Items suggested for the agenda include: priority items to share during Washington D.C. trip, AMP and get Doug Furtado to attend a meeting, updates on motions made and ongoing agenda items. The board should get any other desired agenda items to Mr. Tibbitts for the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjourn**— The motion was made by Mr. Conley and seconded by Mr. Rebaleati to adjourn the meeting. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica Santoyo, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jim Baumann, Chairman