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MINUTES -- MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON OUTDOOR RECREATION

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Monday November 13, 2023,

8:30am – 2:00 pm

*** This meeting will be held in personwith a virtual option. ***

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1. **Call to order:** Nevada Division of Outdoor Advisory Board – Technical Advisory Board for NOER Grant presentations and review was 8:35 to order by Vice Chair, Amy Berry at 8:35am, Monday, November 13, 2023:

2. **Roll Call:** Garret Tamagini sitting in for Chair Stavros Anthony, Dr. Andy Pasternak, Amy Berry Vice Chair, Bobby Jones, NDOW, sitting in for Alan Jenne, Brenda Scolari, Bob Potts, Bob Mergell, Dominique Etchegoyhen sitting in for DCNR Director, James Settelmeyer, Chad Taylor, Mauricia Baca, also present from NDOR Kendal Scott, Denise Beronio.

3. **Public comment**, none
4. **Review and approve agenda**: Amy Berry asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda, Bob Potts motioned to approve the agenda, Dominique Etchegoyhen 2nd, passed unanimously.

5. Amy read the requirements for application review, ranking information and requirements provided, and how to rank each application according to scoring per the outline in the official Agenda.

The Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreations Advisory Board serves as the Technical Advisory Board for the Nevada Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program as authorized in the 2019 Statutes of Nevada, Chapter 605 and amended by AB 164 (2023).

***FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION –** *Amy Berry, Vice Chair. Nevada Outdoor Education and Recreation grant applicant finalists will present their application for a 15-minute time frame for their Tier II NOER Grant presentation; 10 minutes for a presentation, and 5 minutes for Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members to ask questions. Additional time may be allotted at the discretion of the chair. Presentations and selection will be done in accordance with NAC 407A.155:*

Technical Advisory Committee: Evaluation and ranking of grant applications; recommendation of award of grant; provision of information to Administrator. When evaluating completed grant applications for each periodic solicitation of grant applications, the Technical Advisory Committee shall:

1. Consider, without limitation:
(a) The eligibility requirements for a grant;
(b) The requirements and priorities for program
(c) Any limitations set forth by the Administrator
(d) The feasibility of the project; and
(e) The estimated costs of the program and benefits to the pupils in this State.
2. Rank each application received in order of priority for awarding grants.
3. Recommend the amount of a grant to be awarded, if any, for a project proposed in a 4. Provide the Administrator with a ranked list of applicants and the recommended amount of the grant for each applicant. rant application.

Kendal gave an overview of TAC requirements for the meeting – schedule of the review, and then the first applicant was already waiting online. She reviewed the scoring process, spreadsheet with average scores, and then deliberation at the end. There would be an Opportunity to change scores at end of 30 minutes recess and before deliberation. Each presentation had a total of 15 minutes – 10 minutes to present and 5 minutes for questions from the TAC.

List of presenters (notes are from each groups presentation overview of their grant application):

8:45 – Escaramuza Charra Colibries de Nevada – Clark County, virtual, presented in English and Spanish, teaching young girls about the Mexican Horseback riding Traditions and trains them in the tradition. They participate in activities like parades and events.

9:00 - NV Urban Indians – virtual – 619 Native Youth in N. NV Calendared events for youth throughout the year. New Program for various OREC activities for all seasons with elaborate outline of activities throughout the year.

9:15 – Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation – virtual, Student Steward Camp – using science and fieldwork with actual scientist during camp. Want to add recreation opportunities with stewardship and conservation through field trips, Junior counselor training. Various on-site activities, camps are part of the programming.

9:30 – Great Basin National Parks Foundation – virtual, Aviva O'Neill. Starry Night Skies/astronomy opportunities part of program, foundation 25 years old. Has advisory board. Only research observatory in a National Park. Focus on both virtual and local student engagement about science at GBNP. Goal to serve 100% of 4th graders in White Pine County. Outreach to surrounding rural communities as well.

9:45 – Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe – In Person, Parks & Recreation Dept fall day camp program for about 48 students, historical hikes, making walking sticks, bows/arrows, tule boats - serve 3 communities in a 30-mile radius, 2 schools on the Reservation. This is a very organic program and teaches historic cultural opportunities to pay it forward for the next generation.

10:00 – Sierra Nevada Journeys – in person, core education series 1-8th grade, field trips, family STEM nights, many underserved communities, they provide scholarships. Teachers are interested in science-based STEM which helps provide social and emotional support. Girls in STEM is the name of the program for funding requests. Title 1 schools mostly for underfunded schools is the base for this program.

10:15 – Walker Basin Conservancy – In Person, worked with ranchers to acquire 53% of water flows necessary to restore Walker Lake. They are 501c3. They are very active with community partners to give back to communities through incorporating OREC. Works closely with Boys and Girls Club. High demand for program, helping Walker Paiute summer camp and Yerington HS. Teaches conservation and sustainability for the ecosystems surround the lake.

10:30 – St. Jude's Ranch for Children – virtual, provides hope and healing for Children who are abused/neglected and in Foster Care. Not related to St. Jude hospital. Also supporting brothers and sisters who are separated in Foster Care. Outdoor activities like rock climbing walls, trails/ropes courses, swimming, archery,

10:45 – Nevada Outdoor School – Virtual, serving 6 rural counties, programs to promote Time Spent Outside. Leave no trace and tread lightly principals promoted as well as Action, Impact, Choice (AIC). Deliver 390 Outdoor earning Experiences, for over 4000 K-8th grade students with focus in K-4th. TSO = Time Spent Outdoors with literacy, movement and art. Nature Explorers is 8-17 YO's summer camp.

11:00- break

11:15 – Center for Adaptive Riding – In person – work with Reno Rodeo, Therapeutic Riding, Girl Scouts, Therapeutic riding is for mental healing too. Children with all disabilities, ADD/ADHA, autistic therapy is very beneficial, trauma and Foster Care programs are also included. Horses communicate non-verbally so relatable to many students. The program wants to provide a sensory trail for future skills building opportunity. Build relationships with horses, personal responsibility, and care for their horses. Only 1 full time employee, and then almost 5000 hours last year of volunteer hours.

11:30 – Together We Can – virtual, Roz, importance of kids in nature, and would like to get more black kids outside, she could not find any videos representing black children in the outdoors. Underserved youth have more barriers such as cost, transportation, safety, and discrimination. Want to have more representation for all kids outside, No Kid Left Inside, and create more opportunities for health benefits provided with OREC experiences. There is a fear of outdoors that this program aims to help kids overcome. Structural racism is an issue and wanting to undo generations of exclusion – this is a Blacks in Nature program offshoot.

11:45 – Green Our Planet – Virtual, comprehensive STEM school garden programs, Science, farmers, conservationist, culinary, 200+ schools around the state. Mostly tier 1 schools, outdoor learning in gardens, STEM programming targets special needs students in middle/HS as well as rural communities. They train teachers in STEM nutrition, conservation, and entrepreneurship. Schools have Farmer's Market at their schools and are encouraged to participate in local Farmers Markets, with regular engagement with local farmers. 30 outdoor STEM labs impacting approximately 17K students.

12:00 – Tahoe Rim Trail Association – In person – Backpacking camps for youth – Back Country Backpacking. All the outfitting is provided for them when they arrive, this public program is based on a sliding scale, and then partner programs with social service organizations in the community that are provided at no cost for kids in need to experience the outdoors. Trying to reach kids who have not had this experience before, over 70% of participants reported barriers to participating in the outdoors. High cost of program and gear, and lack of awareness of activities. Resources to help eliminate pressure from parents to get kids outside, including language barriers. Community chaperones utilized. The program focuses on building life skills, including journaling.

12:15 – I-School – In Person, kids presented all the different OREC activities they've done in N. NV and future trips and wanting to bring back art programs including photography. Visiting Tahoe Environmental Resource Center is a hope, and I-school has culinary class to allow for onsite lunches while learning how to cook at school. Balance technology with learning about conservation and stewardship creates more responsibility. Started in 2011. This will impact 20+ students. This school helps kids who where public school is not a good fit.

12:30 -River Wranglers – In Person, Rebecca, Est. 1994, operate in the Carson River Watershed, was originally a grassroots operation. 6 counties within watershed, 10,000+ student contact from 2022 presentations. They work with school mostly during the school year, plus community outreach. Kids learn about the watershed, nature education for where they live, trash cleanup and other stewardship. Snapshot day provides kids with the opportunity to test the water in the river on that day, test for health of water. Community volunteers from different state and local agencies for this event. Partnership with NDOW and NDEP for example.

7. TAC deliberation had a robust discussion about revising the final scores to instead partially award grants to the 3-4 larger recipients, then to allow for a broader range of funding distribution to include the Paiute Tribe (as brought forward by Andy Pasternak, Bob Potts, and Bob Mergell), Walker Basin Conservancy, the Center for Adaptive Riding), and i-school, which received a nominal grant recommendation as well. Consensus was that Together We Can was a new program and should potentially be considered for a large amount of seed funding to start their program which based off their original pilot program, Blacks in Nature, instead of funding them entirely since this was a brand new program – this could give them an opportunity to test the water for needs and costs. TAC will submit recommendations to the NDOR Administrator, Densie Beronio.

8. **Public Comment** – none

9. **Adjournment:** Amy Berry, motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dominique Etchegoyhen seconded the motion, meeting adjourned at 2:01pm

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