



RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT of TEHAMA COUNTY
2 Sutter Street, Suite D, Red Bluff, California 96080

Minutes of the
RCDTC Board Meeting
August 18, 2021 9:15 AM

Directors Present: Michael Vasey, Walt Williams, Cody McKenzie, and Tricia Parker Hamelberg via phone.

Directors Excused: J. Bramhall, A. Read, T. Stroing

Directors Unexcused: NA

Associate Directors Present: NA

Staff Present: Vicky Dawley, Kris Lamkin, Stephanie Dickerson, Riley Wills, Seronica Biggs, Chris Wagoner, Rob Rianda and Jon Barrett.

NRCS Staff Present: Mindy Nicoletti via phone

Visitors Present: None

I. Introductions

M. Vasey began the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Minutes of July 21, 2021 Board Meeting

The board reviewed and approved the minutes from July 21, 2021 Board Meeting of the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County.

Motion: W. Williams motioned to accept the minutes from the July 21st, 2021 meeting.

Second: C. McKenzie

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of the Addendum to the East Sand Slough Side Channel Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

The board and staff discussed the changes to the East Sand Slough Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document.

Motion: W. Williams motioned to approve the East Sand Slough Addendum.

Second: C. McKenzie

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

B. Revise Policy 3505: Health and Welfare Benefits

K. Lamkin explained changes and clarifications to current policy. M. Vasey called for the Board to create a subcommittee on future Benefit changes. No board members volunteered so M. Vasey offered continue to be involved.

Directors.

Motion: W. Williams motioned to approve changes and clarifications to current Benefit Policy

Second: C. McKenzie

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

C. Revise COVID Plan

J. Barrett explained current changes to the COVID policy. It is a living document as it is ever changing.

Motion: C. McKenzie motioned to approve the changes to the current COVID policy.

Second: W. Williams

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

D. Add Item “Pay Future Reforestation Contractors” to Agenda

Motion: C. McKenzie motioned to add item to agenda

Second: W. Williams

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried – Item added as Action Item E

E. Pay Future Reforestation

Some staff are concerned that Future Reforestation and other labor contractors like them may refuse to work for us in the future as we have paid them slower than their other clients such as timber companies. Staff need to be sure that contractors understand that they won't be paid until RCDTC is paid by its funders and staff will strive to get advance payment from funders in the future if possible so contractors don't have to wait so long for payment.

Motion: C. McKenzie motioned to pay the outstanding bill to Future Reforestation with stipulations made clear that this is a "one-time" event that will not happen again.

Second: W. Williams

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

V. Finance Reports

Kris explained Financial Reports.

Motion: W. Williams moved to approve the Finance Reports.

Second: C. McKenzie

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

VI. Warrants orders to be paid in August

Motion: C. McKenzie moved to approve warrants for August.

Second: W. Williams

Vote: Unanimous – Motion Carried

VII. Discussion/Report Item:

A. NRCS Staff Report

- Mindy Nicoletti is filling in as District Conservationist until the position is filled.
- Mindy reported that September is the end of NRCS's fiscal year.
- V. Dawley inquired about the Wildfire Recovery Grant.
- Mindy will arrange for Erin (RCD) to go in the field with Andrew, the NRCS Area Forester to get training on NRCS programs to help landowners affected by wildfire.

B. RCDTC Housing

- C. McKenzie says that we have discovered grant that may work to purchase a building. J. Barrett clarified that he has contacted the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) regarding potential grants for housing, that is the grant that C. McKenzie mentioned. The SNC is willing to meet with RCDTC to discuss grant options and may assist with writing a proposal.

C. District Manager Report

J. Barrett reviewed the District Manager report that was included in the board packet.

D. RCDTC Staff Reports

Staff updated the board on subjects in their Staff Reports that were included in the board packet.

E. Other Report

None.

F. Board of Directors Comments

M. Vasey sees a need to help people figure out their wells going dry.

VIII. Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: September 15th, 2021 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Dickerson, Project Coordinator

Anne Read, Board Secretary

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