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**BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday August 29 2023, at 6:00 pm

- 1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 5:58 by Jim Drew. Directors present: Jim Drew, Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman, Reed Hamilton, and Linda Miller . Associates: Alana Fowler and Robert Ingram. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik
- 2. **Introductions:** No Introductions.
- 3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Jo Ann Fites Kaufman; Approved 4-0.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes from the July 11, 2023, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for July 2023.

*Jo Ann Fites Kaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton Approved 4-0.*

- 5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comment.
- 6. **Correspondence:** News articles included in mailed board package. Planning Department letter presented announcing a project on Polaris Drive. A letter
- 7. **NRCS Director Report:** Pamela Hertzler reported that NRCS has obligated 3 new Forestry Applications and one cropland project bringing their yearly total obligations to \$1,635453.00. The new funding should be announced October first.
- 8. **NCRCD Director Reports:** Reed Hamilton announced that he had his first request for the Min-Till Drill and wanted to coordinate with NRCS to see what practices were available in EQIP. Jo Ann Fites Kaufman reported that she helped man the NRCS booth at the fair and talked about the dynamics of the event. She also talked about a site visit in Floristan and possibly holding a prescribed fire education there. Attended an informal field meeting with Truckee Fire, OES, Supervisor Hardy Bullock to hear about a fuel break near Floristan that may include burn and to talk about possibilities of fuel break near Truckee, and the inclusion of our Truckee Board Supervisor Hardy Bullock. Jo Ann also reported on an informal Wood Products grant seminar she attended. Discussion about the board attending a demonstration of the air-curtain-burner and the status of local projects.
- 9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne reported on office activities including preparing for Farm Day and the COY dinner and asked for help developing the guest list. The staff announced the upcoming "Collaboration Day" event being hosted by the County. Board invited to attend.

Briana reported on the multiple Grants and Revenue including:

- **Cal-Fire-CEQA grant**
  - Visited property with Peter Walden, who is doing our CEQA reporting in house. Next steps:
    - Tree flagging for 3 acre conversion
    - Biologist visit this week or next week
    - Grading permit through the county for Emergency Access Road
    - Develop Request for Proposal policy and add for bid
    - Begin Project Management
- **SALC Grant**
  - MOU and letter of support created and presented to Board of Supervisors on 8/22
  - Grant feedback provided—just a few additions to make
  - Currently working on budget, scope of work and letters of support
  - Full proposal to be submitted by Sept 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **Roots-Point Blue Conservation Health Soils/Wildlife Management Grant-Proposal accepted**
  - Working on budget
    - Primary budget will be for Conservation Program Manager
    - Community projects and private land owner projects
- **Climate Transformation Alliance Group with Truckee**
  - Community grant in progress to help draw down funding for Forest Health Funding-amount and project TBD
- **Livestock Fire Mitigation Management Grant through Nevada County-\$75,000 tbd**
  - Proposal in process for management of livestock management contracts with local ranchers
- **Cal-Fire Prevention Grant-Denied.**

Briana also talked about progress posting the opening for a Conservation Program Manager and interviewing a new Communications Consultant and a Regenerative Agriculture Technical Advisor. Talk about a personnel committee meeting to go over next steps. A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package.

10. **New Business:**

- A. Discussion and possible approval of a replacement purchase of an office vehicle. Jim Drew moved to approve a vehicle purchase with a \$30,000 cap. Linda Miller second. Approved 4-0**
- B. Discussion and possible approval of a resolution to remove surplus electronic equipment. Jim Drew moved to approve removal of surplus electronic equipment. Linda Miller second. Approved 4-0**
- C. Discussion and possible approval of resolution approving SALC Grant before Grant submittal September 8. Jim Drew moved to approve a resolution to approve the application for SALC Grant before Grant submittal date of September 8, 2023. Linda Miller second. Approved 4-0**
- D. Discussion and possible approval of new Board Director positions. Discussion and tabled for a future meeting.**

11. **Old Business:**

**A. Discussion about the Min-Till Drill. Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman moved to approve the sale and removal of the Min-Till Drill. Jim Drew second. Approved 4-0**

**12. Announcements:**

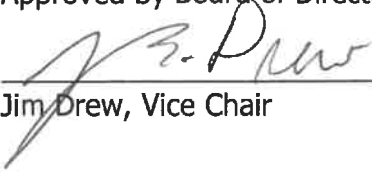
Next Regular Board meeting – October 10, 2023 at 6pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik August 29, 2023.

  
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Approved by Board of Directors on 10/10/2023

  
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Jim Drew, Vice Chair

