



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday April 11, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew. Directors present: Linda Miller, Reed Hamilton, Jim Drew, and JoAnn Fites-Kaufman. Associates: Robert Ingram, Alana Fowler. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik
2. **Introductions:** Pamela Hertzler, District Conservationist for Nevada County NRCS, Tony Romero, Nevada County Ag Commissioner's office.
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Jo Ann Fites Kaufman moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton; Approved 4-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the March 14, 2023, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for April 2023.

Jo Ann Fites Kaufman moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 4-0.

5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comment.
6. **Correspondence:** Anne Solik pointed out printouts of information mail on table. Condolence cards for Ron Knaus and Karen Baldwin presented for signatures.
7. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Briana Bacon detailed items listed in her presented Director's Report. Highlights included

Pamela Hertzler reported on EQIP projects and future plans for two new hires for a Forester and a Soil Conservationist. Pamela and Valerie Bullard will be attending the Food and Farm Conference and sharing a table with the RCD.

8. **NCRCD Director Reports:**

Reed Hamilton reported on the progress of repairing the Min Till Drill and the complexities of trying to schedule during an epic rain year. Tony Romero talked about a possible suitable placement with a multi-county equipment rental service. Anne will order the missing parts and ideas for re-direction of the drill will be presented at next meeting.

Jim Drew and Linda Miller talked about the upcoming Scholarship Evening event, Linda Miller volunteered to sit at a table for the event. Jo Ann Fites Kaufman talked about progress being made with the CEQA grants and coordinating with UC Extension workshops and a Burn Plan Workshop, as well as upcoming CalFire Prescribed Burn Workshop set for April 27th. She is also working on a flowchart for instructions on how and when to apply for

a permit for Prescribed burns. Jo Ann also talked about starting to recruit a Program Manager to handle the incoming prescribed fire grants. Briana and Jo Anne will be attending a Prescribed burn at the Kramer Ranch on 4/14 and invited interested board members to attend.

10. **New Business:**

A. Update of Point Blue "ROOTS" Grant support approved in July 2022. Report letter by Point Blue staff.

B. Discussion and possible approval of upgrading office computers not to exceed \$12,000. Discussion about equipment. **Jo Ann Fites Kaufman moved to approve upgrading office computers not to exceed \$12,000. Second by Jim Drew. Approved 4-0.**

9. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion possible decision regarding supporting Chicago Park School: #1 Water for Children's Food Garden \$7,726.56 and #2 Fencing \$39,179. Discussion about the types of fencing that could be used for the project, Jim Drew will present alternatives at the next board meeting in May.

B. Resolution 2023-09 approving the application for "CAL-Fire Climate Investments 2021-2022". Discussion. **Reed Hamilton moved to approve Resolution 2023-09 approving the application for "Cal-Fire Climate Investments 2021-2022", Second by Jo Ann Fites Kaufman. Approved 4-0.**

11. **Announcements:**

Next Regular Board meeting – May 9, 2023 at 6pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik April 11, 2023.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____ 5-9-23

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David Barhydt, Chair


Jim Drew, Vice chair