



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:04 pm by Robert Ingram
Directors present: David Barhydt, Patti Kiehl, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg, Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Jan Blake
Guest: Jason Jackson
2. **Introductions:** No introductions were made.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Dave Barhydt moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Jim Drew, Approved 4-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** Jim Drew asked why the discussion of purchasing a table for the Farm to Fork dinner wasn't on the Agenda. Board was informed that at the last meeting they decided to postpone discussion/approval until more information was provided by Farm Bureau. No new information had been provided. The Union newspaper posted the opening for Sue Hoek's Board position. Staff received a call from a Truckee resident interested in applying for the position, a retired lawyer named "Bob". He was told to contact BOS for an application. Linda Miller's application had already been submitted.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President's Report:** Refer to Item 12a for report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Robert Ingram consulted on the Nevada Union High School's Forest Health Project regarding removal of trees on campus. NU also consulted with an Arborist, and the Arborist contacted the RCD to help with tree purchases (60 – 80 conifers). They would like to plant trees before summer. Jim Drew gave them a list of recommended species, he also stated that if they plant them before summer, they will most likely die. Jim and Darlene Moberg are concerned with the number of trees they already have on campus and feel we need to look at NU's request a little more. NU removed 50 – 60 trees. RCD is hosting 4 candidates for Range Camp from Bear River, Nevada Union, and Forest Lake. They will attend the RCD's Board meeting in July to communicate what they learned and the benefits of continuing the program.
8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.
9. **Grassland Committee:** No update.

10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A written report was included in the Board packet. Staff completed the, "Irrigation Water Management Guide: Sierra Nevada Foothills" in partnership with Placer County RCD and engineer Kirsten Losse. This brochure will be handed out at the upcoming Irrigation workshop on May 19th and will also be posted online.

R&B is working to complete the upgrade to our website and updating its software. Quote not to exceed \$2,000 regardless of work.

M&M Reforestation completed the final cleaning of Condon Park at the RCD's expense (\$800). A letter stating the maintenance of the Park is now in their hands will be mailed to the City of Grass Valley.

Staff walked the Arboretum in Condon Park to see if it might be a viable project. It is in disrepair, but the area is small and would be a good project for 4-H or the Scouts.

Ad ran in the Nevada County Grown Guide, they want to partner on a new "Farm Trails" program. A meeting is scheduled for May 17.

We received the bill for \$983 for our half of Mulch Madness last year from NID.. NID wants to partner again and place the mulch in the fairgrounds arena for pickup by the community (no vouchers).

Nevada City School of the Arts contacted RCD about a land management program and would like help with funding reforestation and erosion issues. Teachers just received training in a new FireWise program and want to start a bio-diversity study showing managed land versus non-managed land. Not sure how to fund, if it's a viable project, or if public would have access.

Anne and Robert are working on a "Fire in Western Nevada County" booklet updating information in past publications and adding lots of photos. Sabrina is proofing and will present at a future meeting.

RCD and NRCS shared a table at the Community Wildfire Preparedness event Saturday May 6th. Staff handed out only two AVP forms.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** No report.

12. **Old Business:**

a. **Update on Lions Lake Project (Jan Blake):** Work was started last Monday April 31st. They plan to complete by May 19th. Lake is drained. All is going well. The Fairgrounds are getting calls from concerned citizens with questions about the geese, runoff, mine tailings, etc. Culvert is being installed and rock being placed around lake. Fish and other wildlife all doing fine through all the changes. A flyer for benches and other improvements to go out to community soon. Anne will be CC'd by Jan on future contacts about the project.

13. **New Business:**

a. **Board discussion and approval of Documentary Volume III:** Motion to discuss the value of a third DVD by Jim Drew and seconded by Dave Barhydt. Quote from film-maker in board packet. Jan Blake presented the idea of a third DVD with the content to be focused on 4H and FFA children. Robert and Darlene didn't like the PBS version of Working Lands Volume II. It was felt that perhaps we should

wait a year and then discuss again. It may be that the DVDs have run their course and may not be worth the price tag, but it is important to highlight good activities that the kids are doing in agriculture. This is our future. Jan mentioned the second segment of Volume II will show more. All agree with taking a year off and then to discuss again. **Robert moved to postpone further discussion until after the 2nd airing of Volume II on PBS. All agreed.**

b. **Board discussion and vote for LAFCo Special District Member:** Board discussed and voted for LAFCo Special District Member. Susan Hoek wrote in and asked for the Board to support Nick Wilcox. General discussion. **Jim Drew moved to vote for Nick Wilcox. Second by Dave Barhydt.. Approved 2-0-2 with Robert Ingram and Patti Kiehl abstaining.**

c. **Annual Staff Reviews:** (Closed Session)

14. **Announcements:** none

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Closed session began at 7:11

Closed session ended at 7:40

Regular meeting restarted at 7:41.


It was decided that Sabrina is in charge of all facets of the RCD and that all future projects with Jan will go through Sabrina first. The Board all agrees Anne and Sabrina are doing a great job.

Regular meeting ended at 7:59

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik May 10, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on 6-18-18



Robert Ingram, President