



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 3:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 3:00 pm by Dave Barhydt
Directors present: Robert Ingram, Patti Kiehl, David Barhydt, Jim Drew
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** No introductions were made
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Patti Kiehl made a comment about a mis-spelling in the last line on page one of the minutes – “wasn’t” should be corrected to ‘was’. ***Robert Ingram moved to approve Consent Agenda with modification to Minutes. Second by Jim Drew. Approved 4-0.***
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President’s Report:** Dave Barhydt stated now that he is Board President, there are ideas about changes that he’d like work on in the future. He also attended the Farm Show (World Ag Expo in Tulare, CA). He met with staff from other RCDs who are pursuing healthy soils programs and feels we should look into that too.
7. **Education, Outreach, & Scholarship Committee:** Jim Drew talked about two contestants from Nevada Union, and how disheartening it was that Bear River again did not have any contestants show up even though they had submitted their speeches for consideration and the contest date was moved to accommodate them. Anna Woodall won 1st place and will receive a prize of \$250, Isabella Votino won 2nd place and will receive \$150. Their next contest is on February 15th at Nevada Union High School.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Robert reported that he is still looking for a place for the air curtain burner. Discussion about potential barriers to the air curtain burner, such as air inversion, CEQA, personnel, ash removal, and permits. More research is needed. Patti Kiehl requested a cost breakdown, e.g. transportation costs, loader cost, operator costs, etc.
9. **Grassland Committee:** No update.
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A written report was included in the Board packet. Staff will attend an upcoming webinar Thursday, March 14th, on CAL FIRE’s Biomass Dead Tree Estimator

webtool; the County's disaster evacuation plans are being updated and they would like to possibly collaborate with us on our "Fire in the Foothills" guide. It was decided that it would be best to hold off printing the guides until we get all the updates that we can from partnering agencies.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** A written report was available on the table. Pamela Hertzler discussed the complexity of the government shutdown and not being able to share details of the new farm bill with the public. Potential EQIP applicant names and phone numbers are being taken while staff waits for the Fam Bill to be finalized. Pam suggested Evan Smith could speak about EQIP at the upcoming "Wilder than Wild" event. Pam also announced that Chris Robbins, who recently moved up from Vacaville, is the new District Conservationist for the Auburn field office.

12. **Old Business:** No Old Business

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board discussion and possible action regarding reimbursing Farm Bureau for 2019 Ag Tour buses:** Bids to rent buses for the upcoming Ag Tour were reviewed and discussed. *Jim Drew moved to pay for the most expensive bus. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0.*
- b. **Board discussion and possible action regarding cancelling printer lease & service contracts:** Sabrina talked about our current printer contracts with Cannon and Ray Morgan. Staff felt misled regarding the actual cost for the leased printer. It is actually costing approximately \$75 more a month than the original agreement. Discussed cost of a new printer for purchase. Sabrina will bring cost comparisons to next meeting. *Robert Ingram moved that we discontinue Cannon Lease and purchase a new printer. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 4-0.*

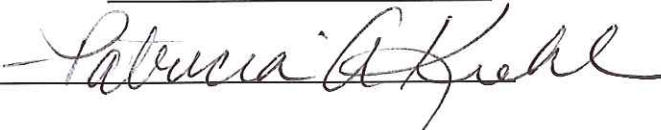
14. **Announcements:** Wilder than Wild documentary event on March 6th. Next Board meeting March 12th.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik February 12, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____

signed for DB 
David Barhydt, President