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Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:03 pm by President Susan Hoek

Directors present: Susan Hoek, David Barhydt, Patti Kiehl, Robert Ingram

Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg, Jim Drew, Linda Miller

Staff present: Jan Blake, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler

2. **Introductions:** None.

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Moved to approve Consent Agenda by Robert Ingram. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 4-0.*

4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None.

5. **Correspondence:** Copy of Robert Ingram's letter to the Editor of the Union.

6. **President's Report:** Kudos to all of us. People in the community are getting to know our name. Editing of the DVD for PBS was great. A woman who saw the PBS version said she'd like to volunteer for our organization.

7. **Education Committee:** Linda Miller reported that the committee met and Jan did an amazing job with Farm Day. Twenty-five (25) stations, kids learning, and having a great time. Discussed seminar topics: Firewise Landscaping with animals, bees, fruit, drought, bats, raptors, irrigation workshop, ponds, pollinators, and Mulch Madness. Still working on "Know Where Your Water Comes From" with Nevada Irrigation District and "Tree Mortality and Bark Beetle Workshop" with Robert Ingram.

8. **Forestry Committee:** Robert reported that he has a possible new project for us. The City of Grass Valley contacted him regarding the bark beetle issue at Condon Park. We could do a Management Plan/Showcase on how to manage your stand that looks very similar to our current Condon Park project. The "True Fir Forest" stand is heavily infected. Plenty of educational things that can be done. The City would like either Robert or us to take the lead.

9. **Grassland Committee:** David Barhydt reported everyone's waiting for it to rain. Had to irrigate some dryland pasture.

10. **NCRC D Activity Report:** Jan Blake provided a full written report in the board packet.

- Roger Ingram will be the guest of honor at the 2017 Conservation Dinner. He is retiring in June 2017. Conservation Dinner will be February 28th. Jason is working on a slideshow presentation but we need more pictures of Roger.
- Farm Day was great. We spent \$5,248 on a variety of things. We received \$1,600 in donations. Received "Thank You" notes from three of the classes. Dan Miller, President of the current Board of Supervisor's, attended.
- Lots of kudos on the film - Maria Brower, retired manager of the Doris Foley historical branch of the county library, editor of the county historical society's newsletter, and founder of the county genealogical society, is making her next book for Arcadia Publishing about 17 historic ranching/farming families.
- We were contacted by Julia Stidham, Advertising Director with the Union, regarding the future idea of an Ag publication about Nevada County agriculture. She is looking forward to getting a focus group meeting with ranchers to discuss ideas.
- Still working on PayPal. There is a whole binder to keep track of everything.
- Twenty-nine (29) requests for the Min-Till Drill totaling 77.25 acres.
- Two hundred and thirty (230) requests for Advisory Visit Program visits totaling 3,629 acres to date.
- Jan gave multiple presentations to various community groups which is getting our name out there.
- We received our property tax allocation for this year - \$228,000. Was \$217,000 last year. It fluctuates according to property values.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pamela Hertzler supplied a written report. She loved Farm Day and also noted that they are actively taking applications for Tree Mortality under EQIP.

12. **Old Business:**

- a. No old business

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board approval to amend resolution to open bank account for PayPal, reflecting the named staff to access the account: *David Barhydt moved to approve Jan Blake and Sabrina Nicholson for access to the new checking account. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 4-0.***

15. **Announcements:** The next meeting will be November 8th. Staff will be showcasing a "Year in Review" of the RCD accomplishments in 2016. It will be a scaled down meeting with no Old or New Business or committee reports. Everyone bring an appetizer to share!

Regular meeting ended at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Nicholson October 20, 2016.



Approved by Board of Directors on 11/8/16



Susan Hoek, President