



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:02 pm by Susan Hoek
Directors present: Robert Ingram, Jim Drew, Patti Kiehl, Susan Hoek, David Barhydt
Associate Director present: Linda Miller
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Jan Blake
2. **Introductions:** Sue Hoek Introduced Dr. Kate Wilkin, Forestry/Fire Science and Natural Resources Advisor for UC Cooperative Extension Sutter, Yuba, Butte, and Nevada counties.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Robert Ingram moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 5-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** Debby Totoonchie with the Nevada County Farm Bureau asked the board to attend the Wild and Scenic Film Festival's presentation titled "The Future of Ag in our Community" hoping that our attendance will bring a needed presence of the local Ag community. She added that she would like the Ag community to be more involved in local meetings centering on water, NID, and the Centennial Reservoir - issues that the Ag community needs to be represented.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Staff provided a copy of a CDFA Advisory Panel on healthy soil and a Land-Use Viewer. Information available upon request.

Additional Seminar information:
Seminar 1: Kate Wilkins - Where Fire is Working
Seminar 2: Kelly Weintraub – Wildlife on the PCT
Seminar 3: Stacy Knuedeler, Fire Advice to Help Keep Your Homeowner's Insurance
Seminar 4: Bonnie Bradt, "Wasps - Friend, Foe, or Both?"
Sabrina will be attending a class on transitioning from staff to supervisor and Anne will attend a class on Microsoft Excel.
8. **Forestry Committee** Robert Ingram attended local meetings, mentioning local mindset banking on wetter winters rather than preparation. When asked about bark beetle progression,

Robert replied, it's slowing and taking its natural course. Asked about Co-Gen, Robert replied PG&E is not interested; they are trying to keep wattage down.

9. **Grassland Committee:** No update.

10. **NCRC Activity Report:** A full written report was provided in the board packet. There is a new format for COY invitations saving about \$100 from last year, and \$200 on the Annual report. The website will need to have upgraded software and partially rebuilt. Board agreed that the more cost-effective upgrade was preferable. RCD is partnering with Kate Wilkin and her workshop at the Board of Supervisors chamber, setting up a fair of vendors, and supplying \$100 for food; partnering with NID and PCRC on an irrigation workshop and a mulch giveaway; and partnering with PCRC on an irrigation guide that will be utilized in many ways. NCRC will also attend the Sustainable Food & Farm Conference in February, distributing brochures and selling hats, DVDs, and t-shirts. Getting rid of out-dated old surplus property. It was mentioned to recycle, send camera's to Nevada Union High School, and water monitoring equipment to Wolf Creek Alliance.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** A written report was provided by Pamela Hertzler. Pam mentioned that the USDA moved up her schedule to complete the first batching cycle to January 11. They're hosting a Riparian Restoration Workshop January 29th at the Ford Ranch in Penn Valley. Her new farm Bill Assistant, Peggy Holbrook, is working out great. She talked about tighter schedules for NRCS contracts.

12. **Old Business:**

- a. **Lion's Lake project update:** The project is moving forward. CA Fish and Wildlife wants to modify permit to include two trees to be removed from riparian area and to complete the project within a year. Project slated to start in March and be completed 9 months later and to cost around \$140,000.

15. **New Business:**

- a. **Board nomination and vote for Board President & Vice-President:** General discussion. *Jim Drew moved to appoint Robert Ingram as Board President. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 5-0.*
Patti Kiehl moved to appoint David Barhydt as Board Vice President. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 5-0.
- b. **Committee member assignments:** Robert Ingram and Patti Kiehl as Forestry Committee; Dave Barhydt and Madison Easley for Grasslands Committee; Jim Drew, Darleen Moberg and Linda Miller for the Education Committee.
- c. **Discussion and approval of new Resolution regarding Workers' Comp Coverage for Governing Board Members and/or Volunteers:** The insurance company presented an opportunity to cover Board members for Workman's Comp during Board-approved activities. Further information will be provided at next meeting.

- d. **Discussion and approval of new computer to replace dead one:** Reviewed comparative costs to replace Anne's 8 year-old computer that completely died. Found a cost-effective replacement through Dell. ***Susan Hoek moved to approve the purchase of a new computer not to exceed \$1,700. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 5-0.***

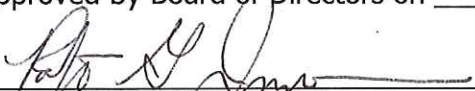
15. **Announcements:** Susan Hoek asked Kate Wilkin to speak about what she is working on in Nevada County. Kate responded that she is working on a silviculture demonstration area near Spaulding Lake. Debby Totoonchie mentioned that Nancy Weber is retiring from the NID Board of Directors and we should spread the word to look for a good replacement.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik January 11, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on 2/13/18



Robert Ingram, President