



## **BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday April 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:02 pm by Robert Ingram  
Directors present: David Barhydt, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram  
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley, Linda Miller, Darlene Moberg  
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Jan Blake
2. **Introductions:** No introductions.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Dave Barhydt Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):**
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President's Report:** Robert Ingram mentioned that he wrote an article for the Union titled "Scotch Broom: The Ugly Truth". It hasn't been published in the paper yet.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** We sent out letters to schools and several agencies for the opportunity to send a student to Range Camp sponsored by RCD. There has as yet been no response. It was suggested to contact 4-H and the kids on the Resources teams and to post it on Facebook.
8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.
9. **Grassland Committee:** Grass is growing and so are the weeds. Filaree is not as heavy this year but the foxtails are. Grass clippings at SFREC were around 1,000 lbs. Dave Barhydt attended NID's field testing of organic herbicides and different mechanical methods of weed control and watched the steam sprayer in action. He mentioned it was slow but effective, but worried about sterilization of the soil and said it does not work on blackberries.
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** Activity report on file.  
Staff will pick up the plants April 22 for the Plant & Seedling Giveaway being held on April 23rd. Next year will consider partnering with another organization to avoid costly delivery charges.  
The Irrigation Fair at NID has been postponed due to lack of interested vendors.  
There will be an Irrigated Pasture Management Workshop held on Sue Hoek's ranch on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 11:30 am. RCD will provide light breakfast items.

Albaugh Bookkeeping Service is closing its doors and re-opening as Becky's Bookkeeping Service. RCD will continue using this service.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** A written report was submitted by Josue Gandia-Rivera (acting NRCS District Conservationist). Eighteen EQIP applications were submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> batching period, most of the applications are for Forestry projects. Third batching period coming up June 22<sup>nd</sup>. NRCS will have a booth for the Sierra College Earth Day Event, sharing information about the agency, internship opportunities, and the earth team volunteer program.

12. **Old Business:**

a. **Update on Lions Lake Project (Jan Blake):** The project has been slow in making progress due to wet weather and fairground activities. Sue Hoek asked why they are planning to work near the spring area. Robert Ingram replied that a culvert is plugged and they want to clean it to help water to move into the lake. Once they clean out the slough, the spring will feed into the lake. Robinson is hiring a long-arm excavator to clean out the center of the lake resulting in a deeper lake to promote better habitat. Jan Blake also mentioned that she will be applying for a grant to move the water pump to the spring house, but likely that project won't happen until next year.

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board review and approval of new Min-Till rates:** Dave Barhydt talked about having to raise fee on the delivery of the Drill because it has been taking over two hours to instruct and load the drill for every delivery. He'd like to raise the fee from a \$35 an hour service to a flat \$100 for pickup and delivery. ***Jim Drew moved to make a pickup and delivery fee of \$100 for 1<sup>st</sup> hour and \$50 for subsequent hours. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 3-0.***
- b. **Board discussion and approval of payment for potential Range Camp registrants:** Discussions about reaching applicants. Board asked Staff to reach out to 4-H and Natural Resources students. Jim Drew received a text from Katie Alling about two potential students looking to apply. ***David Barhydt moved to pay for as many students as apply. Second by Jim Drew.*** General discussion. David Barhydt amended his motion. ***David Barhydt moved to pay for a maximum of 4 students to attend Range Camp. Second by John Drew. Approved 3-0.***
- c. **Board discussion to purchase a table for 8 for the Nevada County Farm Bureau's Farm to Fork dinner NTE \$1,200:** Brief discussion. Event will be at the Fairgrounds on Treat Street. Discussion postponed until we get more information on the event.
- d. **Board discussion and approval of paying for 2 buses for the Agriculture Tour June 2018:** Discussion on reserving two mini busses for the Ag Tour. There was discussion of the route and the accessibility of parking. Tour will be start at Nightingale Farms goats; 2. Dinner Bell (Bierwagen) pigs; 3. Dinner Bell flowers; 4. Back Breaking Acres hops and bees; then possibly Mountoliva for wine tasting. The areas not easily accessible to large buses; may have to walk to various

locations. **Jim Drew moved to postpone this item until the next meeting. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 3-0.**

- e. **Board discussion and approval of Documentary Volume III:** A quote from Matthew Gottschalk presented information for a potential (and final) DVD. She would like this documentary to focus on the future of agriculture through 4-H, livestock auction at the Fair, Farm Day, and Sierra Harvest. The quote had been superseded but not provided to staff. Jan will e-mail information to all Board members for the next board meeting. No action taken at this time.

**14. Announcements:**

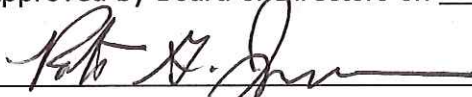
- Seminar – Discover the Fun of Natural Fibers (Foothill Fibers Guild) – April 19, 2018
- Town Hall Meeting on Guns and 2nd amendment – April 20, 2018
- Seminar – Update on Nevada County Biomass Facility (Steve Eubanks) – May 3, 2018
- Next Board Meeting – May 8, 2018

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik April 11, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on 5-8-18



Robert Ingram, President