



## **BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday September 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:03 pm by President Robert Ingram  
Directors present: Dave Barhydt, Patti Kiehl, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram  
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley, Darlene Moberg  
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 4-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** None
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** There are extra articles on the table.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Jim Drew talked about the upcoming Farm Day and Sabrina Nicholson mentioned meeting with NU and Bear River students to talk about their roles at the event. Sabrina mentioned being disappointed that none of the students are using this experience as their senior project.
8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.
9. **Grassland Committee:** No report.
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:**

The county announced that Board Directors Patti Kiehl and Dave Barhydt's terms were expiring this year and posted notices that the public can apply for their seats. Both Patti and Dave agreed to follow through with their paperwork to apply for new terms.

The Auditors from Robert Johnson CPA office just completed their annual visit and will soon be reporting on their findings. They will make one recommendation; the District needs to find other revenue sources or decrease expenditures in order to sustain cash reserves. The board agreed to talk about the cash reserves at the next Board meeting. The Auditors also made the observation that it could possibly be seen as a conflict of interest for Dave Barhydt to receive

any money for the rental of the Minimum-Till Drill. The board agreed that there are no profits after insurance, maintenance, and storage of the drill.

A new printer is going to be leased from our current printer service contractor and will cost us less than our current rate (including the leased printer) by about \$2. The old printer is no longer printing color correctly and will be recycled. A used cabinet was purchased to house the new printer.

Board discussed final cleanup of Condon Park and interpretation of the contract. RCD received an \$800 bill from M&M Reforestation for cleaning Condon Park stating they were directed to do so by Jan Blake. The board asked Sabrina to check with Jan to see if she authorized this work before agreeing to pay the bill.

The Monarch Seminar Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> with the Xerces Society went well. There was a short discussion about the costs and a rundown of what went well and how to improve for the next seminar. It was suggested to hold the entire seminar at the creek, using handouts instead of PowerPoint presentations, and invite guests to bring their own lunches, with RCD supplying water and snacks.

Farm Day planning is under way, with BYLT, Robinson Enterprise's, and Nevada County Grown dropping out.

Discussion about whether or not Sabrina should attend the all-day Agricultural Water Quality Coalition meeting on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> and the California Water Quality Monitoring Council meeting in Sacramento, Tuesday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that it was not necessary for her to attend the AWQC meeting, but the Board decided the CWQMC meeting is worth attending.

#### 11. **NRCS Activity Report:**

In 2018, the office obligated 37 contracts at 1.2 million dollars, and that surpasses last year by \$200,000.

The next Central Sierra CARCD meeting will be held Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> in Tahoe and she will be attending.

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

#### 13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board discussion and approval of contracting Jan Blake as an Independent Contractor:** Discussion of hiring Jan Blake for special projects at \$90 an hour, the same as Jason Jackson. She will present ideas to the board for approval before moving forward. *Jim Drew moved to approve a contract with Jan Blake at a rate of \$90 per hour plus mileage. Second by David Barhydt. Approved 4-0.*
- b. **Board discussion and approval of reimbursement to Nevada County Farm Bureau for rental of two Ag Tour busses:** General discussion. *Patti Kiehl moved to reimburse Farm Bureau \$3,000 for Ag Tour busses. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 4-0.*

- c. **Board discussion and approval of partnering with PCRCD on an Erosion Control Certification workshop:** Dave Barhydt would like us to partner with Placer County RCD to host a workshop for Sediment and Erosion Control Certification for those belonging to a watershed coalition. We would need to pay for a trainer from Tehama County (about \$1,100) and a venue. It would be a 3 hour workshop and everyone would receive certification after completion. The savings would equate to over \$1,500 for the participants. Dave is meeting with the Executive Director of Placer County RCD on September 18<sup>th</sup> and will present his findings at our next board meeting. ***Dave Barhydt moved to partner with PCRCD on an Erosion Control Certification workshop and help pay for all associated costs. Second by Jim Drew. Approved 4-0.***
  
- d. **Board discussion and approval of two letters of support for Nevada Irrigation District (NID):** The first letter is support for NID's Scott's Flat Fire Fuels Treatment grant. One concern was maintenance of the area after the grant is finished. NID assured us they were creating a programmatic plan that will schedule follow-up treatment, including mechanical mastication and hand crews at appropriate intervals. Robert would like to add a list of recommendations to the letter. ***Dave Barhydt moved to approve sending a letter of support to NID regarding the Scott's Flat Fire Fuels Treatment grant with recommendations. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 4-0.***

The second letter of support is for NID's Raw Water Master Plan. NID has hired a facilitator to help develop a Raw Water Master Plan. It was felt that it would be beneficial to the community to support NID in undertaking this plan. ***Jim Drew moved to approve a letter in support of NID's Raw Water Master Plan. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 4-0.***
  
- e. **Discussion and approval of donation to Placer Nevada Cattlemen's Beef /Quilt Raffle to benefit their Youth in Agriculture scholarship:** It turns out that the expiration date had passed. No action was needed.
  
- f. **Discussion and approval of donation to UC Sierra Foothills Research and Extension Center (SFREC)'s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Beef & Range Field Day:** Maddison Easley noted that this is their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Beef & Range Field Day and that in the past, SFREC has absorbed the costs. The event puts 4-H and FFA students in touch with researchers and scientists and is a great opportunity for the kids. ***Robert Ingram moved to discuss support for SFREC 's Range & Field Day event. Second by Dave Barhydt. Jim Drew moved to amend the motion to sponsor SFREC's Range & Field Day event at the Gold Sponsorship level. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 4-0.***

14. **Announcements:** Robinson Enterprises donated several boulders to the Lions Lake project. A Placer County RCD Board member asked Dave Barhydt if he would be willing to loan the min-till drill for a project in Placer County. Dave suggests that we use this as a test case to encourage Placer RCD to purchase their own. Discussion to continue at next Board meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik September 13, 2018.

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Approved by Board of Directors on 11/13/18  
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Robert Ingram, President