



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Wednesday March 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 5:59 pm by Robert Ingram
Directors present: Robert Ingram, David Barhydt, Patti Kiehl
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley and Linda Miller
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Jan Blake, Josue Gandia-Rivera
2. **Introductions:** Introduction of Josue Gandia-Rivera, acting NRCS D.C.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Dave Barhydt moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Patti Kiehl, Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** No report.
8. **Forestry Committee:** No report.
9. **Grassland Committee:** No update.
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** Staff purchased a lovely Campfire cake and a plate of cupcakes from the 4-H Cake Auction totaling \$300. Cake and cupcakes were brought to the NCRCD office. Event was well attended and a good time had by all.

On March 9, over 1,000 seedlings left over from a Placer County Seedling giveaway event were brought up and an impromptu giveaway was held at our NCRCD office. The event was advertised on KNCO Radio and email blasts as well as signs placed on local corners. The event was monitored by Maddison Easley and Kirsten Losse for over 8 hours, giving away tree seedlings and offering advice to customers. Placer RCD thanked us for the event to help disburse the extra seedlings.

The Conservation Dinner was successfully held on March 6. Planning for the 2018 75th event was discussed mentioning: changing date to June, ideas for a different venue, and new caterer. Two caterers were mentioned that had a price range of \$12 - \$18 a head, Guy Selleck and Tom Stanley (Bill's Chuckwagon).

There have been requests for another Conservation Easement seminar. Discussed partnering with Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT). Concerns were that in the past, BYLT was selective in who they chose for these easements and there was a lack of land maintenance. It was mentioned that leadership in BYLT was changing and that perhaps the new leadership might be more receptive to changes. Jan said that FarmLink may be a better partner for this event. Staff will meet with BYLT to see how they would run such an event.

FireSafe Council is holding a Community Wildfire Preparedness Day, Saturday May 5 2018, noon to 4pm. NRCS is planning to attend this event and would like to borrow RCD's display boards and laminator to prepare materials for this event.

Senate Bill 88 letter was forwarded from Pam Hertzler. This bill states that you must report amount of water diverted for your stock pond in 2017 by April 1, 2018 with a \$500 a day fine for not reporting. Staff will forward the information to the Farm Bureau.

Curtis Tarver, NRCS Area State Conservationist – would like to partner with NRCS on some sort of program for the area with funds ranging from \$25k – \$50k possibly for thinning, clearing, or park clearing.

Staff met with former board member Lew Sitzer now running the Nevada County Media Center. Mr. Sitzer expressed a desire to run both Working Lands I & II on local television and offered a tour of the studio.

Jan Blake mentioned because she is turning 65, the health insurance premiums savings will lower by about \$1,000 a month.

David Bayhydt said that FFA was very busy, not sure if they are still interested in building display boxes for eggs and museum things.

11. NRCS Activity Report: A written report was submitted by Josue Gandia-Rivera (acting NRCS District Conservationist). Josue reported that NRCS is in their 2nd batching cycle. He will be filling in for Pamela Hertzler until May. Josue also mentioned that they have a Conservation Stewardship program paying up to \$20k a year for maintaining good NRCS standard conservation practices, and so far they don't have anyone signing up for this program. NRCS is also going to attend an outreach program at Sierra College in April, and another event coming up soon with Nevada County Grown to highlight High Tunnels and programs through NRCS. It was also mentioned that there would be a Cover Crop Workshop coming up March 28 (NRCS partnering with Xerces Society & Point Blue) at the Mueller Ranch in Woodland. Staff will attend.

12. Old Business:

- a. **Update on Lions Lake Project (Jan Blake):** Will discuss with Item A in New Business.

13. New Business:

- a. **Board review and approval for Lions Lake project contractor:** Two bids were received by staff for the Lions Lake Project. Comparing project details from both bidders. The contractor needs to put in a 6-foot wide walkway around the perimeter, move from open ditch to pipe, rock-in bank slope and rock or seed-in

exposed soil for erosion control, clean out sludge from spring, and clear blocked pipe that runs into lake. A sub-committee was appointed to go over details. Committee comprised of Dave Barhydt, Robert Ingram, and Jan Blake.

Robert Ingram moved to approve preliminary bid from Robinson Enterprises following resubmission of bid after sub-committee review. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 3-0.

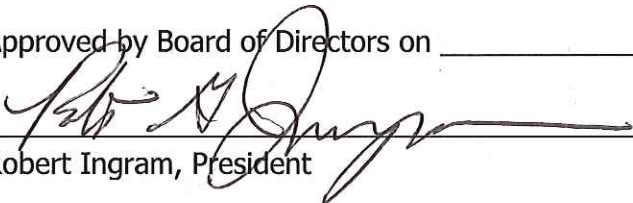
14. **Announcements:** Wildlife of the Pacific Coast Trail Seminar Mar. 29th.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik March 14, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on _____



Robert Ingram, President