



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:00 pm by Patti Kiehl
Directors present: Patti Kiehl, Robert Ingram, Jim Drew
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** No introductions were made.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** Patti Kiehl mentioned a correction for the minutes, the UC Cooperative Extension and UC ANR were the sponsors of the Tree Mortality Workshop as mentioned in the March 12th minutes under Item #8. Board meeting recording from March 12th meeting will be forwarded to Forestry Committee. ***Jim Drew moved to approve Consent Agenda. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 3-0.***
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Sabrina mentioned that in future board packets, the AVP survey responses will have the evaluation report from Jason copied on the reverse side.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** Committee met today at 5pm to discuss the four scholarship applications from NJUHSD. They selected Anna Woodall to receive the 4-year renewable \$1,000 scholarship.

On Monday, April 8th, a Farm Day meeting was held with an Ag Tour meeting right after that. Farm Day details were worked out and will be emailed out to vendors. Additions to Farm Day will be sheep-herding dogs, alpacas, Master Gardeners worms, and possibly a farrier. Some of the changes made will be an earlier schedule for the event and having FFA students present the Pledge of Allegiance.
8. **Forestry Committee:** Patti Kiehl attended the UCCE and UC ANR Tree Mortality Workshop Thursday, March 14th at McClellan AFB titled, "Sierra Nevada Tree Mortality Data Network Workshop" and found the experience to be worthwhile. She participated in the educators group and mentioned that she learned that the consensus was that we don't have all the information, and that the problem is not going away, how to involve the stakeholders, and what tools are needed.

9. **Grassland Committee:** Range camp deadline is May 15th. No entries yet. Jim Drew mentioned he recently attended a Rangeland conference in Santa Rosa where he found a lot of young participants are interested in sustainability. Next year's event will be in Fort Worth.

10. **NCRC D Activity Report:** A full written report was included in the Board packet.

Staff met with Fire Safe Council (FSC) to discuss providing support. They need a chipper, a truck, and will present a list for the next board meeting. Discussion about supporting FSC's National Guard workers with a shower trailer to expand options where they might be housed. Robert suggested that Robinson Enterprises may have a shower trailer and water tender we could rent.

Board voiced preferences for COY dinner, eliminating need for favors, table toppers, and expensive desserts. Jim Drew mentioned he could talk to Lucchesi to give us a \$9 a bottle price for wine. Jim also offered his in-laws' portable bar in lieu of hay bales. Sabrina to revise cost estimate and e-mail to the Board.

Sabrina gave a presentation for Master Gardeners.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** NRCS will be attending the Auburn RCD Assessing Wildfire Hazards Workshop April 11th & 12th.

NRCS finally has funding and will be obligating clients that are already in progress. NRCS is still accepting new clients. Ranking and screening will now continue.

NRCS has a new Assistant Area District Conservationist, Dr. Sharon Nance. She will attend the RCD 75th celebration event.

The Grass Valley office will be participating in a National cycle time survey for the next 12 weeks to help evaluate timing of different processes. The office already rates a "Green" meaning the office workload rates high and could hire another 1.5 staff.

Kelly Weintraub has moved on to the Feather River RCD in Quincy, but her position here will be backfilled by Point Blue.

NRCS along with RCD, will be sharing a table for Earth day Celebration April 25th at Sierra college and the Children's Health and Safety Fair May 4th at the Rood Center.

NRCS is going to focus on Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for on-going forestry clients as well as pushing for prescribed burning.

Pamela Hertzler, Special Programs Emphasis Program Manager for the Federal Woman's program held a successful Event at the NRCS state office. There was a NRCS televised event with Kate Minden Dixon, PhD candidate student focusing on Women Ranchers interviewing Maddison Easley. A section of our Working Lands video was also aired at this event.

12. **Old Business:** No old business.

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board discussion and approval of Education Committee's choice of scholarship recipient:** The scholarship committee unanimously choose Anna

Woodall as their recipient for our 4-year renewable \$1,000 scholarship. Discussion about the possibility of adding a second scholarship for a two-year college or a technical college. **Jim Drew moved to approve Anna Woodall as recipient for the 2019 NCRCD Scholarship. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 3-0.**

14. **Announcements:**

- **The "Birds in Black" seminar was cancelled** due to concern over Virulent Newcastle disease. Event may be available later in the year depending on progression of the disease.
- Next board meeting – May 14, 2019

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik April 9, 2019.



Approved by Board of Directors on 5/14/19



David Barhydt, President

