



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:00 pm by Robert Ingram
Directors present: David Barhydt, Jim Drew, Patti Kiehl, Robert Ingram
Associate Directors present: Maddison Easley, Linda Miller
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Jan Blake, Evan Smith
2. **Introductions:** No Introductions
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):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** No comments.
6. **President's Report:** No report.
7. **Education & Outreach Committee:** The Speak-Off Contest was attended by Sabrina Nicholson, Maddison Easley, Jim Drew, Jan Blake, and Susan Hoek. The speakers were very good, but it was unfortunate that more students did not participate. The two speakers who attended were excellent, having the right information, current content, and were good speakers. These two speakers were awarded first and second place receiving \$250 and \$150 (respectively).
8. **Forestry Committee:** Robert Ingram talked about visiting Lion's Lake with some Board members to go over details of the project. This topic to be addressed further in Agenda Item 13 d.
9. **Grassland Committee:** No update.
10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** An update from last meeting - our Worker's Compensation insurance policy covers all Board members including meetings, events, and remote sites.

Nevada County's Agritourism Ordinance was shot down by the Board of Supervisors and only supported by Ed Scofield and Heidi Hall. It was thought that some parcels may be burdened in the RA zone. It was suggested that a 2 to 5 acre minimum for RA zoned parcels be put in place when re-submitting at the next Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

Dan Macon requested that Sabrina Nicholson attend the next PNSSNS meeting on February 21st. David Barhydt said we need better representation at these meetings and that parcel fees were expected to increase. Greater member participation was suggested. Maddison Easley mentioned there were comments that perhaps water coverage was a concern. Sabrina offered to take any Board member who wanted to attend the next meeting with her.

February 20th will be the Fire Adapted Strategies event at 6pm in the Board of Supervisors chamber at the Rood Center. The RCD and NRCS are partnering with UCCE, Cal Fire, Fire Safe Council, and Dept. of Ag's Rural Development for this event. It will be televised locally.

We are partnering with NID on their Irrigation Fair coming up April 7th. Staff created an Invitation to Vendor's flyer which was mailed to prospective vendors by NID.

Pam Hertzler ordered a case of high-quality NRCS coloring books to donate to Farm Day 2018.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** A written report was submitted by Pam Hertzler. Evan Smith attended to represent NRCS in Pam's absence. Evan mentioned that the NRCS is currently obligating \$60,000 for Nevada County clients, which is on track for Pam's goal of \$2 million for Nevada County for 2018.

12. **Old Business:** No report.

13. **New Business:**

- a. **Board discussion and approval of Audit Contract with Robert Johnson, CPA:** General discussion. *David Barhydt moved to approve the contract with Robert Johnson, CPA for the next 3 years. Second by Jim Drew. Approved 4-0.*
- b. **Board discussion and approval of Working Lands Volume II version edited for PBS:** Discussed editing the documentary for upcoming PBS broadcast which would air April 11, 13, and 15. Costs are similar to last year's editing costs. *Jim Drew moved to approve editing a shorter version of Working Lands Volume II for PBS broadcast. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 4-0.*
- c. **Board discussion and approval of nomination to Countywide Redevelopment Oversight Board:** Discussion of whether or not to nominate someone to the Board of the new Countywide Redevelopment Oversight Board. The Board decided not to nominate anyone.
- d. **Board to review quote from Robinson Enterprises for Lion's Lake Project:** Robert stated that we need 3 bids on the Lion's Lake project and cannot award the contract to Robinson yet. Board members said they had questions and concerns about moving forward. Jan Blake stated she had been moving forward with the project because the project had previously been approved and she did not find other contractors that could do the same type of work required by this project. Patti Kiehl said the bid did not clarify handling the vegetation from the slough and unclogging pipes. Discussion continued about how to handle water runoff into the lake. Jan agreed to meet with potential contractors and Board members onsite to answer questions. Board members agreed to meet at the Lion's Lake project site Thursday

Feb. 15. Bid Requests were mailed out to four (4) different contractors and were given a deadline of February 28th to submit bids. The permit from CDFW for the project still has not been approved. Robert suggested the Board table the vote until all bids for the project are submitted.

- e. **Board to discuss donation to Nevada County 4-H Camp Cake Auction:** 4-H of Nevada County is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Cake Auction to support their 4-H camp. Dinner will be March 10, 2018. Sabrina, Jan, and Linda will attend. ***Patti Kiehl moved to approve purchasing a cake at auction at a price not to exceed \$300. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 4-0.***
- f. **Board to discuss SB623 and potential impacts to agriculture in Nevada County:** Robert would like staff to write a letter addressing the issue, either for or against depending on the consensus of the board. General discussion. Everyone present agreed that the bill should be opposed. Sabrina will write a letter and e-mail it to all Board members for comments.
- g. **Board to discuss offering advertising assistance for FSC's Scotch Broom Challenge:** After discussion, it was unanimous that the board would prefer to abstain from this particular event because it goes against the forestry practice principals of the NCRCD, but that we would be willing to participate in another event that is more in-line with NCRCD principles.
- h. **Board to discuss having FFA students build wall display cases for Specimens and "water auger" for RCD to lend out:** the Nevada Union FFA students have offered to build a structure to showcase the donated eggs in our lobby. NCRCD would pay for materials and the students would donate the labor as well as the design. Sabrina mentioned that they could also build a water auger tool for loaning out to the public. The board decided to table a vote until designs were presented to the board.

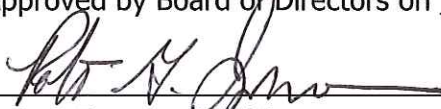
15. **Announcements:** Fire Adapted Strategies event coming up Feb. 20th.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik February 14, 2018.



Approved by Board of Directors on 3/14/18



Robert Ingram, President