



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday May 14, 2019 at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:00 pm by Dave Barhydt
Directors present: Dave Barhydt, Jim Drew, Robert Ingram, Linda Miller
Associate Directors present: Darlene Moberg, Maddison Easley
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
Public present: Lauren Almond and Loren Willman
2. **Introductions:** Lauren Almond and Loren Willman (Bennett St. property owners).
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Robert Ingram. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.

Changed order to accommodate guests.

11. **NRCS Activity Report:** A written report was provided. Pam announced that there is a possibility that RCD employees State-wide may need to apply for a Linc-Pass for security measures. More information will be announced soon.

13. **New Business:**

e. **Board discussion & possible action on Nevada County Biomass Center funding assistance request:** Lauren Almond and Loren Willman previously submitted a written "Grant Funding Assistance Request" for inclusion in the Board packet. It presented their proposal for a future biomass facility project to be located on their Bennett Street property.

Director Linda Miller arrives at this time.

Details were discussed for proposed startup processes, on-going and interim plans, and a request for \$20,000 - \$40,000 for engineering and consultants towards acquiring a Conditional Use Permit from the County. The Board decided to research the request further.

Resumed regular agenda order.

Arrival and introduction of Jamie Jones, Executive Director of Fire Safe Council.

5. **Correspondence/Articles:** None.

6. **President's Report:** Dave Barhydt talked about his recent trip to Washington D.C. on behalf of Nevada County Farm Bureau.

7. **Education, Outreach, & Scholarship Committee:** A volunteer from the Board was requested to present the check to the recipient of the RCD's Scholarship. Jim Drew volunteered to do the honors. Next year the school district's Scholarship Coordinator will send us all ag-related applications, even if the student didn't apply specifically for ours.

8. **Forestry Committee:** No Report.

9. **Grassland Committee:** No Report.

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

Nancy Weber sent us a hand-written thank you note for inviting her to the Conservation Dinner.

Our RCD bookkeeper, Becky Newsome has raised her rates \$10 an hour, this is the first time a rate increase has happened.

Sabrina will be out Friday and Saturday for a prescribed burning seminar in Blodgett this week.

RCD received election material from SDRMA and ballots will be arriving by mail soon.

Farm Bureau would like us to attend the AAC meeting regarding the food-related hoop house permitting.

Nevada County Grown is requesting sponsorship for Farm Trail Weekend and Bounty of the County events. This will be an agenda item for the next board meeting.

Mulch Magic Saturday May 11th was a huge success. The event was over in under two hours and the boy scout volunteers did a wonderful job and earned \$700 in tips and they were able to earn their community service badges. Sabrina mentioned that perhaps we should choose a mulch next year that is not flammable.

Dave Barhydt added that he thought the RCD tour of the RIO Bravo Rocklin biomass plant in Lincoln was very informative and he really learned a lot about the process.

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

13. **New Business:**

a **Board discussion & possible action on ticket purchase for Fire Safe Council's NFL fundraiser:** There were not enough details to continue discussion. Will discuss sponsorship at next Board meeting. Jamie Jones from Firesafe Council (FSC) talked about the fundraiser a bit. The event will be September 28th. She will send us more information as it becomes available. Will discuss again at a later meeting.

b **Board discussion & possible action on Fire Safe Council's solicited wish list:** Staff requested a list of items from Fire Safe Council that they most need to continue to support the community. Jamie w/FSC talked about being open to different methods of removing hazardous fuels. Their green waste drop event gathered 100 tons in the first weekend. She talked about collaborative ways to work together with RCD. Possibly a prescribed burn trailer. Sabrina encouraged the board's support and Jamie entertained a short Q&A with staff. Will discuss again at a later meeting.

- c. **Board discussion & possible action on purchase of Ag Tour tickets:** General discussion. *Robert Ingram moved to approve the purchase of a total of 4 tickets for Pamela Hertzler, Evan Smith, Anne Solik, Jamie Jones. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 4-0.*
- d. **Board discussion & possible action on payment to NID for Mulch for Mulch Magic Event:** Darlene Moberg noticed that the amount on the invoice was inaccurate. *Jim Drew moved to pay for half of the mulch bill to NID. Second by Dave Barhydt. Approved 4-0.*
- e. **Board discussion & possible action on Nevada County Biomass Center funding assistance request:** There was concern that the feedstock needed won't be turned in and we would be supporting a private business. The project needs to be much further down the road before approving.

14. **Announcements:** Next board meeting – July 9, 2019.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Closed session began at 7:50 pm.

Closed session ended at 7:51 pm.

Regular meeting resumed at 8:10 pm.

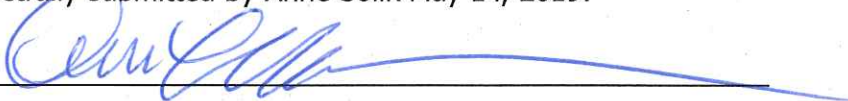
13. **New Business:**

- f. **Annual Staff Reviews:** As staff did not have current wage data available it was decided to put the item back on next month's Agenda under Closed Session.

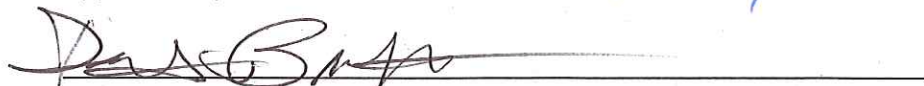
Board decided to receive informational articles via email rather than hard copies physically mailed along with the Board packet each month.

Regular meeting ended at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik May 14, 2019.



Approved by Board of Directors on 6-11-19



David Barhydt, President

