



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday November 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 5:59 pm by Patti Kiehl
Directors present: Patti Kiehl, Jim Drew, Linda Miller
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson
2. **Introductions:** No Introductions
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Jim Drew moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Acknowledgement of Robert Ingram's resignation letter, he's leaving to take a position on the Planning Commission.
6. **President's Report:** Patti Kiehl announced that she is resigning. She expressed it was her pleasure to serve the board for the last 6-7 years, and she was sorry to leave.
7. **Education/Outreach/Personnel/Scholarship Committee:** Jim Drew announce that there had been a little bit of an issue with the scholarship funds, in how the high school district dispersed the funds and that there is now a deficit for the remaining planned amount. Linda Miller and Jim Drew decided to correct the fund and in the future NCRCD would pay awards directly to the students. Some of students, because of Covid-19, had decided to work and get things sorted out later.

Nevada Union High School is hiring a new Ag staff member because their enrollment is blooming. New staff will teach ag science and ag mechanics (hopefully).

As for the ranch school, they put gravel on the driveway and have been cleaning up the property and doing maintenance. Anticipate using the ranch school for future Farm Day events. And the Nevada Union School District Foundation has donated \$2,000 for both high school ag departments to make picnic tables for the ranch.
8. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A written report was presented. Sabrina reported that she had talked to Pam about CARCD programs that have funds for the community mostly RCCP funding addressing Tree Mortality. There are about 12 counties involved in the program – but because NCRCD is not a member of CARCD – the benefits stop at our border. Sabrina talked about the ~2K a year membership fees were minor compared to benefits available for the community. Sabrina described the program being similar to EQIP and how the program works but covers areas that NRCS can't. Sabrina has an appointment later in the week to discuss the issue and will report at the next meeting.

9. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pamela reported that NRCS is accepting applications for Catastrophic Fire ranking pool, deadlines rolling out January and on-going.

Pamela also reported that Area 3 has a new Assistant to the State Conservationist, Johnnie Siliznoff. Pamela has extended an invitation for him to visit our Grass Valley office.

Pamela asked the board to consider renting additional space for a conference room to make room for additional personnel. She has asked the complex owner to consider space when available. Pamela would like NCRCD to vote on this issue at the next board meeting. She is also planning on replacing furniture in the office and is ordering new workspaces.

10. **Old Business:**

- A. Board discussion of text/placement for new Medicare Supplemental option for District's Personnel, Policies, and Procedures Manual:** Discussion about wording of reimbursement of un-paid costs for Medi-Care in lieu of District paid health plan. Sabrina is looking into legalities with County Counsel and will report back. ***Jim Drew moved to approve a change in the Policies and Procedures manual to allow the district to reimburse unpaid Medi-Care supplemental coverage in lieu of District paid health coverage. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0.***

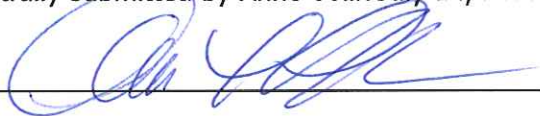
11. **New Business:**

- A. Board discussion/possible action regarding approval of Reid Hamilton as Associate Board Member:** Discussion about processes. ***Linda Miller moved to accept Reed Hamilton as Associate Board Member. Second by Jim Drew Approved 3-0.***
- B. Board discussion/possible action regarding administration, maintenance, and storage of Minimum Till Drill.** Discussion about possible placement and processes, It was agreed to put the program on hold until Dave Barhydt has a chance to report in January of 2022.
- C. Board discussion of job description for District Manager/Executive Director:** Discussed about a job description for the open position. Board decided to hold a workshop to decide on wording the new job description.

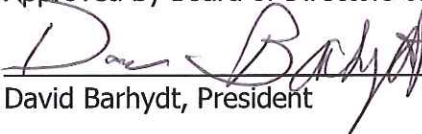
12. **Announcements:** Next board meeting – January 11th, 2022.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik July 14, 2021.



Approved by Board of Directors on 1-11-2022



David Barhydt, President