



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday October 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:05 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, JoAnn FitesKaufman, Linda Miller, Alana Fowler, Reed Hamilton(zoom). Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** Valerie Bullard, NRCS
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Public Comment
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *JoAnn Fites Kaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Alana Fowler. Approved 5-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the September 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for September 2024.

Linda Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Alana Fowler. Approved 5-0

6. **Correspondence:** News articles in package
7. **NRCS Director Report:** Valerie Bullard, NRCS District Conservationist presented a report from NRCS, noting they have contracted 2.5 million in forestry and pasture management contracts. They have just entered into the new 2025 Fiscal Year, with their next funding date on November 15. Valerie also reported that the services contract between NCRCD and NRCS had been finalized.
8. **NCRCD Board Report:** Reed reported the status on renting out the Min-Till Drill and the plans moving forward. He also mentioned he would be attending the California Climate Action Summit meeting. Linda Miller talked about Irrigation season being over, the hay being in the barn, and lambs to be born in December. Alan reported on finishing up her EQIP program, her compost on rangeland, and transporting her daughter to College in Wyoming. JoAnn Fiteskaufman reported on the status of the Prescribed Fire education programs, having booked almost every weekend for the foreseeable future with some days having two classes. She is also working on a Master Burn Plan for CEQA Compliance and the challenges of getting permits to burn. Robert Ingram shared Mountain Lion photos, and Jim Drew reported on Farm Day. He also reported on investigating what was needed at the Farm School such as portable classrooms and restroom facilities. Jim also reported on NID cancelling progress on the Centennial Dam program.

9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne Solik talked about the Farm Day 2024, noting 750 2nd and 3rd grade attendance as well as over 100 FFA students participating. Anne also reported on completing the Welcome to the Foothills Guide and the 2025 Farm Trail Map that had yet to be printed. Briana announced that the RCD passed Audit with flying colors, she also noted progress with invoicing and projected income, projects in the works and potential projects for the future. Current projects include the SALC program, CDWG, Livestock Grazing Grant (\$150,000), CWPP, NRCS (\$75,000), National Forest Foundation (\$150,000), and CalFire Climate Investments. A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in

Board package including financial detail. To date, current programs will provide income fully funded, over the next three years.

10. **New Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval of allowing funds to appear negative while waiting for County Tax Deposit. **Discussion on funds and it was decided that no action would be needed.**

B. Discussion and possible approval of Micro-Grant application from Grizzley Hill School, Ananda, and Yuba River Charter. Board discussed wanting more details from Grizzley Hill and Ananda for what the funds would be used for. **Alana moved to approve Micro-grant funds of \$5,000 for Yuba River Charter School. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 5-0.** Funds for Grizzley Hill and Ananda to be re-considered after they submit a breakdown of their projects.

C. Discussion and possible approval for Mason Bruce Girard for \$75,000 & \$25,000. **Jo Ann Fowler moved to approve the Mason Bruce Girard for \$75,000 & \$25,000. Second by Alana Fowler, approved 4-0**

D. Discussion and possible approval of voting memberships for Food Policy. **Discussion to move forward with letters of support, no motion taken.**

E. Discussion and possible approval/denial of Food Policy support for a) Prop 4, b) MEHKO Ordinance. **Discussion on reasons not to participate in political issues, no action taken.**

11. **Old Business: No Old Business**

12. **Announcements:**


Next Regular Board meeting – November 12, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik October 8, 2024.



Approved by Board of Directors on 11-12-24



Jim Drew, Chair

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