



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday February 14, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:04 by Jim Drew. Directors present: Linda Miller, Reed Hamilton, and JoAnn Fites-Kaufman.. Staff present: Briana Bacon, Anne Solik and Jason Jackson.
2. **Introductions:** Tony Romero from NC Ag Commissioner's Office.
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Linda Miller moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton; Approved 4-0.*
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Agenda with the correction of noting the outcome of closed session. Second by Jo Ann Fites Kaufman. Approved 4-0.*
 - A. Minutes from the January 10, 2022, Regular Board meeting
 - B. Financial Statement for January 2023
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Comments.
6. **Correspondence:** Ann Solik pointed out printouts of local news articles and the 2022 Annual Report available to interested board members.
7. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne Solik announced that besides the activity report included in the board package, she attended the Recreation Resiliency Stakeholder's Meeting and the Yuba Forest Network Quarterly Meeting. The Resiliency Group is looking for opportunities to map out park locations for residents and visitors as well as volunteers. They are also looking for tools and opportunities for prescribed burns for park maintenance. Anne also talked about the Yuba Forest meeting that announced \$200K in grants received for visitor "safety programs", they are looking to partner with other agencies. Briana Bacon reported attending a prescribed burn workshop and she's working to meeting with board members individually and working to make connections with area partners such as Sierra Harvest to look for collaboration partnership opportunities.
8. **NCRCD Board Member Introductions:** *Members of the Board shall introduce themselves and provide a brief narrative on what motivated them to serve on the board.* Jo Ann Fites Kaufman reported on progress with fire grants (along with handouts). She also met with Steve Garcia from CalFire with potential community collaboration possibilities for partnership on non-competitive grants and River fire restoration projects.

9. **New Business:**

- A. **Resolution 2023-07 Electing to be subject to the public employees medical and hospital care act at an unequal amount for Employees and Annuitants –** Postponed for March meeting.
- B. **Ag Tour Bus Support –** Board reviewed budgeted amount for Ag Tour Support. **Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman moved to support NC Farm Bureau for the Ag Tour up to the amount of \$2,500, Second by Linda Miller. Approved 5-0.**
- C. **Discussion about Scholarship Ceilings.** Board discussed the potential for scholarship renewals limiting the scholarship offers for students. It was agreed that the history of renewals did not present a problem at this time, and it was agreed to post limitations of scholarships on the NCRCD web site.
- D. **Discussion about how to handle the min-till drill –** Board discussion about current operations that seem to be satisfactory at the moment. To be revisited at a later date.
- E. **Discussion and potential decision for the Board to support Steve Garcia's CalFire Grant –** Board discussion about the type of support the CalFire Grant would require. **Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman moved that the Board approves to support the CalFire Grant to contribute to the River Fire Restoration and CEQA Compliance for Nevada County, Seconded by Dave Barhydt. Approved 5-0.**

13. **Old Business:**

- A. **Election of Associates:** Dave Barhydt talked about the value of Associates. **Dave Barhydt moved to elect Tom Hartnett and Robert Ingram to Board Associates. Second by Joann Fites Kaufman. Approved 5-0.**

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik February 14, 2023.

Approved by Board of Directors on _____

David Barhydt, Chair

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Vice President