



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday April 8, 2025, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:03 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, JoAnn FitesKaufman, and Reed Hamilton. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** Introduction of Amanda Rodgers, new employee, Executive Assistant
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No Public Comments
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Jo Ann FitesKaufman, Approved 4-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes from the February 2025, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for February 2025.

JoAnn FitesKaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 4-0

6. **Correspondence:** Copy of Annual Report, CSDA Correspondence, as well as Nate's "Best Management Practices Workbook" passed around the table.
7. **NRCS Director Report:** Valerie Bullard, NRCS District Conservationist reported that with the new administration, most the of federal funding is frozen. She also reported that without clarity, all IRA (inflation reduction climate change) contracts canceled. Federal Budget and office staffing still be determined.

Linda Miller entered 4:25pm

8. **NCRCD Board Report:** Reed Hamilton reported on competing a CSU Chico Regenerative Ag Field Day that focused on orchard and row crops. He talked about Scott Parker the issue of compost and biochar. Jo Ann FitesKaufman announced that she would be leavin the NCRCD Board to start a new 5013C as Director of the Nevada County FireSafe Alliance. Jim Drew congratulated her and talked about her many contributions to the NCRCD Board. Linda Miller reported on her sheep transfer as well as the upcoming irrigation season starting on April 15. Jim Drew talked about the building of a new shed for the saw mill at the Ranch School. He also talked about visiting the Woodmizer shop in Olivehurst and the equipment available.
9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne reported on events upcoming, including a printed transcript of the Working Lands filming. She talked about upcoming plans and cross training of Amanda Rodgers. Amanda Roders a little about her background with the Historical Society

as well as her involvement with a film production based on her discovery of a diary found on the old Marsh Mill property. Briana Bacon reported that she worked very hard and achieved retrieving all the grant funding she had previously filed for (applause). She reported that Jennifer Crosby was no longer working for NCRCD due to the pause in the prescribed burn funding. She reported on Nate Alcorn purchasing a prescribed burn trailer for NCRCD to store prescribed burn equipment. Hayley Coopergard is taking care of the tools, working for NCRCD part time and taking classes to be a burn boss. Emma is working on a seminars. Brie also reported on Grant funded projects and new contracts with the County for fuel reduction for \$150K on the lower Deer Creek Project. There was also discussion on the upcoming interview with Keving Kiely interview on April 16. Brie also updated the board on the contracting with Maddison Easley for project site visits.

10. **Ranch School Report:** Jim Drew reported on progress at the Ranch School including two new Drones for multiple purposes purchased by a grant (Katie Alling). The Ranch School will be using them for mapping and spraying. There has been progress with bids for infrastructure for irrigation.

11. **New Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval for a truck finance package, month to month, for STRAW (Point Blue) Grant. Discussion about the possibility of acquiring a truck from NID (also a special district). **JoAnn moved to approve the truck financing month to month. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 4-0**

Regular meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm
Closed Session began at 5:15 pm.

12. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Public Code § 54957, the Board will hold a closed session to consider Annual Review of Executive Director.

Closed Session ended at 5:25 pm.
Regular meeting restarted at 5:26 pm.

13. **Old Business:** No Old Business

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik April 8, 2025.

Approved by Board of Directors on _____

Jim Drew, Chair