Minutes of the
Regular Board Meeting
September 18, 2019
8:45 AM
RCDTC Office at 2 Sutter St, Suite D, Red Bluff CA 96080

Directors Present: Jack Bramhall, Walt Williams, and Scott Söder, and Anne Read
Directors Excused: N/A
Directors Unexcused: NA
Associate Directors Present: NA
Staff Present: Vicky Dawley, Kris Lamkin, Brin Greer, Jennifer Zirkle, and Emmy Westlake
NRCS Staff Present: Larry Branham
Visitors Present: None

I. Introductions
J. Bramhall began the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

II. Public Communications
None.

III. Minutes
Approval of the August 21, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
The Board reviewed and approved the minutes as presented.

   Motion: Scott Söder moved to approve the minutes as presented.
   Second: Walt Williams
   Vote: Unanimous

IV. Action Items
A. Resolution 19-7: Sierra Nevada Conservancy Application for Ishi Fire Restoration Project
   The board reviewed and discussed Resolution 19-7: Sierra Nevada Conservancy Application for the Ishi
   Fire Restoration Project.

   Motion: Walt Williams moved to approve the Resolution 19-7 as presented.
   Second: Scott Söder
   Vote: Unanimous

B. Revise Policy 3405: Bereavement Leave
   The board discussed the changes to the revised Bereavement Leave Policy 3405.

   Motion: Scott Söder moved to approve the revised Bereavement Leave Policy 3405 as presented.
   Second: Anne Read
   Vote: Unanimous

C. Work with Potential Consulting Firms to Provide Public Outreach for the Development of the
   Groundwater Sustainability Plan
   The board discussed at length the opportunity to work with potential consulting firms to provide public
   outreach for the development of the groundwater sustainability plan.

   Motion: Scott Söder moved the approval of working with potential consulting firms
   Second: Walt Williams
   Vote: Unanimous
V. Discussion/Report Item:

A. Introduce Potential Board Candidates
   None

B. NRCS Staff Report: Final Review NRCS/RCD MOU
   Larry Branham presented an update on the EQIP program. He reviewed that in 2019 13 EQIP contracts totaling 99,960 acres and $838,753 were completed. He reported that the Conservation Stewardship Program Grassland Conservation Initiative (CSP-GCI) included 8 new contracts on 8,900 acres and included $800,000 over a five (5) year period. He also reported on existing contracts for Tehama County which include seventeen (17) CSP contracts on 30,000 acres and nineteen EQIP contracts on 32,000 acres. Conservation Technical Assistance, contracting, and contract maintenance occupies the majority of their workforce hours.

   The board discussed and completed the final review of the NRCS/RCD MOU outlining questions for further follow-up.

   Emmy Westlake formally thanked Larry Branham and his NRCS staff for their help and expertise during the Residual Dry Matter Monitoring for Coyote Creek.

C. District Manager Report
   Vicky Dawley discussed interest in for an Arundo Removal Project by the California Invasive Plant council. There is currently funding available from the Wildlife Conservation Board and an option Tom McCubbins had suggested was the opportunity to target Upper Thomes Creek for CEQA documents.

D. RCDTC Housing
   Larry Branham commented that the USDA Leasing Agent had recently retired and he would look into the name of her replacement.

E. RCDTC Staff Reports
   Staff updated the board on subjects in their Staff Reports that were included in the board packet.

F. Land Use Reports
   None

G. Other Reports
   Discussion included the removal of the North Valley Service Recycling dumpster from office site, RCD/NRCS vehicle use policy renewal and the RCD conference.

H. Board of Directors Comments
   None

VIII. Correspondence:
   Reviewed after meeting.

X. Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Next Meeting Date:
Regular Meeting, October 16, 2019 at 8:45 a.m.
Special Meeting Finance Committee October 16, 2019 at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emmy Westlake, Project Manager                                                        Anne Read, Board Secretary