



RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT of TEHAMA COUNTY
2 Sutter Street, Suite D, Red Bluff, California 96080

Minutes of the
RCDTC Board Meeting
July 21, 2021 9:15 AM

Directors Present: Jack Bramhall, Michael Vasey, Walt Williams, Tom Stroing, Tricia Parker Hamelberg, Cody McKenzie, and Anne Read via phone.

Directors Excused: NA

Directors Unexcused: NA

Associate Directors Present: NA

Staff Present: Vicky Dawley, Kris Lamkin, Jennifer Zirkle, Riley Wills, Kevin Greer, Marianna Rangel, Rose Joseph, Seronica Biggs, Chris Wagoner, Rob Rianda, Riley Wills, Steve Osenton and Jon Barrett.

NRCS Staff Present: Jenna Ganoung and Mira Reginato

Visitors Present: None

I. Introductions

M. Vasey began the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Minutes of June 16, 2021 Board Meeting

The board reviewed and approved the minutes from the June 16, 2021 Board Meeting of the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County.

Motion: J. Bramhall moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting, correcting the date of the next meeting to July 21, 2021 not August.

Second: T. Hamelberg

Vote: Unanimous

IV. Action Items

A. Elect Officers of the Board for 2021-2022

The board discussed the current slate, President: M. Vasey, Vice President: J. Bramhall, Secretary: A. Read and Treasurer: W. Williams.

Motion: C. McKenzie moved to approve the current slate for another year.

Second: T. Stroing

Vote: Unanimous

B. Review Associate Directors for 2020-2021

The board reviewed the current list of Associate Directors. The board concluded that potential new Associate Directors are to be contacted prior to the August meeting and presented at that time. M. Vasey discussed wanting to use the Associate Director positions as a way to gain prospective Board Members. No action taken, tabled until staff and directors have contacted prospective Associate Directors.

No Action Taken

C. Amend Policy 3430: Holidays

Tabled until we can establish rules defining calculations for employees with alternative work schedules.

Motion: C McKenzie

Second: W. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

D. Resolution 21-6: CDFW Prop 1 Mill Creek Dam

Motion: T. Hamelberg moved to approve Resolution 21-6 as presented

Second: W. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

V. Finance Reports

Staff provided the Finance Report and lead a discussion regarding other agenda items related to the financial condition of the RCDTC for the July 21, 2021 Board Meeting.

Motion: W. Williams moved to approve the Finance Report

Second: T. Hamelberg

Vote: Unanimous

VI. Approval of Warrants; there are no unbudgeted items this month

Motion: J. Bramhall moved to approve the Warrants

Second: C. McKenzie

Vote: Unanimous

VII. Discussion/Report Item:

A. NRCS Staff Report

- Jenna Ganoung, current District Conservationist, has accepted a position with the NRCS State Office. Mindy Nicoletti will fill in as District Conservationist temporarily until a permanent replacement is chosen.
- Jenna introduced Mira Reginato who will be a soil conservationist in the Red Bluff Field Office (RBFO). She is a Chico State grad from Cottonwood.
- An Ag Engineer has been hired for the RBFO, but he will be working from Montana until his move can be arranged.
- A Lead Soil Conservationist position is also opening up in the RBFO.
- The new EQIP-CIC program applications closed on August 16th. There are 8 applications in the RBFO that staff is working on, the funding must be obligated by the end of August.

B. RCDTC Housing Committee

- M. Vasey contacted Catherine Lemaire with the CA Special District Association Finance. She informed him that on their loans there is no down payment, and the interest rate has been 3-4% recently but that they have been having trouble finding financing for special districts. M. Vasey sent the RCDTC financials to CSDA to see if there would be a possibility of an \$800k loan.
- M. Vasey would like to know what monthly expenditure the board would feel comfortable with for housing expenses.
- C. McKenzie feels an \$800k loan is probably low considering the realistic cost of our housing/equipment needs.
- J. Barrett will contact the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to see if they have any leads on housing grants.

C. District Manager Report

J. Barrett reviewed the District Manager report that was included in the board packet.

D. RCDTC Staff Reports

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

E. Other Report

None.

F. Board of Directors Comments

C. McKenzie discussed information found on the DWR website regarding groundwater levels and Flood-MAR resource management strategy. He feels public concerns are high and that RCDTC should be involved in water recharging projects. Staff and fellow directors agreed and the consensus was that funding will be available in the near future.

VIII. Correspondence: Reviewed after meeting.

IX. Adjourned: 11:55 a.m.

Next Meeting Date: August 18, 2021 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Zirkle, Administrative Assistant

Anne Read, Board Secretary