

Fall River Resource Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM
At the RCD Office Building in McArthur**

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [], Pat Oilar [], Dan Klatt [X] Chris Christofferson [X]

Staff: Sharmie Stevenson [X], Todd Sloat [X], Garrett Costello [], Julie Allen [X]

Guest: Jim Lepage

Call Meeting to Order 7:03 PM

Public Comment – None

New Business

Lepage Company – Jackrabbit Project – Jim Lepage, owner of Lepage Company, came to the board after meeting with Chad Arseneau, representative of Sierra Pacific Industries, regarding the Jackrabbit Project near Burney. He explained that he was informed of extreme vandalism to other contractor's equipment by SPI and asked that the board consider increasing his price per acre from \$450 to \$500 to cover the cost of security while he is on the project. There was discussion and the board unanimously agreed that they could not increase the price per acre without setting a precedence for future project work and were concerned that it might be an issue if the 2nd place bid was near or below that amount.

ADA compliance for website – Tabled to next meeting.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club – Sharmie gave a brief report from a phone call with John Funk, President of the Club, earlier in the day. He explained that the Club's insurance policy was set to be cancelled on April 1st and he is investigating this issue. He asked if the Board would consider restructuring and renaming the Club and then applying for insurance and the group would still pay the lease fee and insurance. The board unanimously agreed that this was not a good idea but told Sharmie to contact John and talk to him about the Club utilizing that same path.

Trap Shooting Facility – Clay gave a presentation and handouts on the proposed facility. The group has created a map and has insurance through Lockton & Associates. They have applied for funding from the National Shooting Sports Foundation and are working with local businesses to have the brush removed and gravel donated. M/S/C Dan/Chuck to allow volunteers to clear out the area and place gravel in areas of need. There was discussion about having the RCD named on the liability policy as additional insureds before anyone does any shooting on the property. Sharmie told the board that Randal Harr was reviewing the lease agreement and hoped to have it finished by the end of the week. M/S/C Dan/Clay to reduce the lease agreement and charge \$4,000 for the 2021 year and re-evaluate for next year.

Procurement Policy – Sharmie explained that she had received an inquiry into one of the projects where a contractor that bid requested a list of all bidders with amounts bid. She and Todd discussed as this has never been requested and has not been done in the past. There was discussion and the Board decided to amend the procurement policy to include this topic and follow forestry industry standards. Sharmie will make the change and bring it back to the board for review next month.

Old Business

Office Remodel – Sharmie and Julie told the board that there have been two contractors who have looked at the office and one has submitted back a bid, the other will submit a bid soon but would not be available to do the work this year. A third contractor will be at the office on Wednesday to look at the job for a bid. There was discussion and it was decided that

after the proposals are received, a packet will be developed so that all contractors are bidding on a like job. Sharmie will work up a bid packet and request formal bids.

Trap Shooting Facility – Clay expressed his thanks to Dan, the Norris', Seth Britten, Tubit, and Packway for all of the help, time, and donations in clearing a five acre area, leveling, and graveling. He requested that the RCD spend up to \$1,500 to purchase five more loads of rock from Packway to complete the job. M/S/C Chuck/Dan to approve this expenditure.

Consent Calendar

Minutes January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 1/20/21 to 2/16/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Chuck/Clay to approve the consent calendar.

Executive Directors report:

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update on the project and the anticipated location of the well. CEQA contract with Vestra will be underway soon and an engineer from Susanville, Fred Nagel will be touring the fairgrounds and submitting a proposal next week.

Great America Outdoors Act – John Funk had mentioned that we might consider applying for some of these funds, after researching it the RCD is not eligible, it is for Federal Agencies.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan – Sharmie asked the board if they were interested in copies of the management plan. None of them wanted one. She will contact the TAC members and Julie will send a number count for the office.

Sharmie told the board that today the Stewardship Council had approved Phase III funds and the first advance of \$150,000 should be received shortly.

Range Managers Report:

Corral Rock – Julie explained the proposal for the needed rock and installation. The price is \$17,765 and the target date for the work is the beginning of April. There was discussion on adding geo-textile, Julie will get a price and bring it back to the next meeting.

Corral Chutes – There was discussion on what type of chutes were needed and the board agreed that a cap of \$12,000 should cover the cost of both chutes. Chuck will make some calls and get information for Julie.

Avenza Map Subscription – M/S/C Chris/Don to purchase a yearly subscription for \$129.99

Hunting Blinds – There was discussion on the size, shape and material for the blinds but no decision was made and the discussion will continue. Clay will check into some vendors in the area for pricing.

DU Well – Julie told the board that DU will be testing sites soon, they have a new engineer that will be working on the project.

Julie gave an update on the bow gates and fencing on PG&E property.

M/S/C Dan/Clay to Adjourn: 9:35 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –March 16, 2021 --Beginning at 7:00PM