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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD
Mar 20, 2019 @ 18:00 hrs

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [X], Mike Millington [X], Pat Oilar [X], Jeff Oldson [X]

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

Call To Order: 1802

Additions to the Agenda: With the consensus of all Directors the following items were added to the agenda;

Quicken Loan \$100,000 credit line, CSDA loan program, Sharmie to look into obtaining both credit line and loan capability to off set slow pay by Cal Fire

Chemical and sprayer storage. Need a place to store chemicals and new spray rig. A 20 foot storage container was suggested to be placed along side pump house. Sharmie to obtain permit information and Julie to obtain container information. Motion to approve purchase up to \$3,700 made by Don Martin, Second by Clay Jacobsen. Motion approved 7-0.

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: Mindy Graves, NRCS, Andrew Lee, NRCS

New Business

Approve Procurement Policy: Addition to the policy to provide a maximum of \$5,000 per month limit to be approved by Executive Director without board approval. Requires employees to get Executive director approval in writing (e-mail) prior to charging on credit card. Motion to approve with amendments by Pat Oilar, Second Clay Jacobsen. Motion approved 7-0

Approve Consultant Long term management Plan for McArthur Swamp. MSMT unable to make a recommendation on which consultant to award contract. Choices narrowed down to two, Harvey and Associates and Vollmar. Vollmar willing to do initial assessment with board, MSMT and other stakeholders, come up with a plan outline for \$20,000. If the Board approves the outline then they will develop the plan for up to a maximum of \$150,000. Motion to award contract to Vollmar as outlined above by Pat Oilar, Second by Bill Buckman. Motion approved 7-0.

Approve Noxious weed abatement contract. Bids for noxious weed spraying returned by Helena (\$20,012.57) and Basin Fertilizer (\$19,908.75). Basin Fertilizer was the low bid. The Board thought Basin Fertilizer was the quality bid because of ability to spot spray and better chemical rates of application. Motion to award contract to Basin Fertilizer by Pat Oilar, Second by Don Martin. Motion approved 6-0. Director Jacobsen abstained and was out of the room during the vote.

Approve Contractor Rat Farm Road Fencing. 6 contractors inquired requesting specifications for the project. Only three contractors submitted bids, Cascade at \$75,895, Town and Country at \$118,452, Kroeschel at \$80,458.

Directors asked if PG&E has agreed to a maintenance policy for fencing on common property lines, specifically Rat Farm Road. Range manager Allen said that she was scheduled to meet with PG&E to discuss maintenance in April.

The consensus of the Board was to table awarding any fencing contract that included Rat Farm Road until policy has been established with PG&E regarding maintenance. Range Manager Allen was directed to contact fencing companies and have them rebid just the Area 5 portion of the fencing project.

Recreation Grant. Garrett Costello is working with SNC to develop a Recreation Planning Grant for the area. He will develop the grant, have it reviewed by Sharmie and ready for presentation by the April 2019 Board Meeting. Consensus of the Board to go ahead with the grant.

Old Business

Senior Projects with RCD. Sharmie has contacted the School District. As of this date no students have shown any interest.

SB88 Business Plan Status. Meeting with expert on Friday March 22 to get a full over view of the plan. will have recommendation for April 2019 meeting.

Develop 501C3. Tabled until April 2019 meeting

Developing Healthy Soils Program and grant development. Garrett will develop a Healthy Soil Demonstration project. Due Date September 2019 Board Meeting.

Consent Calendar

Minutes January 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Minutes January 22, 2019 Special Meeting

Minutes February 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

Expenditures Jan 16,, 2019 through Mar 20, 2019

Motion to approve consent calendar by Don Martin, second by Pat Oilar. Motion approved 7-0

Agency Reports

Range Managers Report: Need to determine the terms and responsibilities of PG&E's maintenance agreement on fenced sensitive areas along Rat Farm Road. Pit River Tribe requested records of noxious weed spraying for 2018 grazing season. Distribution approved. Range manager will meet with PRT representatives on Wednesday March 27 at McArthur Swamp. Sharmie and Mike to join meeting.

NRCS: Looking for person to fill Forestry Intern spot.

Project Managers Report:

FRMPU, Approved final grant deed

FRMRR, Signed LOI and funding Agreement. Due Diligence Materials to Vestra

Burney Gardens, signed LOI and funding agreement, due diligence materials to Vestra, transaction materials to attorney, CE conference call set for March 26

Next Regular Meeting Date – Wednesday – April 17, 2019 --Beginning at 7:00PM