

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 7:00 PM

At the RCD Office Building in McArthur

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

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

Guest: Chris Christofferson, Amelia Racquel, John Vollmar, and Roxanne by phone

**Call Meeting to Order 7:04 PM**

**Public Comment - None**

### **New Business**

Management Plan – There was discussion on the restrictive language and discussion on the LCCP, TAC, and history of how the board arrived at the management plan. There was discussion on how to move forward and what changes would be appropriate. Don will send Sharmie a document with the specific items that the board has previously discussed for deletion from the plan and she will forward it to John and Roxanne. A few clarifying sentences will be added to the introduction as discussed. The group reviewed the goals and objective and made some changes and remove a few sections that will be delivered as memos. Vollmar will red line the document and send back for review.

John told the board about a funding opportunity from NFWF that could be a benefit to the swamp, it is for creating/restoring/enhancing wetlands. The board was interested and so John will put a couple of proposals together for next month's meeting.

NAWCA Grant – Well. Amelia gave the board background info on what has been done to date and the timeline for completion of the project. There is a 3 yr grant term and the first step is to determine a location so test holes can be drilled. There was discussion and the board reviewed maps and the proposed location. Julie reminded the board that this is a 25 yr commitment. The district will contribute \$153,055 from SC funds and 821 acres are committed to the project. M/S/C Clay/Don to approve the proposed well location.

Add Dan Klatt to Plumas Bank Signature card – M/S/C Chuck/Clay to add Dan to the Plumas Bank Signature Care effectively immediately.

### **Old Business**

Board Member Vacancy – Chris Christofferson introduced himself and gave a brief background on his position with the Modoc National Forest and his interest in the open board member position. Sharmie gave Chris the Shasta County application and he will bring it back to the October meeting. Filling the vacancy will be placed on the October agenda for approval.

Board Meeting Night – Bill spoke with Pat and he was able to change his schedule and Tuesday meetings will work.

### **Consent Calendar**

Minutes August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting – M/S/C Don/Clay to approve

Expenditures 8/18/20 to 9/15/20 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements

### **Executive Directors report:**

Gun Club –Bill signed the escrow documents

Fall River Mills West End AG Unit Close of escrow –No report

Hunting program update – Sharmie spoke with Steve and the McArthur Mart will continue to sell hunting permits for a 10% fee. He also requested a handout for hunters so Sharmie developed a brochure. Sharmie also

told the board that the next 2 share hunts will take place in Oct, the 3<sup>rd</sup> for rifle season and the 10<sup>th</sup> for waterfowl.

PG&E – Sharmie told the board that the electric bill for the Swamp was \$925 for August and after talking to Julie found out that PG&E had a broken pipe that was fixed on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. The graph on the PG&E bill show the spike in water use started on Aug 8<sup>th</sup> and ended on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. Sharmie will contact Heather Greshem and ask that PG&E pay for the \$600 expense.

LAFCO report and term letters – Sharmie told the board that she is completing a LAFCO request for information and during that request she spoke with the County Clerk who asked about board member and their expiring terms. Sharmie reminded those members to respond to their letters.

Rainbow Springs – There was discussion on the CA DFW info that Sharmie read to the board. M/S/C Clay/Chuck to table to the October meeting

### **Range Managers Report:**

Water Trough Construction – Julie told the board that the NRCS engineer has still not looked at the trough info. The board suggested contacting a different engineer. Todd suggested Susan at Vestra and Sharmie will send Julie the firm in Susanville. There was also discussion on Robert Gallion being too busy to get to it so maybe putting it out to bid for next summer.

Fencing Projects – Julie told the board that she has not had a response from Pace. She told the board about gates that are being worked on.

She and Clay spoke with Don Marcum and he gave some recommendations on timing and spec for int. wheat grass or pubescent wheat grass. There was discussion. M/S/C Don/Chuck to spend up to \$4,000 on experimental seeding on a field near the pumphouse. Bill mentioned that Kochia might be a good option.

Sharmie and Julie will check into that option for a 5 acre plant.

PG&E shut off - Julie told the board that she had had to open gates for cows to water and that Craig talked to her about a generator for water for the cows when the power is off. She explained that the cost was prohibitive. Sharmie and Julie discussed other options such as portable troughs and a pump. The board felt that when the new troughs are installed this will be less of an issue so at the present time it will remain as is.

Julie reported that she has found large amounts of bull thistle this year.

**M/S/C Don/Clay to Adjourn: 9:55 pm**

**Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –October 20, 2020 --Beginning at 7:00PM**