

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, November 19th, 2024
M.C.T.O. at 6:14 pm

Board Members Present: Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [X], Chris Christofferson [], Pat Oilar [] Chris Camarata [X]

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: Dale Kroschel
Via phone: None

New Business

NRCS Report: Dale Kroschel reported promotion to District Conservationist position, also reported on current NRCS projects in the area as well as office update. Discussion on pivot, call scheduled tomorrow to push for wetlands determination to be completed.

Board Appointments: Clay Jacobson, Don Martin and Chris Christofferson are up for reappointment. M/S Chris Camarata/Chuck MacFarlane to reappoint Clay Jacobson, Don Martin and Chris Christofferson to the board. Motion passed.

Consent Calendar:

Minutes October 15th, 2024 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 10/16/2024 – 11/18/2024 Financial reports including Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Transaction Reports, and Reconciled Bank Statements.

M/S Don Martin/Clay Jacobson to approve Consent Calendar. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Fall River Lake Duck Blinds: Julie presented several different pit blinds including 2 man/ 4 man steel and 2 man polyethelene blinds and associated costs. Julie will discuss potential location options and bring back to next meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

NRCS Office Update: Update given by Dale Kroschel.

RCD Infrastructure Update: Sharmie reported on various other RCD's that own some type of infrastructure that provide them with a source of income. Excelsior King River owns a power plant – Sharmie to do more research into RCD's owning power plants.

Lidar Assessment Project Update: Sharmie presented on the Forest wide (Lassen and Modoc) lidar assessment pilot project. Discussion on how the data is retrieved and presented.

CARCD Membership Update: Sharmie requested a list from CARCD requesting what services they provide the RCD, discussion on those services not having much importance to our RCD. CARCD trying to tap into unrestricted funds accounts as well as \$150 membership fee. Sharmie will follow up with CARCD, FRRCD willing to pay \$150 membership fee, if CARCD expects more than we will drop membership.

SLT Update: Sharmie requested a break down of legal fee hours from SLT, will report at next meeting.
HCB-CEC Grant Update: The RCD did not pay for any labor fees through the grant, grant money only covered planning and permitting fees therefore the RCD is not liable for anything regarding construction tasks.
CCI Grant Update: FRRCD tour with Cal-Fire to close out phase 2 and discuss applying to new grant in January. Meeting went really well. Grant application will be from anywhere between 5-7 million and effect mostly private ground as the FS is not NEPA ready.
Insurance on DU Well Update: Received \$15,333.00 check for damages incurred on DU Well.
New Grant Applications – BFP Update: Discussion with Burney Forest Power for the RCD to write two grants – Wood Innovations Grant and Wood Products Grant. Grants would help secure \$286K for a super sacker for biochar as well as redo the congested intake system (approx. \$1 Million).

Range Manager's Report:

DU Well and Pipeline: Moving forward with approx. 5,100' of 15" pipeline.
McArthur RD Pivot: Pivot is complete except for electrical connection. Have to address one issue before PGE will hook up power. Working with COPPS to address the issue.
Partners Project Updates: Aim to have Cal- Fire Inmate Crew conduct pile burning and additional juniper removal this winter.
Pheasant Hunt Results: Hunt went really well, filled 90 spots between the two days.
Game Bird Club License: Discussion on different options to utilize the license outside of the regular season.
Grazing Season: Discussion on grazing season, majority of grazers did not fill numbers. Further discussion on their ability to fill numbers once 800 acres of pasture enhancement occurs. Julie will review license and work with Sharmie to put together a letter to MRMA and bring back to December meeting.
Online Hunting Program: Julie reported that they have sold 27 permits totaling \$955 dollars to date. Program is picking up from years prior.
Recreation Grant – Disc Golf Course: Julie reported on the Recreation Collaborative meeting that was held in October. Meeting touched on installing a Disc Golf course somewhere in the area. Two PGE parcels were identified as areas of interest, one of which being around Fall River Lake. Julie is working with Jared Albaugh and Alex Camy with PGE to determine best options moving forward.
Fall River Lake Access: Julie notified Alex Camy with PGE of unauthorized access to FRRCD property through PGE property. Alex reported that he would post more signs and if necessary, contact the Sheriff. Julie to request that PGE addresses the gate.
Gun Club Building Envelope: Discussion on estimates for surveying a one acre building envelope on the Gun Club property. Julie will get information from SLT on whether the survey has to be certified or not.

Comments from Don Martin: RCD should consider sponsoring fair poster and/or fair parade entry. M/S Don Martin/Clay Jacobson for Sharmie to take to the December Heritage meeting. Motion passed.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday December 17th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Allen