

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, April 15th, 2025
M.C.T.O. at 6:32 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: N/A

Guests in attendance:
Via phone:

New Business

Office Use/Boardroom Rental: Charge Non-RCD/RCD project meetings a fee to use the conference room. Julie and Sharmie will determine the rate.

Trespass/Grazing License Letter: Respond to George's request of separating the trespass issue from the grazing license – board maintains previous position.

Office Real Estate Taxes: Tabled

McArthur Swamp Chukar Hunt: Wes Henman interested in holding a Chukar shoot out on the Swamp property this spring. Schedule meeting with Wes Henman and Clay Jacobson to view the Swamp Property to see if suitable for Chukar Hunt. Discussed charging \$500 for use of property.

McArthur Street Fair: Discussion on doing Open House during the street fair.

Tilt Bed Trailer: Discussion on purchasing a 20' tilt bed trailer to replace the flat bed trailer to haul the skid steer. Flat bed trailer presents safety issues when loading/unloading. M/S Clay Jacobson/Chris Camarata to purchase tilt bed trailer for approximately \$10k and sell flat bed trailer. Motion passed.

Panels for Snake Pond: Tim Miramontes is willing to sell the panels he used at the Snake Pond Blinds to the RCD, four hog panels at \$25/piece. M/S Chris Camarata/Chuck McFarlane to purchase the hog panels from Tim Miramontes.

Consent Calendar

Minutes March 18th, 2025

Expenditures 03/19/2025- 04/15/2025

Financial Reports including Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Transaction Reports, and Reconciled Bank Statements.

M/S Don Martin/Clay Jacobson to approve consent calendar as presented, motion passed.

Old Business

Scholarships: Discussion on what Pit RCD scholarship awardees have gone to do – welders, ag teachers, biologists, etc. M/S Chris Camarata/Don Martin to award 2-3 scholarships, dependent on number of applicants, at \$500 each. Motion passed

NRCS Report:

No Report was given.

Executive Director Report

Financial Overview – Swamp and RCD: Tabled

Meeting with Doug LaMalfa: Sent info on Allen Camp Dam, Doug was in favor of Modoc County doing feasibility study. Discussion on breaking Forest Service into multiple functioning departments. Also discussed the wolf issues.

New Grant Applications: Two federal grants – Burney Forest Power – Put in for transportation subsidy, study and survey of all equipment. CA Task Force will out money into 5 existing facilities. Also reported that we received Cal-Fire Small Landowner Grant (\$200K) and Forest Service Carbon Market Grant (\$1.3M).

Range Manager Report

Gun Club Building Envelope: PACE is finalizing the location of the building envelope, Julie asked Shasta Land Trust to review/provide input before finalizing the location.

Grazing Seasons – Swamp and Fall River Lake: Will be going full numbers on both Properties, cattle will be going onto properties within the next week or so.

Intermountain Rec Collab: Julie reported that she heard back from PG&E that the proposed disc golf course was a permissible activity on PG&E properties. There is a \$2,000 application fee and review process, fee may be waived if dealing with grant funding. Julie will look into potential grants.

Julie also reported that PG&E is scheduled to set the meter for the Pivot project tomorrow.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Closed Session:

Govt. Code Sect. 54957 – Public Employee Appointment – Range Manager Position: Came out of closed session with decision to offer Callie McArthur the Range Manager position.

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM