

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
M.C.T.O. at 6:10 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None  
Via phone: None

## New Business

Update Board of Directors on Website: The Board of Directors have been updated on the website, need a different photo of Chris Camarata and a write up and photo of Chris Christofferson.

Cal Fire Grant: Sharmie notified the board of a \$5 million Cal Fire Grant that she would like to pursue, the grant application may be due prior to the next meeting. M/S Clay Jacobson/ Chuck MacFarlane to pursue prior to the next board meeting if needed. Motion passed.

## Consent Calendar:

Minutes November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 11/08/23 – 12/10/23, profit & loss, balance sheet, transaction reports, and bank statements  
M/S Don Martin/Chris Camarata to approve consent calendar as presented. Motion passed.

## Old Business:

McArthur Swamp Vegetation Sampling: Julie read the email response from Jake Schweitzer to the follow up questions regarding the vegetation sampling on McArthur Swamp. M/S Pat Oilar/Chris Camarata to give Jake and his team access to the northern acres of the Swamp but not in the project areas along McArthur Rd. Motion passed.

New Equipment Purchase – UTV: New UTV has been purchased for approximately \$11k. UTV is used but maintained very well.

## Executive Director's Report:

IMF Agreement: Discussion on the agreement Sharmie and Dale worked up, Randall Harr will review. There will be two separate agreements – Land Owner Agreement to implement project and Use Agreement for the use of the well by the IMF and use of grounds by RCD.

ACWA Youth Apprentice Hunt: Ash Creek Wildlife is trying to do a Youth Apprentice Hunt, Sharmie wrote a letter of support on behalf of the RCD.

NRCS Office Letter: Read aloud the letter she sent to NRCS.

Office Remodel Update: No Update at this time, discussed handicap railing and painting still needing to be completed.

Thousand Springs Timber Sale: Sharmie and Sarah Oldson met with Lejon Hammon, new Hat Creek Ranger for LNF, in order to put together Thousand Springs Timber Sale. Discussion on differing approaches between LNF and RCD on how to bid out projects, Sharmie seeking guidance on how to move forward. Board guidance to do LNF's approach and document.

Big Eddy Project Update: Update on project, is about halfway complete. Had to let go of Contractor due to lack of performance and landowner complaints.

Range Manager's Report:

Snake Pond Duck Blinds Bid: Received 5 bids for the blinds, high bid was a tie at \$2,500. Julie allowed the tie bidders an additional day to rebid, winning bid was \$3,600. Discussion on allowing leasee to have first option next year. M/S Pat Oilar/Clay Jacobson allowing leasee to have blinds next year if leasee pays \$3,600 now. Motion passed.

McArthur Swamp Pheasant Hunt: Discussion on the turn out for the pheasant hunt. Julie reviewed expenses versus profit. M/S Pat Oilar/Chuck MacFarlane to give \$275, approximately half of the profit, to Intermountain Shooting Sports Team. Clay Jacobson abstain from vote, motion passed.

Grazing Season Update: Gave final update on approximate income from grazing and PGE water fees.

McArthur Rd and DU Well Updates: No updates at this time. Julie read aloud her draft letter to the US Army Corp. No additional comments or remarks, Julie will send out the letter.

Updates on Point Blue and Partners Grants: No updates at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM