

## **Fall River Resource Conservation District**

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD  
August 19, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [ X ], Clay Jacobson [ ], Chuck Macfarlane [ X ]  
Don Martin [ X ], Chris Camarata [ X ], Pat Oilar [ ], Chris Christofferson [ ]

Staff: Sharmie Stevenson [ X ], Richard DeAtley [ X ],

Call To Order: 6:36 pm

Public Comment: None.

Guests in attendance:  
None

New Business

McArthur Swamp Grazing License 2026 – The MRMA grazing license will expire at the end of the 2025 grazing season. The board discussed the license and the options that are available. This will be placed on the agenda again next month as an action item. Sharmie will send the license agreement to the board members for review prior to next month's meeting.

Fall River Lake Property Ag Well – The board discussed the idea of seeking out a grant to help pay for the development of an Ag well on the property that is considered "farmable". Sharmie will start looking for a grant.

Chuckar Hunt – Richard told the board that Wes Hinman is interested in doing a chucker hunt on the McArthur Swamp. He had intended to attend the meeting tonight but had an unforeseeable issue. He will send Richard the information and this item will remain on the agenda for next month. There was also discussion the RCDs pheasant/chucker hunt. It will be a 2-day hunt that Richard and Clay will organize. It is anticipated that the event will be held on November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

Welder/Torch/Pallet Forks Purchase – Bill mentioned that the pallet forks purchase has already been approved and he is watching for a set. There was discussion on the purchase of a welder/torch and necessary equipment. M/S/C Chris Camarata/Chuck to purchase a welder/torch not to exceed \$8,500. Richard will talk to Perry Copp to size the pump and welder so that it can be used as a generator in an emergency situation at the pump house.

Snake Pond Blinds – There was discussion on the upcoming bids for the lease of the Snake Pond. A notice has been posted on social media and around the communities. Bids are due by Sept 12<sup>th</sup>.

Lake Property Blinds – There was discussion on the blinds for the hunting area. Richard will talk with Clay to see where we are with this project. Richard will also find the amount that was approved in the minutes to spend on the purchase of the blinds.

Father's Tracks Outdoor Ministries contacted Sharmie and asked her if the RCD would be interested in sponsoring any hunts this season. M/S/C Don/Chris Camarata to grant the same amount of pheasant hunts as was done last year.

### Old Business

Investment Account – Sharmie reported that Bill had opened the Certificate of Deposit at Plumas Bank with a rate of 3.15% for 6 months.

Fair Poster – Sharmie announced that the winner of the contest was Daniel Martin and he had been sent a check for \$500. She handed out the fair poster and told the board about where they have been posted. Don posted several in out of the area location.

Sharmie read the email from the attorney regarding the water rights/land disturbance issue. There should be a report within the next few weeks.

### Consent Calendar

Minutes June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 6/24/25 through 8/19/25

Financial reports including profit and loss, balance sheet, transaction reports, and reconciled bank statements. M/S/C Don/Chuck to approve the consent calendar.

### Reports

**Executive Director Report** Sharmie read a thank you from one of the scholarship recipients. She told the board that two Forest Service grant were awarded to the projects as Burney Forest Power. She updated the board on the CSD project that will be starting soon on the sewer system. She told the board about the SHARE Hunts that will be taking place this year. She gave a report and read the email from the attorney regarding the property tax on the office building. The attorney stated that the only way to have the office removed from the tax rolls would be to petition LAFCO. Sharmie spoke to the County and it is unlikely that this would be accomplished. Sharmie also spoke with the County regarding the property tax income that the District receives. She was told that after they researched it they were not sure why the discrepancy but the RCD is now on a program where all property taxes will be delivered to the RCD regardless of whether property owners pay or not. Sharmie brought up that board members could be reimbursed for mileage to attend monthly meetings and that they could also be reimbursed for mileage for any RCD travel. No further action was taken. There is no update on the Gun Club building envelope, Sharmie will reach out to Pace to see where this is at currently. Sharmie told the board that she is interested in contracting with Wesley Wadsworth to get the recreation collaborative and projects moving forward. There is an SNC grant that he could apply for and there is a small grant to pay for his time to write the grant. He would be an independent contractor for the RCD. Sharmie read the email from Mrs. Hanna to the board. She showed the board the certificate from SDRMA for accident free worker's comp for five years. The board reviewed the water testing results. Sharmie read a letter from Pop Warner requesting a donation for their program.

It was decided to send them a letter explaining that the RCD mission does not align with athletics and therefore the RCD cannot donate. Sharmie handed out and explained the grant status report for the 2nd quarter of 2025.

### **Range Managers Report:**

Richard reported that he had Conner's Well Drilling out because he was having issues trying to start the DU well pump. Duane discovered that the company had sent the wrong bowls and so he notified DU engineer Luke Opperman because he has to replace them. It is a warranty issue so there is no cost to the RCD. Richard reported on the operation of the pivot. He said it pumped a little sand and that Perry Copp had helped get it up and going and it worked well. The cost to run it for 13 days with no operation during peak pricing was \$5,953.28. It made four full circles and was about 77 hours per circle. There was discussion about grazing it off before leasing it out. Richard also mentioned that Dale Kroschel said that he has an idea to mitigate the 1/3 acre at no cost. Richard will check back with Dale and it will either be mitigated or flagged and not included in the farmable area. Sharmie and Richard will get the bids out this week. Sharmie told the board that she has had two people contact her. Richard told the board that he believes that the 5,000 AUM number will be reached this grazing season and that there is plenty of feed. He told the board that a guy ran through the fence and ended up leaving his license plate at the scene. Richard contacted the authorities and was given the name Elmer Santiago as the owner of the plate. He also told the board that he is in the process of hanging the game bird signs.

NRCS: None

Adjourn : 9:22 pm.

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – Beginning at 6:00 pm