

Fall River Resource Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 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 [X], Dan Klatt [X] Chris Christofferson [X]

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

Guest: None

Call Meeting to Order 7:06 PM

Public Comment – None

New Business

Ag Unit Discussion – Future Plans – There was discussion about the likely aspect of grazing the property next season. There was also discussion about the lack of water, fencing issues, and cattle trespass. There was discussion about hunting opportunities, equestrian and mtn. biking possibilities and potential for solar power generation. Sharmie will look into the easement with Shasta Land Trust to see what is allowed. The board asked Sharmie to pursue the SHARE hunt program for deer hunting this fall. Dan mention that there is a park that offers grazing and mtn. biking in Solano, Rockville Park. Sharmie will research and bring information back to the next meeting. She will also check with the insurance provider regarding horseback riding. The Ag Unit will continue to be discussed at future meetings, Sharmie will place in on the agenda under old business.

Memorial Sign at Gun Club Property – There was discussion about purchasing the sign that was discussed last year in memory of Mike Millington. Pat suggested looking back at the minutes to find the verbage that was agreed to. Sharmie will move forward with a potential design idea and bring back to the board for approval. M/S/C Clay/Dan to purchase a street sign that reads “Millington Way” for the property, Sharmie will get this made.

Engineered Plans for Shasta County Building Department – There was discussion about the required plan for Shasta County. Sharmie contacted NST Engineering in Susanville and Aaron Gardiner is working with them to determine a price. Chris suggested contracting Shane Starr and discussing options with him as his dad owns an engineering company.

Cal Fire CCI Resolutions – Direct Award and grant application– M/S/C Chris/Pat to sign resolution DR2021-01 for the Direct Award. Roll call vote: Bill yes, Chris yes, Clay yes, Don yes, Chuck yes, Dan yes, Pat yes. M/S/C Chris/Clay to sign resolution DR2021-02 grant application. Roll call vote: Bill yes, Chris yes, Clay yes, Don yes, Chuck yes, Dan yes, Pat yes.

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Application Resolution – M/S/C Chris/Dan to sign Resolution 21-02. Roll call vote: Bill yes, Chris yes, Clay yes, Don yes, Chuck yes, Dan yes, Pat yes.

Short Term and Long Term Goals – There was discussion on the development of goals for the District. The management plan for the swamp lists goals and since it is the most critical part of the RCD to remain viable in the case of grant revenue loss it was decided that next meeting will be used to determine goals for the other properties and determine actions to reach goals for the Swamp. Sharmie will have a flip chart for use at the meeting at it was decided that it will be a dinner meeting at 6:00 pm. Sharmie will locate the goals document that was prepared by Vestra in 2018 and send it to the Board.

Strategic Planning & Project Prioritization – Tabled to next meeting, this is specific to grant funds and projects.

Old Business

Office Remodel –None

Conflict of Interest – Bill found some information in the Director’s Handbook, Sharmie passed out a copy of the pages pertaining to Conflict of Interest. There was discussion on the corrals and there was discussion on the letter regarding the added component by Pat. Don read some language from the Swamp management plan and wanted that language added to the letter as well. M/S/C Chris/Don to add the language from Don to the letter and then have Sharmie send it back to the group for review and then there were no disagreements to send it to the FPPC. Roll call vote: Bill yes, Chris yes, Clay yes, Don yes, Chuck yes, Dan yes, Pat yes.

McArthur Bio-energy location discussion – There was discussion on the letter that was sent to DU regarding the facility and the possibility that an amendment to the easement would be required. It is uncertain what DU may require at this time. Chris mentioned that Shane Starr, LaMalfa’s representative and the Dahles might be helpful if we need political influence.

Consent Calendar

Minutes April 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 4/21/21 to 5/18/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Don/Chuck to approve the consent calendar and financial reports as presented.

Executive Directors report:

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update and asked the Board for approval to pay the Vestra CEQA bill because we won’t see reimbursement until after July 1. M/S/C Chris/Clay to pay the bill. She also told the Board that she had received a letter from DU approving the well location. Sharmie told the board that ConectGen had submitted a letter of commitment for 250K as a match for the CCI grant application ask. Sharmie gave a brief explanation on the Cal Fire Direct Award process. She also told the board that Burney HS has not yet contracted her in regard to Shooting Sports and use of the area. Sharmie presented the board a Grant status/indirect update (see attached) and there was discussion. Chris asked for a complete summary of indirects for next month’s meeting.

Range Managers Report:

Julie told the board that she is still looking into option on hunting blinds. She has cut the grazing AUM numbers by 50% due to the lack of feed, she will re-evaluate as the season progresses. There were 2 bids received back for noxious weed spraying. Basin and McArthur Farm Supply. Julie asked Clay to explain the weed situation to the board and after the explanation he excused himself from the room. There was discussion on the bids because they were not bid the same and the Farm Supply did not include surfactant. The board gave Julie discretion to award the bid to the company that she recommended because the bid were very competitive. There was discussion on the budget for noxious weeds for future treatments. Julie told the board that the bid from Seth Britton had been accepted as the low bidder, there were only 2 bids received. She said that the rock work for the corrals would be starting this week. There was discussion on the DU well and the cost of related to the review of the engineers plan, it was to be \$8,000. Sharmie has asked Julie to look into the cost to put the lines in ground.

M/S/C Don/Chuck to Adjourn: 9:35 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –June 15, 2021 --Beginning at 6:00 PM