

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, January 21st, 2025
M.C.T.O. at 6:05 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 [], Todd Sloat [], Julie Allen [X]

Public Comment: Dale gave a report on the wetland determination for the McArthur Swamp Pivot Area. Planning on doing a full determination this spring, also planning to meet with Greg Heidemann with CWA to look into potential NAWCA projects. Dale also reported that there has been a lack of response from the state office in regards to NRCS office use.

Guests in attendance: Dale Kroschel
Via phone:

New Business

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Lease: Julie read aloud a letter from HCRPC president, Nick Kroencke, requesting a rent reduction. Expenses for the Gun Club were reviewed and discussed. M/S Pat Oilar/Clay Jacobson to keep rent at \$4,000 for the 2025 year. Sharmie will dig deeper into insurance costs for the Gun Club Property and Julie to closely track hours spent specifically towards the club. The board will re-review prior to 2026 lease renewal. Motion passed.

McArthur Swamp Pivot: Discussion on putting the pivot out to bid for the 2025 season. Julie will put together information to solicit interest, with bids not being due until after wetland determination is complete.

Consent Calendar

Minutes December 19, 2024 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 12/20/2024 – 01/21/2024

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

M/S Pat Oilar/Clay Jacobson to approve minutes. Expenditures will be tabled to the February meeting when Sharmie returns. Motion passed.

Old Business

Grazing License Letter: Julie read aloud the draft letter with the changes requested from the last meeting. No further comment, Julie directed to mail off letter.

Fall River Lake Duck Blinds: Remove from agenda until access to the property improves.

Executive Director Report

NRCS Letter: Julie read aloud letter that was sent to NRCS regarding office update. There has been no response to date.

Cal-Fire Application: Application was completed in the amount of \$6,999,456.06. Expect to hear back about whether it is awarded in June.

Grant Updates: Closing out the Sierra Nevada Conservancy RFFCP, IRWM Fair Project, and Swamp Phase IV grants as they all expired in December 2024.

Range Manager Report

Water Supply Agreement: Will applying a 30% increase to the 2024 Water Supply fees to account for the increases in PGE rates over the past 2 years.

Gun Club Building Envelope: Will be meeting with PACE and several Trap Club members later this week to determine the location for the building envelope.

Weed Management Area Funding: Potential for some funding for noxious weed spraying. Julie will pursue.

Partners Project – FRPU: Access to property is still limited, unable to get crews in at this time.

Letter to George McArthur: Julie read aloud the letter to be sent to George McArthur. Discussion followed. Julie directed to send off letter.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday February 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Allen