

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 6:00 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 [ ]

Guest: None

### **Call Meeting to Order 6:15 PM**

**Public Comment** – Greg Gilbert spoke to the Board about a potential green water program for the Burney area and said that he and Todd Sloat had been communicating about some prospective opportunities. He mentioned that there is funding from the Shasta County Air Quality District and he estimated that it could be somewhere around \$20 -\$50K. He also told the Board that the Burney Fire Chief is interested in the potential project. Sharmie will talk to Todd and more information will be presented at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Short Term and Long Term Plan – Swamp and Ag Unit (Phase IV Funding SC) the Board held discussion and it was decided that Agriculture/Farming and Hunting/Recreation were the 2 most important categories to develop. There was discussion on the remaining funds for the SC. M/S/C Pat/Clay to develop a budget and SOW for a water delivery system for farming/agriculture development and hunting/recreation improvement.

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

2021-22 Budget – M/S/C Chris/Chuck to approve the budget as presented.

PG&E Water Agreement – Sharmie explained that the agreement to provide water for cattle grazing to PG&E expired on Oct 31, 2020. She also told the board that the 2020 water bill of \$3,000 had not yet been paid and that she had been checking into this with the PG&E representative for several months but no answer. Both she and Julie had been trying to contact PG&E but no return emails and no calls as of yet. There was discussion about having MRMA handle the payment if PG&E does not clear it up. Chris asked that a summary of charges be prepared for the next meeting, Sharmie will prepare the report.

Share Hunt Program – Sharmie told the board that CDFW had offered \$1,200 additional for 2 archery hunts (opening and closing weekends) on the Ag Unit. M/S/C Don/Dan to accept the offer of \$4,677.30 for the McArthur Swamp and Ag Unit hunts.

OPR Match Funding Request – Tabled to next meeting.

### **Old Business**

Office Remodel – Sharmie told the Board that she had contacted Shane Starr and his father is a contractor who uses an engineering firm out of Chico so if NST is not able to move forward she will contact a company in Redding.

Ag Unit Discussion – Future Plans – Due to the fact that there is no water with the Ag Unit, it was decided to contact Jim Rickert who had approached the RCD and get his proposal in writing prior to the next meeting. Sharmie will contact him.

Memorial Sign at Gun Club Property – Sharmie passed around a draft for the sign and it was decided to delete 2 portions, “operated by the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club and Trap facility operated by the Intermountain Youth Sports Assoc.” M/S/C Clay/Pat to have the sign made.

Conflict of Interest – There was discussion regarding the changes that were made to the letter for review by the FPPC and whether or not the letter should be sent. A motion was made by Dan that if an issue affects you as a board member then you don’t vote on it. This motion died for a lack of a second. There was no motion made to send the revised letter so the matter dies for lack of a motion. No letter will be sent at this time.

McArthur Bio-energy location discussion – DU will be sending information within the week.

Grant Status Report – Sharmie handed out the Grant Status Report to the Board.

### **Consent Calendar**

Minutes May 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 5/19/21 to 6/15/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Pat/Clay to approve the consent calendar and financial reports as presented.

### **Executive Directors report:**

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update on status and the project is waiting for PG&E approval. She also told the Board that she would be attending the Planning Commission meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> virtually regarding the Windmill project. Sharmie read the thank you letter that she sent to Tubit. She also told the board that Burney HS had contacted her in regard to Shooting Sports and use of the area. She explained that she told them to work with Clay and Jimmy Nunn for practice schedule, etc.

### **Range Managers Report:**

Julie has not heard back yet about any potential existing wells on the Planning Unit Property. Using Don's permit on the lake as a guideline she figures we could run approximately 75 cattle over a 6 week period for the entire 493 acres. The corrals have been started. Gravel pad and drainage ditch are complete. The cost to regrade/roll the pad after the damage by the youth is \$1,200. Sharmie explained the scenario and told the Board that she, Julie, and Dale would most likely have to testify in court. Water trough construction has started. All trough sites have been prepped, beginning to haul in material. Plan to start spraying Pepperweed by air next week. Cattle numbers are still at 50%. All grazers are now on the Swamp. Regarding the DU well, after the discussion with PG&E, Julie is pursuing the option of burying the electric line rather than use poles.

**M/S/C Don/Chuck to Adjourn: 9:38 pm**

**Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –July 20, 2021 --Beginning at 7:00 PM**