

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, April 19, 2022
M.C.T.O. at 7:05 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None
Via phone: None

New Business

Request to Lassen National Forest to Lead a District/Forest Wide Planning and Implementation Project: Tabled

Great Shasta Rail Trail Application: Tabled

FRPU fencing and Grazing Lease: Julie notified the board that she had spoken with the neighboring property owner and he said that he was leaning towards helping pay for a portion of the fencing needing to be repaired.

OPR Meeting and Expenses: Sharmie notified the board of some updates on the meeting date and schedule. The meeting room costs \$720 as well with the meal being provided will cost \$750. Money to cover the meeting would come out of indirect money. M/S/C Pat/Don to spend up to \$2,000 of indirect money for the Cal FRAME meeting.

Defensible Space Mailer: Debbie Mayer would like to send mailers out to community members within the district regarding fire safety. Would cost approximately \$2,800-\$3,000. Instead of sending out mailers, Sharmie will look into fliers, local paper, website, and Facebook page.

Extension of DOC Activities: There was discussion regarding the RCD hiring Symbiotic Restoration for a three-year time frame. There was discussion on cost and management to hire someone part time versus full time. No decision made, will bring back to next meeting.

Canal Maintenance – Swamp: Julie notified the Board that Craig McArthur had requested to clean out the canal draining from the Snake Pond into the main diversion canal. There were objections from the board as they did not feel it was necessary and could decrease wildlife habitat.

Old Business

Shooting Sports Complex – Oak Removal: Sharmie notifies the board of a letter of acceptance allowing for the salvage of Pine trees. There is a contract agreement with BZB Logging, starting in May and pile burning in the fall. There was follow up discussion regarding the oak tree removal and process.

Office Remodel Updates: Sharmie receive a letter from Shasta County with a list of issues within the remodel plans that they wanted addressed. Sharmie asked the architect and contractor to review the documents.

Hire WUI Coordinator: Sharmie listed off the applicants to the board. An interview panel will be set up and interviews will take place within the next week or two.

Consent Calendar

Minutes March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Expenditures March 16, 2022 through April 19, 2022

Sharmie had spoken with Sara Edson, CPA, to clarify numbers system issue and had her review – everything looked good. M/S/C Don/Chris motion carried.

Executive Director Report

IRWM – Int Mtn Fair Project – Well Drilling: Sharmie reported that we are still on track to have the well drilled sometime this spring when the conditions allow. There was a discussion regarding potential upcoming well restrictions.

National Forest Sugar Pine Policy: Sharmie informed the board of an action plan put in place by Lassen Forest in 2006 – Rust Resistant Sugar Pine would not be available for timber harvest until the tree was dead or considered a risk to public safety. There was discussion on the action plan and what that meant for potential future projects with Lassen Forest.

Grant Status Update: The Grant Status Report was reviewed by the board.

Crossroads Update: The project was re-cruised and remarked. The Project is still waiting on the road package and appraisal. Sharmie informed the board that there was not a firm commitment on when the RCD would receive either item. Sharmie also notified the board that they anticipate pulling the funds from Crossroads - \$250,000 - and putting into another project dependent on how things progress.

Sharmie read a thank you letter that the RCD received from Shannon Carnegie. Sharmie also wrote letters of support on the RCD's behalf for Hat Creek Construction – build lumber mill, Golden State Resources – Pellet mill in Big Valley.

Range Manager Report

DU Well Updates: Julie notified the Board that Connor's Drilling was the only contractor that was able to make it to the DU well site visit. Rather than giving a bid for the entire project, they will be providing a bid for the first 6 items – well permit, test hole, mobilization and demobilization, site preparation, and well design submission. Dependent on hoe the test hole yields, they will provide the remainder of the cost for drilling the well.

PG&E Water Agreement: Julie notified the board that a signed water use agreement is in place with PG&E and will extend for 10 years with adjustments to rate and number of AUM's when necessary.

McArthur Swamp Grazing Season: Julie notified the board that she had not called a turn in date for the Swamp nor a total number at this time. She was wanting to wait to see what the expected storms produced before making a final call on the season.

Noxious Weeds – Swamp: Julie will be meeting with Beau Miller, herbicide consultant, and touring the Swamp. Julie had called Beau for some recommendations on white top and had also discussed some potential test plots on the Swamp to test a new herbicide – TNT.

Adjourned at 9:22 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday – May 17, 2022 at 7:00 PM