

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD,
M.C.T.O. at 7:00pm at the McArthur Fire Hall

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None
Via phone: None

New Business

Adopt Sick Leave Policy: M/S Chris Christofferson/Don Martin to adopt policy as presented. Motion passes.

Lead Agency: Todd Sloat informed the board that NFWF to fund 30 acre channel fill meadow restoration project but needs CEQA completed in order to receive funding. Propose FRRCD to take lead agency role which would require 1-2 page NOE submitted to Lassen County. NEPA is already completed for the project. Discussion around CEQA vs NEPA followed. M/S Don Martin/Chris Camarata FRRCD assume lead agency on meadow restoration project and file CEQA. Motion passes.

Local Bidders Preference: Currently give 10% bidders preference to anyone local – within boundary, 60 road miles. Sharmie would like to firm up the Local Bidders Preference with board action. Discussion on what % local employment other entities use for local bidder preference. Bring to next meeting.

Gun Club Projects: Julie brought forward a potential Post Salvage Fuels Reduction project to be carried out on the Gun Club property in consultation with Cascade Resource Consultants. Project would clean up down wood and slash from the Emergency Timber Harvest Project, as well creation of a burn plan and continued fuel reduction. Plan would require CEQA. Funding from Forest Health Grant and Fire Prevention Grant already in hand. M/S Chris Christofferson/Clay Jacobson to move forward with CEQA, burn plan and fuel breaks on the Gun Club Property. Motion passes.

New Equipment: Discussion on the potential use of a no-till drill and tractor on RCD properties and future projects. Also, discussion on the need to replace the gator with something heavier duty. Julie will look into potential funding sources for both equipment items and bring options for gator replacement and cost to the next meeting.

Don Martin reported on additional work that was done to the swallow nesting structure at the Pump House to ensure nesting success.

Consent Calendar

Minutes April 4th, 2023

Expenditures (04/04/2023 -05/16/2023)

M/S Don Martin/Chris Camarata to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion passes.

Old Business

None

Executive Director Report

CDA Dinner: Assisted Youth Duck Hunt went for \$1,000

Office Remodel: Having difficulty finding contractors interested in pouring concrete for the wheelchair ramp. Working on getting a temporary occupancy permit from Shasta County until the ramp can be installed. Shasta County Inspection scheduled for end of following week.

BLM Grant: Re-submitted \$8,349,000 fuel reduction grant within and adjacent to WUI areas.

OPR grant – Amendment completed.

University of California Office of the Presidents: Implementation money (\$669,695) to tack on to the OPR Grant.

FRVFPD: Read aloud a letter that was written to the Fall River Valley Fire Protection District on the behalf of the RCD identifying projects within the district and fire district. Letter was written due to a district member speaking unfavorably towards project in Big Eddy Estates WUI area.

No news on Fire Prevention Grant, Forest Health Grant was not funded.

Reviewed Quarterly Grant Status Report.

Range Manager Report

Julie updated on the current status of DU Grant and Partners Grants. Du Grant is progressing, waiting on PG&E to install power. Partners Grant is at a standstill. Cassie Roeder is leaving the Partners Program and a replacement has yet to be hired at this time.

Grazing seasons are in full swing on Swamp and Lake properties.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday July 18th, 2023 at 6:00 PM