

Fall River Resource Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 17, 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 []

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

Guest: Jim Rickert and Travis Corder

Call Meeting to Order 7:02 PM

Public Comment –None

New Business

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

PG&E Water Agreement –Tabled to next meeting.

OPR Match Funding Request – Tabled to next meeting.

Personnel Evaluations – Tabled to next meeting. Board took home evaluation sheets and will bring back completed sheets for next meeting.

Ag Unit Grazing Lease Proposal – Sharmie read Jim Rickert proposal and there was discussion. He is interested in the entire 463 acres. He would like to plant 10 acre plots of wild rice for seed and would pay the RCD \$500. He would incur all costs to level and would like a 5 year lease. The RCD would retain all hunting rights. The lease discussed would be for grazing at a price of \$4,500 per year and he would start grazing in 2022 but farming would most likely not occur until 2023. No action was taken.

Ag Unit Farming Lease Proposal – Travis Corder told the board that without any water farming would not bring income to the RCD for many years. There was discussion about wells in the area and the potential for developing a well. Travis also mentioned that if there were water 200 acres could bring the RCD \$40,000 a year for a production crop. There was discussion on what would be needed, wild rice takes 15 gallons per acre so for 200 acres the RCD would need a 3,000 GPM well and the estimated cost would be \$500,000. No action was taken.

Trap Range Lease – Clay explained to the board that the Intermountain Youth Sports/Fall River Trap Team is interested in leasing the shooting range as they are raising a lot of money to purchase equipment and develop the facility. M/S/C Pat/Don to develop a lease at a cost of \$250 - \$500 per year depending upon their footprint. Clay abstained from the vote.

Ag Well Discussion – McArthur Swamp – There was discussion about the development of the wells and Clay mentioned that some of the wells on Lewis Rd are experiencing problems. The board agreed that when the RCD well is drilled that specific actions needs to be taken to insure a good well such as gravel packing, etc.

Old Business

Removal of old building next to office – There was discussion and Sharmie will contact the Shasta County Building Dept to get appropriate permits for demolition. The date for removal will be in October.

McArthur Swamp Future Plans – Tabled to next meeting.

McArthur Bioenergy Facility location – Sharmie told the board that she, Julie and our attorney had a phone conference with D.U. and although they did not give an immediate answer the call went well and there is an opportunity for the facility to work out depending on how D.U. interprets the easement amendment that was presented.

Consent Calendar

Minutes July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting, August 11, 2021 Special Meeting

Expenditures 7/21/21 to 8/17/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Don/Dan to approve the consent calendar and financial reports as presented.

Executive Directors report:

Memorial Sign at Gun Club Property – Sharmie showed the board that the sign and it was agreed to have the dedication event in October to give time for Bill to build the frame and get it mounted. The RCD will provide a lunch. Sharmie and Clay will make the arrangements.

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update on status and the project..

Sharmie told the Board that the first SHARE hunt is scheduled for this month on the Ag Unit property. Julie said that she had a call earlier in the afternoon that the hunter declined as he did not realize it was archery. Sharmie will contact CDFW.

Sharmie told the board that there has been a water leak on the PG&E portion of the water pipeline and that the bill for the past 2 months has been much higher. June was \$300 more than average and July was \$500 more. Julie has dates from Robert Gallion for repair work he has completed for PG&E. There was discussion that due to the circumstances of PG&E not responding and working out the water lease that the MRMA will pay the water bill if PG&E does not.

Range Managers Report:

Hunting Blinds – Julie will be picking up two 2-man blinds in Oroville next week at a cost of \$1,500 each. They will be installed at the Snake Pond. There was discussion on how to handle the hunting use and it will be placed on the Sept agenda.

DU Well – Still waiting on PG&E and they guy didn't show up for the scheduled appt and there are no costs for underground wire.

Water Troughs – Moving forward

Corrals – On hold waiting for concrete slabs for the chutes. Need 5x14 slabs, Julie will make some contacts.

M/S/C Clay/Chuck to Adjourn: 9:25 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –September 21, 2021 --Beginning at 7:00 PM