

Fall River Resource Conservation District



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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD February 20, 2019 @ 1800

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [], Mike Millington [X], Pat Oilar [], Jeff Oldson [X]

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

Call To Order: 1805 hrs

Public Comment: None

New Business:

1. Fund McArthur Swamp appraisal. Should we spend the money or not. DU willing to spend up to \$2,000. Going to need a second appraisal to verify the first. Motion by Jeff Oldson to accept low bid and spend up to \$2,500 for bid certification. Second by Clay Jacobson. Motion carried 5 to 0. Bidders; Western AG Service \$22,500, Mike Evans \$4,800, Dave \$12,000 to \$15,000, Joe Hackett \$14,000.
2. Resolution to approve submittal for Wood Innovation Grant. Motion to approve by Bill Buckman. Second by clay Jacobson. Approved 4 to 0. Jeff Oldson Abstained.
3. Select Cultural Resource Vendor for MS Water trough expansion. Two bids received, E-Corp @\$ and Dudek @\$6,191. Motion by Jeff Oldson to accept the low bidder. Second by Bill Buckman. Approved 5 to 0.
4. Remodel the current building, build new at current location or build the headquarters building on the swamp. Discussion on the merits of each choice. Consensus was to build the Headquarters Visitor Center and locate it near the entrance to the swamp at the rear of the Fair Grounds. See about using Stewardship Council money for construction and sell existing lot when new building ready.
5. Develop 501C3. Raise funds for projects. Discussion regarding the advantages of forming a 501C3 organization as a fundraising mechanism for the RCD. Mike to look into mechanics and costs.
6. Develop Healthy Soils Program and grant development. Discussion on the necessity to expand in new directions that can help community farmers maintain sustainability. Garrett Costello volunteered to look into developing a program with a report back at the March meeting

Old Business:

1. Procurement policy status. Sharmie handed out the draft procurement policy just received from our attorney. Directors will review the policy which will be placed on next month's agenda for amendments and/or approval.
2. SB 88 Business Plan Status. Sharmie not getting response from contact in San Diego. Will get back with Wendy on specifications for computer
3. Rat Farm Road Fencing Status. Fencing out to bid. MSMT to determine cultural survey requirements.
4. Long Term Management Plan Status. Dates for interviews and tours set up.

Consent Calendar:

Minutes January 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Minutes January 22, 2019 Special Meeting

Expenditures Jan 17, 2019 through February 20, 2019

Motion to approve: Tabled until next meeting. minutes and financials were not printed out due to chairman's illness.

Agency Reports

Range Managers Report: Julie stated that the areas along Rat Farm Road fenced off by PG&E are becoming Star Thistle nurseries. The sides facing the road need to be removed and replaced on the property line. Issue referred to MSMT to be resolved.

NRCS: Sara stated NRCS working on 2 new EQUIP contracts.

Project Managers Report:

FRMPU, waiting Transaction documents.

FRMRR, Awarded Fee Title, signed entry license with PG&E

Burney Gardens, Awarded Fee Title, Signed NDA and entry license with PG&E.

Sharmie, Jeff and Mike met with the PRT and Stewardship Council on 2-20-19 to develop terms of a partnership agreement. PRT wanted to be "Co-Owners" of Burney Gardens or to obtain first right of refusal to purchase Burney Gardens if the RCD decided to sell the property.

After discussing the above, The Fall River RCD Board, by consensus is not willing to share fee title of Burney Gardens nor grant first right of refusal to purchase Burney Gardens to the Pit River Tribe.

Feb 27 supposed to be court decision by bankruptcy judge on moving forward with property divestiture.

Adjourn: 2005 hrs