

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, July 9th, 2024
M.C.T.O. at 6:14 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: Noel Jacobson
Via phone: None

New Business

Senior Project Presentation: Noel Jacobson would like to take over the pheasant hunt this fall for his senior project. Discussion around covering the cost of the birds, permit, and potential lunch/dinner. Noel stated he would like to donate the proceeds from the hunt to the Fall River Valley Fire Department. M/S Pat Oilar/Chuck MacFarlane move forward with Noel's senior project, details to come later. Motion passed.

Ducks Unlimited Junior Hunt: Discussion around Tim Miramontes donating junior hunt at the Snake Pond and the RCD potentially donating an additional junior hunt on either the Swamp or Fall River Lake property at the DU Dinner. M/S Clay Jacobson/Pat Oilar for Tim to donate junior hunt at Snake Pond, RCD donate junior hunt on Fall River Lake property. Motion passed.

Consent Calendar:

Minutes May 21st, 2024 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 05/21/2024 – 07/09/2024

M/S Don Martin/Pat Oilar to approve consent calendar as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Office Open House: No updates at this time.

Executive Director's Report:

Q2 Grant Status Report: Review and discuss grant status report.

Green Waste Program: Approximately one month of funding left to run the program, plan to apply for another \$50,000 grant in order to keep program going.

Field Trip: Filled in the board on kindergarten field trip that took place on the Swamp in May.

SC/SNC Phase III: All phase III funds have been spent and closed out.

SC/SNC Phase IV: Approximately \$316K remaining in phase IV, money needs to be spent by December 31st, 2024. Discussion around putting money towards DU well pipeline or McArthur Rd pivot. M/S Don Martin/Clay Jacobson get pivot and fencing done prior to end of year, all well as any remaining projects.

NRCS Office Update: No response from NRCS regarding follow up letter at this time. NRCS hiring new DC and looking at opening position in our area.

Ethics/Sexual Harassment Trainings: Reminder to directors to complete trainings if they haven't already done so.

IMF Project/PGE Easement: PG&E storm drain that was installed incorrectly was repaired during the course of the pipeline installation. Due to unauthorized repair, PG&E not allowing pipeline to cross the canal at this time. Sharmie will be attending phone conference with PG&E to discuss moving forward.

Form 700:

Range Manager's Report:

Well Updates: DU well scheduled to be hooked up the same time as the fairgrounds well – sometime mid July.

Partners Project Updates: No updates at this time, no more work is expected to be completed on the property until later this fall.

Pheasant Hunt: Will move forward with Commercial Hunting Club license.

McArthur Rd Pivot: Julie reported George McArthur's intended use of the pivot which included a 10 year lease, they would pay to install pivot, pay electrical bills, and maintain pivot tracks. The pivot area would most likely go into irrigated pasture, dependent on production he may be interested in a second pivot site in the future.

Discussion followed.

Swamp Vandalism: Julie reported that the two students who were responsible for the vandalism came out and spent about an hour and a half releveling the area by hand.

Water System Repairs: Julie notified the board that there was a water system failure that occurred over the past weekend which requires some repairs to be made to the system's sensors and centrifuge seal. Expected cost to be within \$1,000 range.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday August 20th, 2024 at 6:00 PM