

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:00 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 [ X ]

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

Guest: Jim Rickert for the regular session board meeting

### Call Meeting to Order 5:02 PM

The Board toured the newly acquired Ag Unit near Fall River Lake before convening to the regular meeting.

**Public Comment** – Jim Rickert told the Board that he is interested in leasing the Fall River Ag Unit property as his property is contiguous and he has water rights to the lake for cattle to water. He said he would pay the same AUM rate that the RCD is getting on McArthur Swamp and would be willing to do fence repairs. He might also be interested in farming 20-30 acres for rice and would be willing to flood the fields back for waterfowl in the fall. He said he thought he could run 80 cows on the pasture area and would pay \$50 per acre for the rice. He requested a 10 yr term and would be interested in starting next year. The topic will be added to the next agenda for more discussion.

### New Business

McArthur Bio-energy location discussion – Todd explained the Bio-energy facilities to the board and it appears that the location of the Fairgrounds is not feasible due to County regulations, etc. The facilities will be 3-5 megs, need 5-10 acres, have 7-10 trucks per day delivering chips, employ 10-12 people and pay a lease fee of \$50,000 - \$110,000 annually. The board unanimously agreed to move forward and see if we can build it on the McArthur Swamp area.

Fall River Fire Safe Council – Todd told the board that the Burney CWPP is being redone to include Fall River and McArthur areas.

Conflict of Interest – Sharmie gave a very basic overview of conflict of interest and the Board held discussion. M/S/C Dan/Chris to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluate the board to determine if there are any conflicts of interest that should be noted. There were 2 opposed – Don and Chuck. Sharmie will do some research and talk with Randall to get a determination.

Tamarack West FB Bid – Sharmie presented the two bids that were in question to the board. The bids were received from contractors outside of the RCD boundary but within the 60 mile radius if a leased pit was considered. M/S/C Pat/Don to award the bid to the nearest contractor with an office in the radius even though that bid was slightly higher as long as it was within 10% of the other bidder. Sharmie will contact the bidders with the results.

### Old Business

Office Remodel – a bid was received from Gardiner & Gardiner at a cost of \$59,605. M/S/C Pat/Clay to accept the bid and move the project forward. The remodel will be paid for with indirect funds from grants.

Volunteer Recognition – The committee discussed and decided that letters of appreciation, gift certificates, and plaques would be appropriate to recognize volunteer efforts. M/S/C Don/Clay to send a letter of appreciation and a \$50 crumbs gift certificate to Tubit for their contributions to the green waste program, wood for needy individuals, and volunteer efforts with the shooting sports facility. Sharmie will take care of this.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Lease – Sharmie told the board that John Funk had called regarding a golf cart that is owned by the club. He wanted to verify that it was not an automobile for insurance purposes. It was agreed that it was not a vehicle it was additional equipment.

### **Consent Calendar**

Minutes March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 3/17/21 to 4/20/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Don/Chuck to approve the consent calendar with a correction to the minutes. Pat Oilar was in attendance at the regular board meeting.

### **Executive Directors report:**

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update and told the board that the CEQA was completed. Still do not have a signed DWR agreement but hoping for July 1. DWR is accepting invoices for expenses. Sharmie passed around a thank you card from Stewardship West for the donation. She gave an update on the windmill project and the FB for Big Bend and Hatchet Mtn. She told the board about the direct award from Cal Fire and Todd gave some specific information on the topic. Sharmie also told the board that Burney High School is starting a shooting sports team and their coach, Mike VonSchalscha has contact Sharmie.

### **Range Managers Report:**

Hunting Blinds – There was discussion, Julie will get pricing for Stainless Steel option. M/C/C Don/Pat to spend up to \$5,000 for a double blind. No movement on the PG&E license agreement for the bow gates. Julie has decided that cross fencing the N3 and N4 fields make the most sense. It is estimated that it will cost \$43,350 for the 2 miles of fencing. Julie told the board that it look likely that grazing numbers will be reduced but too early to call. She mentioned the noxious weed issue and the treatment plan for this season. There was discussion on the water trough construction and it was decided to go with a 2' apron and to get a second bid from Norris Construction. M/S/C Pat/Clay to move forward with construction of trough as long as it stays within budget and the lowest bid is accepted. Julie reported that corral construction will begin in early May. She also told the board that there has been an issue with and a distribution line for the DU well. There was discussion on the rail car bridge and the need for railing on the one that has no way to easily connect pipe to them. It appears that Dale will be welding from the underside to create rails.

**M/S/C Chuck/Clay to Adjourn: 10:31 pm**

**Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –May 18, 2021 --Beginning at 7:00PM**