

Fall River Resource Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, January 19, 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 [], Dan Klatt [X] Chris Christofferson [X]

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

Guest: Debbie Maier, Sarah Oldson, Tim Borden, John Funk

Call Meeting to Order 6:58 PM

Public Comment – None

New Business

Development of a Prescribed Burn Association – Todd, Debbie, Tim, and Sarah all spoke on the topic. It was explained to the board that the Association would be run through the RCD and that the McConnell Foundation will provide financial support and administration. There was discussion on insurance requirements and landowner fees, Tim explained how it would work and suggested the CalFBA.org website for more information. He told the board that the State of California has laws in place to cover landowners in case of fire as long as they are following the guidelines such as creating a burn plan that has a prescription, taking reasonable precautions, etc. Cal Fire only wants to be notified when prescribed burns will be taking place. The RCD's role for now is to place information on the website and social media platforms and signing a potential future MOU. M/S/C Chris/Clay to draft a letter of support for the PBA and email it to Tim and cc Todd.

ADA compliance for website – Tabled to next meeting.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club – John Funk, President of the Club, addressed the board to discuss the new lease that the RCD will have with the Club. He gave a background on the Club and there was discussion on the lease amount that the Club pays to PG&E. The current lease cost is \$5,000 and it runs Jan 1st – Dec 31st each year. PG&E also requires a \$4 million policy for liability insurance. The board decided to create a new lease agreement and to ask Randall Harr to review it. There was discussion on have a 10 year agreement and amending the acreage to only include the actual area, approximately 80 acres, where the gun club is located.

Trap Shooting Facility – Clay gave a presentation and handouts on the proposed facility. The group has created a map and has insurance through Lockton & Associates. They have applied for funding from the National Shooting Sports Foundation and are working with local businesses to have the brush removed and gravel donated. M/S/C Dan/Chuck to allow volunteers to clear out the area and place gravel in areas of need. There was discussion about having the RCD named on the liability policy as additional insureds before anyone does any shooting on the property.

Old Business

Office Remodel – There was discussion about potential contractors that might be available.

Consent Calendar

Minutes December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 12/16/20 to 1/19/20 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Chuck/Clay to approve the consent calendar.

Executive Directors report:

Gun Club – Escrow closed Dec 23, 2020.

Fall River Mills West End AG Unit Close of escrow – Escrow closed Dec 23, 2020.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan – Completed and received the final documents tonight at 6:22 pm.
Sharmie will have some copies printed and distribute to those who want them.

Range Managers Report:

Corrals –Supplies are ordered and construction will begin Mid-April. Julie wants to get the area for the gravel marked out and have the gravel delivered.

Julie explained that the MRMA gates project is on hold due to an issue with PG&E and FERC. Everything has been done except the bows and hanging the gates.

M/S/C Don/Dan to Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –February 16, 2021 --Beginning at 7:00PM