

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, April 4th, 2023
M.C.T.O. at 7:05 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None
Via phone: None

New Business

Regenerative Agriculture Discussion: Tabled

McArthur Rd Farming Discussion: Discussion on whether to size the pump to be able to run at full well capacity and potential future second pivot or to size pump to meet the needs of current pivot plans. M/S Pat Oilar/Clay Jacobson to size up pump. Motion passes.

Skid Steer Use: Sharmie is working on an agreement with Cascade Resource Consultants, who will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep while in their use. Skid steer will be available to Julie when needed.

McArthur Swamp Hunting Program: Discussion on whether to allow permit holders to hunt coyotes on the Swamp property, as it is now, use of long range rifles are not permitted on the property. M/S Clay Jacobson/Chuck MacFarlane to change language to read as follows, "Predator hunting (coyote) on McArthur Swamp is only permissible during the non-grazing season (December 1st – March 31st) by use of shotguns or 22 caliber and smaller style rifles. Predator hunting (coyote) is not permissible during the grazing season (April 1st – November 30th).

CDA Junior Hunt Donation/Sponsorship: The RCD will donate an assisted junior duck hunt at the Snake Pond, Intermountain CDA will include a lifetime junior license to be auctioned off at the California Deer Association dinner. The RCD will also purchase a sponsor table and the \$1,000 ticket option. M/S Clay Jacobson/Pat Oilar. Motion passes.

Office Remodel – Budget, Door, Grand Opening: Discussion on the additional cost of new front door, M/S Chris Camarata/Pat Oilar to approve the additional cost of up to \$1,000 for the door. Discussion on holding a grand opening ceremony once the remodel is completed.

Pit RCD NEPA Project: Discussion on the RCD providing \$5,000 towards the Forest Wide NEPA project, which would later be reimbursed. M/S Clay Jacobson/Chuck MacFarlane to provide \$5,000 for the Forest Wide NEPA project. Motion passes.

Procurement Policy Amendment: Discussion on increases in contractor's costs due to inflation. Amend to increase current Procurement Policy from \$100,000 to \$150,000. M/S Chris Camarata/Pat Oilar to amend policy to \$150,000. Motion passes.

JEDI Statement: A Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) statement is needed in order to complete any federal work. Sharmie read aloud the JEDI statement, M/S Chris Camarata/Clay Jacobson to adopt JEDI statement as read. Motion passed.

Check Signing: Discussion on reducing the required signatures on checks from two signatures to one if under the amount of \$100,000, two signatures will be required if over \$100,000. M/S Chris Camarata/Pat Oilar Motion passed.

Consent Calendar

Minutes January 17th, 2023 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 1/17/2023 – 2/20/2023; 2/21/2023 – 3/27/2023

M/S Chris Camarata/Pat Oilar to approve consent calendar. Motion passed.

Old Business

Sick Leave Policy: Reviewed and discussed draft sick leave policy. Will vote to adopt policy at the next regular meeting.

Executive Director Report

Sharmie reported on the workforce development summit that she attended in Davis.

Foundation Wind Project: Connect Gen received permission from California Energy Commission for the previously proposed Hatchet Ridge project.

Liability Insurance Increase: Sharmie notified the board she received an email stating the liability insurance will be increasing.

OPR CalFRAME Project: Sharmie is working on an amendment and more funding will be adding to the current grant agreement. A group is also being added to the scope to research property insurance within the WUI/fire danger areas.

Range Manager Report

FRPU Grazing Bids: Only received two bids, the grazing lease went to Jim Rickert who had the high bid of \$30/AUM.

Partners Project Updates: Julie notified the board that Cassie Roeder, Wildlife Biologist for Partners for Fish and Wildlife, will be leaving her position, unsure at this time who will be filling her position and taking over the project on the Partners side.

Grant Updates: Julie presented some potential recreational trail grants, given direction from the board to pursue.

Grazing Season – Swamp and FRPU: Julie notified the board that she intends to run full numbers on the Swamp and Lake Properties.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday May 16th, 2023 at 7:00 PM