

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 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 [ X ], Dan Klatt [ X ] Chris Christofferson [ X ]

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

Guest: None

**Call Meeting to Order** 7:05 PM

**Public Comment** - None

**New Business**

LOS Cal FRAME – tabled to December meeting

LOS Fountain Windmill Project – Sharmie gave the board a brief presentation of the project and told the board that Henry Woltag is interested in attending the Dec. meeting to introduce the project more completely. There was brief discussion and permission was given for Sharmie to add project information to the RCD website and Facebook page.

Rainbow Springs Acquisition – There was discussion and due to opposition by an upstream landowner the board decided not to pursue the property.

Development of a Prescribed Burn Association – tabled to the December meeting

**Old Business**

Office Remodel – tabled to the December meeting

Great Shasta Rail Trail Grant Application – Sharmie explained to the board that it appeared that the RCD would not be the applicant for the project and that there are no allowable indirect costs associated with the grant. In light of new developments, the board decided not to cooperate with the GSRTA on this project as they need indirect costs for operation of the RCD.

**Consent Calendar**

Minutes October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting – M/S/C Don/Chuck to approve

Expenditures 10/21/20 to 11/17/20 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements

**Executive Directors report:**

Gun Club – Should be closing by end of the year.

Fall River Mills West End AG Unit Close of escrow – Should be closing within the next few months.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan – Julie will complete her review and then give it to Sharmie to add comments and then Don offered to complete the review process.

Stewardship Council Funding – Sharmie presented budget for the Range Manager funds and all 3 phases of the grant funding. Phase I & II will be completed within the next few month. The board approved the Phase III budget, Sharmie will submit it with the other necessary documents to the SC and request an extension of the Range Manager Grant.

IRMW Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update on the status and the phone conference with Dept of Drinking Water.

**Range Managers Report:**

Corrals – Julie passes around a drawing of the approximately 200 x 300 corral set up. There was discussion on the bids that were received and some changes were made to the design. Only one bid included labor, the other two were for materials only. Julie will get an amended bid from Cunningham and ask Dale Kroschel to bid the job as well. M/S/C Chuck/Don to move forward with the corrals with a not to exceed amount of \$50,000.

Bridge – Dale submitted a bid for both bridges for \$7,500 which includes fencing changes and rails on bridges. M/S/C Don/Dan to approve the bid.

Gate repairs – Dale submitted a bid for materials and labor of \$21,000 for the 11 gates. M/S/C Don/Dan to approve the bid.

Tractor and Flatbed trailer – Julie told the board that her other employer has a tractor that she believe he would be willing to let the RCD use in exchange for use of the dump trailer. There was discussion on the worker's comp coverage for her in the event of an injury and liability insurance. Julie will check with her employer about coverage.

Water Troughs – The parts are all here and waiting for a response from Packway on concrete costs.

Fencing – Julie told the board that she would like to cross fence N3 and N4 fields after completion of the water troughs and replace a stretch of fencing that is in need. Cost will be approximately \$41,000 for the 2 miles of fence. Phase III budget will be used or this expense next year.

PG&E/MRMA Project – Julie told the board that the bid for the gate project on PG&E land from McArthur Farm Supply had not changed. After lengthy discussion about location, need, cost, and ownership, M/S/C Don/Chuck to approve the project. Roll call vote Pat – No, Chuck – Yes, Don – Yes, Dan – Abstain, Vote passed 2 -1.

Grazing Season Update – Julie told the board that the total for this grazing season was going to be around \$55,000. This year there were 3,400 AUM's as compared to last year's 6,000 figure. There was discussion on utilization of the pastures. Julie felt that overall it was good.

There was discussion on the DU well and the possibility of solar banking to keep costs down. Julie will talk to Amelia about the possibility.

**M/S/C Don/Dan to Adjourn: 10:20 pm**

**Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –December 15, 2020 --Beginning at 7:00PM**