

Fall River Resource Conservation District

Meeting Minutes March 25, 2020 @ 7:00 pm via phone conference

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [X], Mike Millington [], Pat Oilar [], Dan Klatt []

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

Call To Order: 7:17 pm

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None

New Business

Stewardship Council FRM Ag Unit Grant – Grant includes a well, two solar water systems, and fencing. There was discussion about the previous application that had been submitted and the match amount. M/S/C Don/Clay to submit grant proposal with a \$10,000 match.

Stewardship Council Gun Club Grant – There was discussion on a high school trap club and development of a facility at the gun range. Sharmie explained the other components of the grant, fencing, signage, vegetation treatments and replanting with the possibility of tribal participation for tree removal. M/S/C Clay/Don to submit grant proposal with a \$2,500 match.

Swallow Wildlife Project Materials – Don explained the project and the benefit for swallows and the pump house. M/S/C Clay/Chuck to spend up to \$1,000 to construct the project.

Generator & Propane Tank – M/S/C Clay/Don to table action to the next meeting for further discussion.

Gates along McArthur Road at Pump house – Julie explained that a notice for bids was placed in the newspaper and no responses. She told the board what the gate project entailed. M/S/C Don/Clay to accept Dale Kroschel's bid of \$2,250 to construct metal pipe braces and places gates per Julie's specifications.

Rickert water right and grazing – Clay explained to the board that Jim Rickert has a water right that could be utilized on the FRM Ag Unit. There was some discussion. M/S/C Clay/Chuck to table to the next meeting in order to get more information and discuss options.

NRSC MOA – Sharmie explained that the NRCS had developed a new MOA which now included CARCD. M/S/C Clay/Don to have Bill sign the MOA.

Old Business

Consent Calendar – Minutes of February 19, 2020 regular meeting and expenditures from 2/20 – 3/18/20. M/S/C Don/Chuck to approve the consent calendar

Executive Directors report:

Gun Club – Escrow – The process has not yet started due to CPUC/PG&E changes

FRM PU Ag Unit – Close of escrow is anticipated to be at least 2 weeks out due to easement issue for access to property. Phone calls will resume on 3/31.

Island Ranch – Russ Reiner wants to hold off on decision until the COVID issue passes, sellers may be willing to reduce price.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan – no update

Hunting Program – Sharmie told the board that the shared program is an option with 2 deer hunts during archery season and 2 deer hunts during rifle season for a total of \$4,000 to the RCD for the program. She will start the process for this coming year with CDFW. There was discussion on adding a rules list to give to hunters, Sharmie will start drafting a list for the next meeting.

Pick-up insurance – There was discussion on which director wanted to be added as insured drivers to the pick-up. Clay and Bill will be added.

Division 9 changes – Sharmie explained that Mike had taken on the task of working with CARCD to develop changes the public resources code division 9. The board decided that Sharmie would finish out this process.

Election of Officers/Posing Board Member Vacancy – Sharmie will place the election on the next agenda and post the notice of vacancy. She will also contact Pat, Dan, and Jeff to see if they know anyone interested in applying.

Payroll – There was discussion on the procedure with payroll. M/S/C Don/Clay to have Sharmie collect timesheets and submit them to Sara Edson for processing.

Range Managers Report:

Fencing projects – Julie will bring info for this to the next meeting.

Water trough/pipeline – Project was started but is on hold until the ground dries out.

Dump Trailer – Julie ordered a 6x12 with 3 way gate, wireless control and stickered with GVW under 10,000 lbs. She is picking up the trailer on 3/26. Sharmie asked her to purchase a hitch lock.

Pump house – Julie reported that the pump house and container are painted and look great.

Septic repair – On hold until the weather clears up a bit.

PG&E maintenance agreement – It is at the PG&E legal department and will hopefully be back by the next meeting.

Burning on McArthur Swamp – Julie has been trying to get Cal Fire to burn the swamp area but is having difficulties due to personnel change and lack of response. Don asked Julie to keep detailed records of her attempts and conversations, she indicated that she has most of her correspondence via email. Julie is planning to work with the McArthur volunteers to burn if the Cal Fire route does not work out.

Noxious weeds – Julie is working on pricing and maps, she expects to need to treat approximately 600 acres with some areas requiring two treatments. She will have more info at the next meeting.

Bill, Don, and Julie talked about the request by George McArthur to place heifers instead of steers on the swamp this year. He wants to pay the $\frac{3}{4}$ rate for the heifers that he pays for steers under 700 lbs. The license agreement states that heifers are not given the $\frac{3}{4}$ rate but are considered a full AUM. M/S/C Don/Clay to allow a temporary amendment to the agreement w/MRMA to include the $\frac{3}{4}$ rate for all heifers under 700 lbs with the stipulation that Julie determine if the heifers are actually under the weight limit and if not they will be assessed the full AUM fee. Board members expressed to Julie that they are all willing to assist her with determination of weight if it becomes necessary.

Adjourn : 8:58 pm

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Next Regular Meeting Date – Wednesday –April 22, 2020 at 7:00PM