

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, July 28, 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 [ ], Dan Klatt [ X ]

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

### Call Meeting to Order 7:15 PM

### Public Comment - None

### New Business

2020-21 Budget – Tabled to next meeting to add items

Donations – There was discussion on taking donations and the board agreed that there is no issue with accepting donations made by the public.

### Old Business

Board Member Vacancy – Tabled to next meeting

Board Meeting Night – Tabled to next meeting

### Consent Calendar

Minutes June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting – M/S/C Clay/Chuck to approve

Expenditures 6/17/20 to 7/21/20 – M/S/C Don/Clay to approve reports and bank statements

### Executive Directors report:

Gun Club – Close of escrow, CPUC/PG&E changes – Sharmie told the board that the SC was not in favor of funding the gun club grant proposal with the exception of the \$8,500 for brush removal. There was discussion and the board decided not to go forward with the project at this time. Sharmie told the board that a funding opportunity will present itself within the next year or so due to a federal allocation for recreation that was passed. There was no new information on close of escrow.

Fall River Mills West End AG Unit Close of escrow – This property is set to close escrow in November of this year.

Island Ranch Funding – There was discussion on the possibility of pursuing a loan to close the funding gap. The board was generally not in favor of the loan option but asked if there was a possibility of transferring the loan funding to purchase Rainbow Springs property. Sharmie will investigate this possibility and report back.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan progress and update – There was discussion on changes to the management plan regarding the technical language that the board feels is too detailed. They are concerned that future issues might arise due to the verbiage contained in the plan. The board asked Sharmie to speak with Todd for direction on how to best update/make changes. Sharmie did tell the board that she asked that a couple of sentences be added at the beginning of the plan noting that nothing in the plan is mandatory and that the RCD is not bound to implement any of the suggested projects and that all information is simple that informational material.

Hunting program update – CDFW – Sharmie told the board that the SHARE hunt has been advertised and the archery hunter will be selected on the 31<sup>st</sup>. There was discussion about putting in a couple of blinds. Julie will check into locations and prices for next meeting.

Burney Gardens – Sharmie told the board that the SC had returned Burney Gardens to PG&E because board consensus could not be reached. The CPUC will now ultimately decide what to do with the property.

Sharmie read a letter that she sent to the Shasta County Board of Supervisors regarding the consolidation of the Fall River and McArthur Fire Departments and the issue of funding. She also told the board that the audit for 18/19 and 19/20 starts on Monday. Mindy from NRCS asked Sharmie about a working group and after discussion it was decided that it would be best to wait until late fall. There was discussion about the 2 wells on the Swamp and Julie will look into them. There was discussion about the bank account and whether or not Dan was ever added to them, Sharmie will look into it.

**Range Managers Report:**

Hunting Signs – Julie has added info to create new signs such as No Big Game Hunting and specific weekends that the area is closed for the SHARE hunts. Sharmie will review and Julie will have them made.

Office Internet – M/S/C Don/Dan to change the office internet from Frontier to Compair but leave the phone with Frontier, Julie will take care of this.

Water Trough Construction – There was discussion on the project, Julie will contact Dale to talk about the engineering.

Fencing Projects – Julie told the board that the exterior for the Northern field needs to be surveyed by Pace so we put the fence on the property boundary. She also said we need cross fencing in the N3 field, she will get some estimates together.

Noxious Weed Abatement – Julie told the board that just a little under 600 acres were treated. 125 were flown for pepperweed and 418 were ground sprayed for pepperweed and thistle. 20 acres was spot treated. There is about 1,300 acres of whitetop that needs treatment, Julie will work with Clay for an estimate.

She also told the board that the electric fence is up and waiting for cows in that area.

Sharmie gave an update on the IRWM IMF project. Julie told the board she would be gone the 10<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup>

**Adjourn: 9:40 pm**

**Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –August 18, 2020 --Beginning at 7:00PM**

