

Fall River Resource Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21, 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 [] Chris Christofferson []

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

Guest: Sarah Oldson and Ron Shannon

Call Meeting to Order 7:39 PM

Public Comment –None

New Business

Strategic Planning & Project Prioritization – Tabled to next meeting, this is specific to grant funds and projects.

PG&E Water Agreement –Tabled to next meeting.

OPR Match Funding Request – Tabled to next meeting.

Personnel Evaluations – Tabled to next meeting.

McArthur Swamp Hunting 2021-22. There was discussion on the newly purchased hunting blinds. It was decided that no hunting signs be purchased and placed near the snake ponds. M/S/C Don/Chuck to have Sharmie and Julie talk with CWA and determine if the blinds can be auctioned off at their upcoming event. If not, Sharmie and Julie will advertise and lease the blinds at a cost of \$4,000 for the entire season and report back at the next meeting.

Black Powder Competition – Ron Shannon handed out a flyer for a potential black powder rendezvous on Oct 7-11. The Pit River Pioneers are sponsoring the event and would like to use the property below the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club for various events. All proceeds will benefit the Intermountain Youth Shooting Sports. Ron said there would be between 40-60 shooters and they would camp in the open field area west of the gravel road. They will provide a fire trailer and have insurance that will name the Fall River RCD as additional insureds. They will be clearing brush for the event. M/S/C Don/Chuck to allow the Pit River Pioneers the use of the area.

Gun Club Communication Discussion – Tabled to next meeting.

Hilcrest Fuel Reduction Project – Sharmie told the board that Evan Watson had contract her and Todd and that he has asked that the RCD file an NOE for a fuels reduction project at Hilcrest. He will pay the filing costs. M/S/C Don/Clay

Sarah Oldson presented the salvage emergency harvest project at the gun club property to the board. Busy Bee logging will do the job at no cost and they will take ownership of the trees that are removed. She also told the board that there needs to be a shaded fuel break done and that we can most likely use CCI funds to get it done. M/S/C Don/Clay to move the project forward and report back.

Old Business

Removal of old building next to office – Sharmie contacted the Shasta County Building Dept and spoke with permit specialist Jennifer and was told that there was no building permit on file and due to no water or power and the size of the structure that no permit was needed. The date for removal will be in October.

McArthur Swamp Future Plans – Tabled to next meeting.

McArthur Bioenergy Facility location – Sharmie told the board that there had been no response yet from DU. Don asked who was making the decision and suggested getting Mary Rickert’s help.

Gun Club Property Dedication – There was discussion and it was decided that the RCD would provide lunch, Sharmie will take care of the food, Bill will speak at the dedication which will be held on October 16th at noon.

Consent Calendar

Minutes August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 8/18/21 to 9/21/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Don/Clay to approve the consent calendar and financial reports as presented.

Executive Directors report:

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update on status and the project’s progress and she will make sure to advocate for a water line to the corrals

Sharmie told the Board that there is an opportunity for the region to apply for a grant from NRCS for disadvantaged farmers and Laurie Tippin has asked if the RCD wants to be a part of it, there was discussion and M/S/C Don/Chuck to move forward.

Sharmie passed around the engineers drawings of the inside and outside of the building for the remodel.

Sharmie relayed the sewer information to the board that she learned at the CSD meeting, she will attend the townhall and report back.

Range Managers Report:

Julie told the board that Casey DeAtley, professor at Chico State, had contacted her in regard to the Swamp and she wants to have her grazing ecology class do a mock management plan. They will target grazing. The board gave Julie the go ahead with Chico State.

Hunting Blinds – will be installed at the Snake Pond this week.

Water Troughs – Concrete will be poured in first one next week.

Corrals – concrete slabs will be poured as soon as the blinds are installed and then corrals will be finished.

Julie is projecting the grazing fees for this season to be approximately \$35,000.

M/S/C Clay/Chuck to Adjourn: 9:05 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –October 19, 2021 --Beginning at 7:00 PM