

# Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, March 15, 2022  
M.C.T.O. at 7:10 pm

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

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

Public Comment: Nick Kroencke – new President with Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club (Gun Club) – introduced himself to the board. He presented several updates to the board including a new fire policy that will be put into effect for the Gun Club, an annual work party that will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Nick will be the acting contact person from here on out, and the locks on the gate were going to be adjusted to address some lock issues. Nick also requested a timeline for the planned tree removal in order to avoid scheduling conflicts.

Guests in attendance: Nick Kroencke  
Via phone: None

## New Business

PGE Pole Line Discussion: Julie retouched on the planned location of the powerline and the concerns brought forward by Craig McArthur. Since there was no further comment from anyone on the board or from the community, there was no further discussion to be had. Project will continue as planned.

Great Shasta Rail Trail Grant Application: Great Shasta Rail is looking to apply for a Federal Infrastructure Funds Grant. However, they are unable to apply themselves as they do not meet the criteria - Sharmie explained that they were interested in having the RCD apply for them. There was discussion regarding concerns over new created access the public would have to private parcels and how the concern was going to be addressed. The Board would like to have some input on how the trails are utilized by the public in an effort to minimize public access onto private lands. There was further discussion on whether private land owners would like to speak at the next meeting. Sharmie will invite Great Shasta Rail to the next Board meeting.

Recreational Trails Program Grant: Julie presented a non-motorized trail funding opportunity to the board. There was discussion about potential trails, paths, and connections. The Board would like to hold off until more thorough plans are developed.

## Old Business

Crossroads Project: Sharmie updated the board on some developments that have occurred since the last meeting and read aloud a letter from Elizabeth Berger (Deputy Regional Forester) regarding the project. Sharmie also notified the board of a call between Deb Bumpass and Robin Wall where it was stated that Oak removal would be allowed but removal of Sugar Pine would not be allowed. Director Chris explained to the board that there are Sugar Pine trees that may be resistant to “blister rust” and that these trees are used for seed collection, however, any issue with removing these trees should have been clearly identified during the decision memo. Sharmie states that they were not. There was a separate meeting held between Sharmie,

Sarah and Todd to discuss other potential uses for money that has to be spent before March 31, 2023 as the project continues to be drawn out. Sharmie will get further clarification on Sugar Pine Policy. It was stated that RCD projects are not priority projects to the FS.

CCI Budget Amendment: Sharmie notified the Board of some amendments being made to the CCI Budget in order to secure funds for the Shasta College purchase of a John Deere Skidder that they have been leasing.

Shooting Sports Complex – Oak Removal: No updates on Oak removal at this time. However, the NRA grant funded \$22,000 to start building trap shoot course.

Conflict of Interest and Sexual Harassment Renewal: Sharmie has set up accounts and will send out to everyone.

Office Remodel Updates: Remodel permit is now going through without demolition permit requirement. Miscommunication among County members.

Hire WUI Coordinator: Job posting is being flown through the 31<sup>st</sup> of the month. So far there has only been a single applicant from out of state.

#### Consent Calendar

Minutes February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting

Minutes March 3, 2022 Special Meeting

Expenditures February 16, 2022 through March 15, 2022

Sharmie read off expenditure amounts. She also notified the board she was having some issues getting the report to populate correctly due to account numbers not being assigned at initial set up. Sharmie will assign numbers and have report ready next meeting.

M/S/C Chuck/Dan to approve the Consent Calendar.

#### Executive Director Report

IRWM – Int Mtn Fair Project – Well Drilling: Sharmie spoke with Duane Connors who will do both wells at the same time. He will start as soon as ground conditions allow.

Sharmie also gave brief reports on several topics – The state is no longer going to fund businesses to connect to the CSD sewer line, they will only fund the school and possibly the fairgrounds. Businesses will now have to pay the connection fee. The Charging stations grant is going to be held off for the next funding round due to company deciding to go another route as well as the rushed timeline. The donated Swamp Duck Hunt went for \$1,100 at the CDA dinner. Sharmie is going to look into getting a Private Land Management tag from CDFW for the FRPU property. Lastly, Sharmie read the support letter that was written in support for the Fall River Valley Fire Department.

#### Range Manager Report

DU Well Updates: Julie notified the board the DU Well is being put out to bid and explained DU's bidding process – RCD will be sent a list of contractors to review, once list is ok'd an invite will be sent out to contractors followed by a site showing. Contractors will have roughly two weeks to submit their bids, DU will select lowest responsible bidder. Julie will schedule the site showing with DU and notify the board for anyone interested in attending.

PG&E Water Agreement: No updates on agreement. Julie stressed to Alex with PG&E that the grazing season was quickly approaching and an agreement needed to be in place in order to supply water to PGE ground.

Seeding and Medusa Head Management: Julie reported the findings from CSU's Rangeland Ecology class projects regarding AUM's, carrying capacities, and medusa head management methods. These findings were within reasonable range with actual AUM's used on the Swamp for the 2021 grazing season, as well as McArthur Swamp's Baseline Condition Report. Julie discussed wanting to use a previously approved \$4,000 seeding budget try some of the medusa head management methods on a small scale. There were no concerns from the board, ok'd to move forward.

FRPU Fencing Letter: Julie will reach out to the neighboring property owner regarding the shared boundary fencing's need for repair and potential shared costs.

Adjourned at 9:10 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday – April 19, 2022 at 7:00 PM