

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Call Meeting to Order 6:03 pm by Chairman Mike Millington. Board members present: Clay Jacobsen, Don Martin, Bill Buckman, Chuck MacFarlane, Pat Oilar. Guests – None, Staff: Sharmie Stevenson

Public Comment - None

Any person may address the board at this time about any subject within the jurisdiction of the Fall River Resource Conservation District; however, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and approve action at a subsequent meeting.

New Business

NRCS-MOU – Changes are being made by NRCS, will be ready by next month's meeting.

Old Business

Management plan for Fall River Mills AG Unit – Discussion on grazing, and fencing

Consent Calendar – M/S/C Don/Bill to approve consent calendar

Minutes January 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 1/16/20 to 2/19/20

Executive Directors report:

Island Ranch; Sharmie – Sharmie told the board that there was a private party interested in making a donation for the purchase of the property with a condition of hunting rights.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan progress and update – Sharmie told the board that there will be a meeting on May 27th to review and discuss the plan. Information will be sent out prior to the meeting date for review.

Hunting program update – Sharmie told the board that she had spoken with CDFW and that they have a shared program were the RCD could be paid \$1,000 per hunt and have 2 deer hunts during archery and 2 deer hunts during rifle season. She also reported that there were 33 paid hunters so far this year. There was discussion and she will obtain more information on the program with CDFW.

Range Managers Report: Sharmie read a report from Julie (see attached)

Fencing Projects

Water trough pipeline construction

New water troughs

Phone line WIFI for pump house

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

At any time during the regular session, the Board may adjourn to a closed session to consider litigation, personnel matters, or to discuss with legal counsel matters within the attorney/client privilege and it may be held in a closed session. Authority: Government Code Section 1126(a)(d)(g)

Next Regular Meeting Date – Wednesday – March 18, 2020 --Beginning at 6:00PM

Sharmie Stevenson

From: Julie Allen <allianne2311@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Mike Millington; Sharmie Stevenson
Subject: Board Meeting

Good morning,

Unfortunately I caught the cold going around so I will not be attending tonight's meeting.

Update on a few things (you can read this to the board if you'd like):

Spoke with Robert. He said he may be able to start on the pipeline project by the end of this week. He has a few small jobs he is wrapping up and then he plans to get started as long as the weather holds (maybe if he starts it will rain...). He will be purchasing all the necessary materials, which may take a week or two to arrive so we discussed doing the septic tank in the meantime. We will be keeping in touch and I will send out an e mail letting everyone know when he plans to do the septic tank.

Bill has built a frame for the sign at the Pump House. We're aiming to have it put up sometime next week.

I am forwarding the estimate from Dan with Excel to replace bad breakers and install a generator at the Pump House. He doesn't specify in the email but we had discussed an on demand generator (I believe Generac brand), propane - should include, but not certain, installation of a propane tank so I will double check that.

I had planned to go to Anderson to look at Dump trailers at the end of this week but am most likely going to push that back to next week.

I asked Sharmie last week to put an ad in the paper for painting the Pump House and for building the new gate along McArthur Rd. So far I have only had one person contact us about painting the Pump House and zero calls about the gates. Will give more time for responses and bring to next board meeting.

Chris McArthur and I met with PG&E a couple weeks back about the proposal she brought forward for rebuilding braces, gates, and moving a fence line. PG&E seemed very open to the proposal and discussed the possibility of moving the public access point from its current location (concrete bridge gate) to the old bridge right at the intake. This would hopefully limit the amount of people going through the gates and cut down on them walking through that area. They also discussed putting forward a portion of the project cost (suprise suprise) however we will have to wait and see if anything actually happens. So far I have not heard any updates.

I had installed the outside cameras (have not installed to pump camera yet since the water is shut down) however because I am trying to mount to tin with nothing behind it, the cameras were not very secure so I took them down to prevent anything from falling and breaking until I find a better way to mount them where they are in the correct line of sight. Should be an easy fix. Picture quality is really good! I have the outside cameras set on a schedule so they will only be set off by motion activation between the hours of 9pm and 6am daily. This will prevent them from going off whenever I am there or whenever a car drives by during the day. Will also save on storage space and cut down on internet usage. **I gave the account information to log onto the camera system and view photos, videos, etc. to Sharmie, Mike, Bill, and Don. If anyone else would like that information let me know and I can add you to the account. Total cost of security system was \$1,250**

(camera system, includes 3 cameras, hub station, charging devices, batteries - \$500, Compair install - \$150, one year of compair service -\$600)

Contacted Cal-Fire about burning on the Swamp last week, haven't heard back on that yet. If I don't hear back from them soon I'm going to see about just going forward with the volunteer fire department. Jeff Oldson and I have already talked about that being a possibility.

Pat has mentioned doing some spring seeding on the swamp with the same seed mix we put out in the fall to see what planting season works better. I would like to take advantage of that.

That's the main stuff. New door was installed. I have been out to check the fences, they need some work. I have updated our spraying permits with the county. Brumley plans to bring their bees back this year.

Sorry I won't be making it but I think its probably best for everyone, this crud is pretty nasty.

Sharmie I will get in touch with you in the next couple days to catch up.

Julie