

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Regular Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, December 19th, 2024
M.C.T.O. at 6:01 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: Noel Jacobson
Via phone: None

New Business

Southern Cascades Vegetation Sampling Request: Vollmar Consulting reached out to Shasta Land Trust in order to conduct vegetation sampling on properties that SLT holds conservation easements on. Shasta Land Trust forwarded the request to us for the Fall River Lake Property. M/S Chris Camarata/Chuck MacFarlane to notify SLT that we are not interested and to recommend that Vollmar reach out to private land owners. Motion passed.

Associated California Loggers (ACL) Conference: Sharmie will be attending the conference for the Pit RCD. Interested in if FRRCD would like Sharmie to go on their behalf as well and split the costs 50/50 with Pit RCD. Sharmie would be going to maintain the RCD's relationships with ACL. M/S Don Martin/Clay Jacobson to send Sharmie and split the cost 50/50. Motion passed.

Procurement Policy Update: Discussion around Procurement Policy – currently able to sole source work for under \$150K, which works well until working on 3-5 year projects. M/S Chris Christofferson/Pat Oilar amend policy to read \$150K annually (January 1 – December 31). Motion passed.

Senior Project Donation to FRVFPD: Noel gave an overview on how the pheasant hunt went. \$2,343.37 raised to go to FRVFPD, \$536.36 to the RCD.

Weir on McArthur Swamp: Discussion on a weir that was placed on the Swamp by George McArthur this summer, without permission, while Julie was gone on vacation. Discussion around liability and unpermitted use of property. M/S Chris Camarata/Chris Christofferson Julie to send a certified letter to George McArthur and MRMA regarding unpermitted uses of property. Motion passed.

Grazing License Letter: Julie read aloud the draft letter addressed to MRMA regarding underutilized AUM's. Discussion around license language. M/S Chris Christofferson/Chris Camarata for Julie to quantify and specify "best reasonable effort" and bring back to January meeting. Motion passed.

Consent Calendar:

Minutes November 19th, 2024 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 11/20/2024 – 12/19/2024

Financial Reports including Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, Transaction Reports, and Reconciled Bank Statements.

M/S Don Martin/Chuck MacFarlane to approve consent calendar as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Duck Blinds – FRPU: Unable to access property at this time, will schedule meeting with CWA once access improves.

Executive Director's Report:

NRCS Office Update: No update to report at this time. Sharmie directed to send a letter to NRCS requesting \$200/month to cover cost to power their electrical equipment, they have 30 days to respond or equipment will be removed from the building.

CARCD Membership Update: No update at this time.

SLT Update: Julie's report (Gun Club Building Envelope).

New Grant Applications – BFP Update: Submitted both the Wood Innovation and Infrastructure – Woody Products grants. PG&E to negotiate new Power Purchase Agreement with Burney Forest Products.

Range Manager's Report:

McArthur Swamp Projects: Pipeline has been installed for the DU well, wrapping everything up on that project. Pivot fencing is being finished up. Copps scheduled to fix conduit at PGE pole once wrapped up with pipeline.

Pheasant Hunt Results: Julie touched on information that Noel gave in his presentation.

Grazing Season: Total grazing fees for the 2024 season came to \$74,812.35 plus the additional water usage fees which Julie is working to have adjusted due to PGE rate increases.

Gun Club Building Envelope: Tentatively have PACE scheduled for mid-January to come out and due the surveying of the building envelope. Intermountain Youth Sports with cover the \$3,250 surveying fee.

Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday January 21st, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Allen