

Fall River Resource Conservation District

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2020 @ 7:00 pm

Establish Quorum: , Bill Buckman [X], Clay Jacobson [X], Chuck Macfarlane [X]
Don Martin [X], Pat Oilar [X], Dan Klatt [X]

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

Call To Order: 7:05 pm

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: Debbie Mayer and Jim Rickert

New Business

Sharmie told the Board that she had contacted Jim Rickert to review the Island Ranch appraisal that was completed by an out of the area appraiser. Jim relayed the information that he observed from the appraisal to the board. There was discussion on the review.

Sharmie gave an update to the board regarding the Shasta County Weed Management MOA. M/S/C Clay/Pat to sign the MOA.

Sharmie explained to the board the situation that has been faced regarding NEPA and the FS. Debbie added some information and there was discussion on retaining a legal firm to research and write an opinion for the District to use as a tool to help the FS with specialist report reviews. M/S/C Pat/Don to contribute \$2,500 to the fee for the legal assistance.

Old Business

Purchase Equipment (Bobcat/Tractor) – Julie again spoke with Steve Gagnon about the RCD utilizing the tractor or backhoe. Steve will present it to his board next week and Julie asked that they provide something in writing.

Consent Calendar – Minutes of May 20, 2020 regular meeting and expenditures from 5/21 – 6/16/20. M/S/C Don/Clay to approve the consent calendar. Sharmie handed out the profit and loss, balance sheet, transaction report, and bank statements for the boards review.

Executive Directors report:

Gun Club – Close of escrow, CPUC/PG&E changes – nothing to report, There was discussion on the Trap Shoot Facility development.

Fall River Mills West End AG Unit. Close of escrow – nothing to report

Island Ranch – There was discussion on moving forward and asking the owners to reduce the price and possible entertain a bargain sale as the board feels the asking price is not in line with similar properties and that the original appraisal did not take into consideration property detriments. Sharmie told the board she would be talking with Ginny Hannah next week to see if she has any suggestions or leads.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan progress and update – Meeting in May cancelled and moved to June 30th, if there are still COVID restrictions it will be done via Zoom. Sharmie will print out a hard copy for Don, Pat, Julie, and Clay.

Hunting program update – Sharmie has been working with Victoria from CDFW and gave all of the pertinent info to the board regarding the Shared Lands program. M/S/C Don/Clay to enter into an agreement with CDFW for 4 hunts on the McArthur Swamp, 1 – opening weekend of Archery season, 1 – opening weekend of Rifle season, 1 – opening weekend of waterfowl season, 1 – opening weekend of late season white and white-fronted geese and to change the hunting permit to no big game hunting allowed outside of the CDFW special hunts. The board agreed to try the program for one year and re-evaluate at the end of the season. SHARE amount that the District will receive for these 4 hunts is \$3,413.25.

Range Managers Report:

There was a short discussion decals for the pickup and trailer. Price is \$60 per decal and 4 decals are needed. Julie will report back at the next meeting.

MRMA/grazing season decisions – Julie told the board that the grazing was increased by 15% due to the late rains and the count total is now 908.

Water trough pipeline construction – Julie reported that there will be 5 new 30’ x 33” troughs installed and the project will be put out to bid soon.

Septic repairs – Repairs will be started when Robert finishes the project he is working on

Noxious weed abatement – 400 acres of Pepperweed will be treated, 250 will be flown and 150 will be spot sprayed. Julie and Clay reported that the Milestone worked very well where it was applied.

Julie told the board that the NAWCA grant was awarded to the District and we hope to have a funding agreement next month.

NRCS Report –None

Adjourn : 8:48 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 – Tuesday –July 21, 2020 at 7:00PM