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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, May 17, 2022
M.C.T.O. at 7:09 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None
Via phone: None

New Business

Pit 1 Powerhouse Relicensing: Julie will look into when Pit 1 Powerhouse is up for relicensing and report at the next meeting.

Great Shasta Rail Trail Grant Application: Sharmie has not received any responses from GSRT members, remove item from future agendas.

SNC Indirects Discussion: Todd and Sharmie are scheduled to have a meeting with the SNC director on June 6th to determine how much money will be available to pay WUI Coordinator.

Open TEAM Fellow: Removed from agenda as last-minute decision was made by CARCD to go with another RCD for the Open TEAM Fellow position.

New Board Member: Dan Klatt will be resigning as board member. There was discussion about finding someone to fill the seat. Must be a Lassen County resident.

Old Business

Forest Wide Planning and Implementation Project Adoption: The Board reviewed a letter written by Todd regarding the adoption of a forest wide planning and implementation project. Discussion followed. The board will add comments and bring back to the next meeting.

Office Remodel Updates: Sharmie informed the board that the contractor was looking for a new electrician. Sharmie will pass along Excel Electric's information to the contractor.

Hire WUI Coordinator: Sharmie notified the board that two local applicants were interviewed for the position. There was discussion on who the best fit would be to work Sarah Oldson on Forestry matters. There was further discussion that Sarah Oldson (CRC Forestry) may be better suited to hire the applicant and contract them out to the RCD. Sarah to get back to Sharmie and Todd on her thoughts on hiring for the position. Will report at the next meeting.

Climate Smart Commodities Grant: Julie gave an update on the status of applying for the Climate Smart Commodities Grant. Rather than the RCD applying directly, Julie notified the board that CARCD partnered on five separate proposals, proposals included climate-smart practices such as biochar, compost, whole orchard recycling, cover cropping, and hedgerow planting. If these proposals were chosen for funding, the RCD could bill for any technical assistance provided to local producers implementing the funded climate- smart practice. Julie explained this is available to any RCD so there is no guarantee on how much funding would be available to our RCD but she will start gauging local interest and work with CARCD on staying on the top of the list.

Consent Calendar

Minutes April 19th, 2022 Regular Meeting
Expenditures 04/20/2022 – 05/16/2022
M/S/C Pat/Don, motion carried.

Executive Director Report

IRWM – Int Mtn Fair Project – Well Drilling: Sharmie reported that Connor's has all three permits in order to drill wells and will be starting drilling soon. Sharmie also reported on the Division 9 Public Resource Code, as CARCD wants to make changes to Division 9 Code. Sharmie reported that by her understanding CARCD would be potentially partnering with LAFCO which could result in CARCD having more control over local RCD's. Sharmie put a call into Megan and Brian Dahle voicing her concern over the direction CARCD is trying to go. Sharmie also notified the board of a letter a project consultant received in regards to harassment allegations. Lastly Sharmie notified the Board of the upcoming kickoff meeting for the Office of Planning and Research's NE CA Cal FRAME meeting in Redding on June 1st. Don will attend the meeting.

Range Manager Report

DU Well Updates: Julie reported that progress moving the well forward was at a stand still due to still not having received a cost estimate from PG&E for the power extension. Julie explained that PG&E has repeatedly given DU dates of when the cost estimate would be ready and has continually missed the timeline without any communication. Julie will request contact information for the Supervisory role and write a letter.

McArthur Swamp Grazing Season: Julie notified the board that she turned in cattle at 60% of numbers to start as conditions were dry and grass was slow to get growing, she would reevaluate along the way and increase numbers as she felt the Swamp could carry. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the grazing season and the outcome the board would like to see after receiving some spring rains.

Noxious Weeds – Swamp: Julie and Clay discussed the conditions they were seeing on the Swamp in regards to the White top. Julie explained that much of the Swamp had varying levels of White top present and treated the entire area would be very costly. There was discussion on how to best approach treating for the White top. Julie will have 100 acres sprayed and document the results. Julie also reported that Cassie Roeder with Partners for Fish and Wildlife notified her that there would be approximately \$90-\$100K of funding available that could be split between the FRPU and Swamp Properties. M/S/C Pat/Clay to move forward with Partner projects on both properties. Julie also gave some updates on the WCB grant as well as new Ag Task Force group meetings that she will be attending monthly in order to learn about potential Ag funding projects/sources. Lastly, Julie notified the Board that she was contacted by Vicky Wolfe – Shasta County Master Gardener regarding interest in donating trees to the RCD. Julie will look into planting the trees on both the FRPU and Swamp properties.

Adjourned at 9:40 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday – June 21st, 2022 at 7:00 PM