

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Meeting Minutes Fall River RCD, June 28th, 2022
M.C.T.O. at 7:05 pm

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

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

Public Comment: None

Guests in attendance: None
Via phone: None

New Business

SNC Vibrant Rec. & Tourism Grant App Resolution: Sharmie notified the board that the current recreation and tourism grant is expiring and that there is an opportunity to put in a proposal for a new grant for roughly \$300K for planning and implementation monies, with no match requirement from the RCD. The grant would aim to continue Intermountain Recreation Collaborative, create Intermountain Revitalization Collaborative, develop and identify funding grants for Mountain Biking, Disc Golf, Birding trails and EVCS, and develop community events to create an inclusive and vibrant community. Garrett will be carrying out the groundwork and grant application. M/S/C Chris/Chuck for resolution to move forward with the grant. Roll Call: Yes – Pat, Don, Chuck, Chris; No - 0

Green Waste/Fuels Reduction: Sharmie notified the board that it costs approximately \$12K/yr to run the current program in Burney. The site is open M/W/F for 2 hr/day. RCD would contract Symbiotic Restoration, who will oversee everything. M/S/C Pat/Chris to continue program but would like a sign of recognition for the RCD at the site location. Sharmie will look into the sign.

Approval of BLM Fuels Reduction Grant Application: Sharmie assisted Greg and Debbie Mayer on a \$7.2M Fuels Reduction Grant application for fuels reduction work around existing WUI areas in both the Fall River RCD and Pit RCD Districts. Due to the very short timeline, grant proposal had to be submitted prior to board meeting. M/S/C Chris/Pat to continue to pursue grant opportunity.

Old Business

Forest Wide Planning and Implementation Project Adoption (Forest Wide A-Z): Todd notified the board that there was favorable interest in a Forest Wide NEPA. There will be a collaborative meeting held on Friday to discuss and establish who will take lead moving forward, and how the process is going to work. Discussion followed.

Pit 1 Powerhouse Relicensing: Julie spoke with Jimmy Galloway, Hydro License Coordinator with PG&E, who notified her that the Pit 1 Powerhouse was not up for relicensing until 2043, as most licenses are 40 years.

New Board Member: Continuing to look for a Board Member that resides in Lassen County.

Hire WUI Coordinator: Sarah Oldson (CRC) cannot take on a new employee at this time, meeting is set for Friday to discuss position.

Office Remodel Updates: No update at this time, still waiting on finalization of permit from the County.

Consent Calendar

Minutes May 16th, 2022 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 05/17/2022 – 06/27/2022

M/S/C Don/Pat, motion carried.

Executive Director Report

IRWM – Int Mtn Fair Project – Well Drilling: Sharmie notified the board that the County needed more information on the fairgrounds well and McArthur Rd well prior to issuing permits. Fred Negel is working on getting that information which will then be sent to the county. Once the permits are in hand, Duane will begin drilling of wells. Sharmie also notified the board of several topics: the grant for Partners for Fish and Wildlife projects has been submitted, the SHARE Hunts for the Swamp and FRPU property had been renewed, and that a local community member sent a letter to Lassen National Forest in regards to the severe hazardous conditions on LNF neighboring property. Lastly, Sharmie discussed a Fire Prevention Grant that had been resubmitted and funded for approximately \$3.5M.

Range Manager Report

Julie reported that all projects were moving forward (DU well). She also reported on the grazing on both the Swamp and FRPU properties. Julie notified the board that feed conditions on the Swamp had improved since the late spring rains and she was allowing full numbers. Julie also reported on the FRPU grazing and notified the board that cattle had to be removed from the property early due to the drop of water level in Fall River Lake – allowing cattle to get around fencing and off of the property. There was discussion on how to mitigate that issue in the future. Julie notified the board that the WCB asked for a full grant proposal, she will keep the board updated.

Director's Report

Don Martin gave a report on his attendance of the NE Cal FRAME kick off meeting which was held on June 1st in Redding. Don reported on how the meeting went as well as discussions that were had in regards to what Cal FRAME pilot project could offer to the area.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by Chairman Buckman

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