

Fall River Resource Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

At the RCD Office Building in McArthur

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

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

Guest: John Funk, Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club

Call Meeting to Order 7:07 PM

Public Comment – None

New Business

Stewardship West Donation – Sharmie presented the idea of donating \$500 to a newly developed non-profit that Kevin Zeman has started for forest health work. Todd approached Sharmie with the idea because this partnership is very useful to the RCD and overall project work. M/S/C Dan/Clay to donate \$500 to Stewardship West.

Volunteer Recognition – A committee was formed to looking into this. Pat and Don will chair the committee and report back at the April meeting.

Fall River Fire Safe Council – Sharmie reported that it appears that there will not be a new fire safe council developed but rather expand the current Burney Fire Safe Council and amend the CWPP. Todd can give more information at the next meeting.

Cal Fire CCI grant opportunity – Sharmie explained that there is a potential to receive additional grant funds from Cal Fire. M/S/C Pat/Dan to move forward with a grant proposal if needed.

Procurement Policy – Sharmie presented the new language to the board for adoption into the procurement policy regarding bid letting information. M/S/C Pat/Don to approve the language addition to the policy.

COVID Plan – Sharmie reported that the State of California is requiring a Covid Plan. Sharmie used the template that was provided by the State and tailored it to fit the RCD. The board unanimously agreed to adopt the plan.

Old Business

Office Remodel –No new information or bids.

Trap Shooting Facility – Clay told the Board that he is working on funding for a thrower and funds to build the facility. They have insurance with Lockton. Three loads of gravel have been delivered to the site and the other two will follow.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club Lease – There was discussion on some of the indemnity language in the lease. Sharmie explained that all of the information was from the original 3 leases that were provided to her from PG&E and Randall Harr the RCD's attorney. John Funk told the board that he is working with Bob May, a risk management consultant, and he wants changes to the lease. The board instructed Sharmie to contact Randall with the proposed changes. There was discussion on the lease fee amount that was approved at the February meeting. M/S/C Pat/Clay to charge the Club \$2,000 for the 2021 year.

Consent Calendar

Minutes February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

Expenditures 2/17/21 to 3/16/21 – Sharmie passed out the reports and bank statements - M/S/C Dan/Chuck to approve the consent calendar.

NRCS report:

Dale reported to Sharmie that he is very busy trying to get project ranked, completed, and turned in.

Executive Directors report:

IRWM – Inter. Mtn. Fair Project – Sharmie gave an update on the project, well location, CEQA progress, and contract an engineer, Fred Nagel.

McArthur Swamp Management Plan – Sharmie told the board that copies of the management plan have been distributed either hard copy, electronic, or flash drive. Phase II is completed and has been billed out to Stewardship Council.

Sharmie told the board that the SHARE Hunt payment was \$3,455.82 and the late goose hunt did not take place due to the fact that the guy who drew the hunt could not make it up and DFW said they were not going to redraw. The RCD did receive payment for the hunt.

Range Managers Report:

Corral Rock Fabric – Julie told the board that the price for fabric would be \$4,130 bringing the total cost to approximately \$22,000. The board gave a verbal to move forward.

Corral Chutes – Nothing to report.

Hunting Blinds – Julie will get more pricing and size options for the next meeting.

Gates and Bridges – Dale has completed quite a few gates and is working on the rail car bridges.

Demonstration Project – Julie told the board that the SC wants to see a demonstration project that shows how grazing is compatible with range lands. She plans to burn, spray one area and burn/not spray but graze another area to see the difference. She will present at the annual growers meeting and to SC.

Water Troughs – a brief update on the cost of the pipeline and materials.

DU Well – Julie told the board that the DU engineer was out and they met with PG&E for cost and location

Julie told the board that George McArthur wants a meeting, he is not happy with his AUM numbers. There was discussion and the board told Julie that his issue is with MRMA and he needs to meet with them to figure it out.

M/S/C Don/Chuck to Adjourn: 9:15 pm

Next Regular Meeting Date – Tuesday –April 20, 2021 --Beginning at 5:00 PM, it will be a tour of the new Ag Unit Land followed by dinner meeting at the RCD office