

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

February 4, 2021

RCD In-Person & Virtual via GoToMeeting

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; B. Dubois; K. Lambert; T. Robertson; M. Robie; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: K. Hafley;

Others Present: Bobette Parson, NRCS; Kaylee Dillashaw-Tanner Logging

Public Comment: None

Introduction: S. Beckman introduced our two new board members – Tyler Robertson and Kent Lambert.

Partners: Ms. Parsons reported NRCS has a new Range Conservationist. She updated us on the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Agricultural Land Easement Program (ALE) and Pollinator project with Zerces Society.

Ms. Parsons reviewed her NRCS Report.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 1/7/21 Minutes. Board Action –**M. Robie made motion to approve, B. Dubois second. On a 5-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of January 2021 Finance Reports –**M. Robie made motion to approve, B. Dubois second. On a 5-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Projects: *reported on by E.D. Gordon Long*
Received five applications for the CEQA contract for the Murphys to Forest Meadows project. The contractor hired is Ed Struffenegger. His planning work will be done by April then we will do requests for proposals for mechanical contractors to treat approximately 730 acres. The 730 acres will be broken into sub-units. Full completion is slated for the end of 2022. Some will be done by hand, while most will be done with mastication machines.
2. Building Sale – S. Beckman first brought up to speed the new board members (Robertson and Lambert) with some background information of the decision to sell. He then reported on the next steps to be taken. It was recommended we find a specialist is selling government land. It was noted we can sell the building to the general public, but it must be offered to other government entities before it can be sold publicly. We have to follow the Rules of 2020 Surplus Lands Act. S. Beckman will continue his research.

New Business:

3. New grant opportunities – G. Long reported he is working on getting Mariposa on board to join our Amador/Calaveras/Tuolumne RCD group.

Future projects ideas include existing fuel break projects in each county that need maintenance; home hardening from wildfire program; seedling or seed distribution program; SNC grant to use for recreation trail; internment of woody biomass into soil for carbon sequestration.


Reports:

5. Committee Reports – None.
6. Other Items for Consideration – Election of Officers – need nominations.
7. Board Member announcements – S, Beckman noted that we need our board of director information posted to our website. M. Cole will do this. S. Beckman will contact the county to get Board position vacated by R Dean’s resignation in December advertised on their website so we can fill.
8. Staff announcements –None.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 6:47 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, March 4, 2021** via GoToMeeting.

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman 

Date 3/4/21

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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