

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

July 20, 2023

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

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

Board Members & Staff Present: B. Dean; M. Dvorak; K. Lambert-V.P.; J. Marsili-President; Y. Tiscornia; M. Cole-IED & Admin; D. Simpson-Fiscal Director; K. Dillashaw, Project Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: Ben Cook-Assoc. Director; L. Plautz-Project Manager

Others Present: Mary Boblet; Sarah Hodson; Gary Whitson; Matt Harrison

Public Comment: Mary Boblet requested an amendment to the May minutes. This will be placed on the August agenda.

Partner Comment:

1. M. Cole read Jesse Fowler (Ag Dept) report, and Jennifer Wood (NRCS) report.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 6/15/23 Minutes. **B. Dean made the motion to approve the minutes, second by K. Lambert. On a 5-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of June 2023 Finance Reports – **B. Dean made the motion to approve the financial statements, second by K. Lambert. On a 5-0-0 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Current CalFire Grants:
 - Forest Meadows to Wylderidge – notes are in Grant Report.
 - Update on Murphys to Forest Meadows – notes are in Grant Report.
 - Highway 108 – notes are in Grant Report.
 - Fricot City – notes are in Grant Report.
 - Pine Mountain Lake – should have been deleted from agenda as we no longer have this project.
 - Moke Hill – notes are in Grant Report.
2. Update on Current SNC Grants:
 - Pine Ridge – K. Dillashaw reported this project is half completed. It is going slow, but the contractor is doing very good work.
 - Bummerville/Blizzard Mine – notes are in Grant Report.
3. Update on Current CARCD Grants:
 - Climate Resilience Through Habitat Restoration – **J. Marsili made a motion to turn over the WCB project to Amador RCD. Second by B. Dean, motion passed on a 4/0/1 vote.**
4. Ad Hoc Committee - Sale of Building – J. Marsili reported no updates.

New Business:

1. Auditor’s Financial Report –**B. Dean made the motion to approve the auditor’s financial report with a couple of noted corrections, second by Y. Tiscornia. On a 5-0-0 vote, financials were approved.**
2. Approve 2023-2024 Budget – **B. Dean made a motion to approve the proposed budget. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 5/0/0 vote.**
3. Change signatories on bank accounts - **B. Dean made a motion to approve adding M. Cole and removing G. Long as signatories on the bank accounts. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 5/0/0 vote.**
4. Review and approve policies – J. Marsili thanked the committee for all of their work on these policies. After some discussion, it was decided to move this to the August agenda.
5. Lease renewal w/ Common Ground – **M. Dvorak made a motion to renew the current lease for one year and change it to fiscal year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate future lease agreements. Second by B. Dean. Motion passed 5/0/0 vote.**
6. Calaveras Community Foundation Grant – M. Dvorak reported he and M. Boblet viewed the potential site at Michaelson School for the water catchment system being proposed in the grant. After reviewing the grant application, **J. Marsili made a motion to approve submission of this application. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 5/0/0 vote.**
7. Meeting with BurnBot – This is an information only item. J. Marsili, B. Dean, M. Cole, and D. Simpson will meet with them on July 21st.
8. Application to Calaveras County Hardwood Advisory Committee – **B. Dean made a motion to have Gordon Long remain as the CCRCD representative. Second by M. Dvorak. Motion passed 5/0/0 vote.**
9. MOU with Central Sierra Partnership Against Weeds (CSPAW) – **B. Dean made a motion to have Interim Executive Director sign and submit the MOU. Second by K. Lambert. Motion passed 5/0/0 vote.**

Reports:

1. Board Member announcements – J. Marsili reminded everyone to complete their trainings.
K. Lambert reported on visiting the ponderosa pines he and Gordon planted. He found that 12 of the 60 trees planted are doing well.
M. Dvorak reported that the grand jury report has been released and has a lot of good fire reduction information.
2. Staff announcements – M. Cole read from her attached report and noted the CivicWell and CARCD conference opportunities.

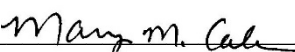
Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:43 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Attest:

President, Julia Marsili 

Date 8/10/2023

Secretary, Mary Cole 

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