

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

September 9, 2021

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:30 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; K. Hafley; K. Lambert; M. Robie; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: B. Dubois; G. Long-Executive Director; Jill Micheau – Grant Manager

Others Present: Mike Dvorak; Jesse Fowler

Public Comment: Mike Dvorak introduced himself, explaining that living on Pool Station Rd. he wants to get involved with a fire safe organization, and it was suggested to him to attend one of our meetings.

Partners: Ag Commissioner, Jesse Fowler handed out a Wildfire Evacuation Checklist. She reported that she shared our questions about roadside weed spraying with the County and that they are working on getting the program back in place.

Bobette Parson's NRCS report was attached to agenda for review.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 8/5/21 Minutes. Board Action – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-1 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of August 2021 Finance Reports – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-1 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Set legal fee budget associated with sale of CCRCD main building – M. Robie reported that he and K. Hafley met with the chosen attorney, Lilliana Selke from Herum/Crabtree Law Offices to discuss the next steps and cost of starting the sale of the building. She quoted \$2,000 - \$3,000 initially and up to \$5,000 if she does all the work. **K. Hafley made motion to approve a budget amount of \$5,000 to hire Ms. Selke, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-1 vote, amount was approved.**

New Business:

1. M. Cole Salary – S. Beckman noted that since M. Cole's work hours are consistently the same each month that it would be easier for accounting purposes if her pay was a straight salary. **K. Lambert made motion to approve \$100/mo. salary, M. Robie second. On a 4-0-1 vote, new pay structure was approved.**
2. Letters of Support – S. Beckman reviewed the two letters of support for SB332 and AB642 both associated with prescribed burning on private lands. **K. Hafley made motion to approve we send the two letters, K. Lambert second. On a 4-0-1 vote, motion was approved**

Reports:

1. Committee Reports – None.

2. Other Items for Consideration – None.
3. Board Member announcements – S. Beckman announced CCRCDC received notification that the CALFIRE grant for Forest Meadows/Wylderidge project was funded. The project was developed by and submitted by the CalAm group. CCRCDC will assist in administration of the grant.


K. Lambert, G. Long and Fire Chief Mike Dell’Orto took a fieldtrip in Mokelumne Hill to look at possible fuel break work.

Kent L. asked the Ag Commissioner if there was a program to adopt highway/roadways in the county to eradicate noxious weeds. Ag Commissioner Fowler mentioned a group of citizens and government agencies who are reviving a county-based weed eradication program and will forward information on their meeting dates.
4. Staff announcements – M. Cole noted that the PPE items provided were supplied by the Calaveras Chamber of Commerce.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:20 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

Attest:

President, Sid Beckman 

Date 10/14/21

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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