

## **Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)**

Board Meeting

May 2, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

**Call to Order:** Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:05 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman; R. Dean-President; K. Hafley; M. Robie; N. Valente - Treasurer; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: F. Schabram; T. Sullivan-Vice President; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Others Present: Bobette Parsons; Terry Stone; Pete Padelford; Bob Polakov; Marg Donnelly; Jill Micheau; Amanda Watson, Amador RCD.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment:** Pete Padelford noted a Portable Burner Demonstration is scheduled for May 16 at 11 am on Jesus Maria Rd.

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

1. Approval of 4/4/19 Minutes. Board Action – **T. Sullivan made motion to approve, N. Valente second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of Finance Reports – **T. Sullivan made motion to approve, N. Valente second. On a 5-0-2 vote, reports were approved.**
3. RCD Partners –Bobette Parsons reviewed her attached report.

### **New Business:**

4. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – **Motion to approve Resolution 2019-003 by S. Beckman, second by T. Sullivan. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion passed.**
5. Board Discussion of RCPP Contract – Amanda Watson updated the Board on her progress of the RCPP. She is requesting support to formally agree to accept the contract to join the cooperative agreement with ARCD and TRCD for the purposes of a CARCD Grant. **Motion to approve Resolution 2019-004 by T. Sullivan, second by S. Beckman. On a 5-0-2 vote, motion passed.** Ms. Watson added that we select a board member to attend a quarterly meeting in order to be completely transparent.
6. Agreement with UCCE and Calaveras County for space rent – A rental agreement has been approved and awaiting signatures.
7. Rental agreement with Common Ground – President B. Dean would like to have a written lease agreement. They currently are paying \$400/mo, but he would like to raise it to \$425/mo.

### **Old Business:**

8. Office/Boardroom Renos – It was reported that the grant we applied for to help cover costs was not won. We will attempt to find something else.

9. Mill Woods CalFire grant – B. Polakov reported they had a bid walk-through with 13 contractors. They have chosen the winning bid, and have notified all bidders of their status. The CEQA report showed an area of concern. An archeologist is being hired to evaluate the space in question. Mr. Polakov asked for guidance on how to proceed – he received a request by a bidder to see all other bids, noting a Supreme Court ruling. After some discussion, it was decided that we need to seek legal counsel to see how information we are obligated and/or safe to share. For right now we will only publish the winning bid.
10. MOU with Cattlemen’s Assn – N. Valente reported that the Cattlemen’s Assn voted unanimously at their last meeting to work on an MOU agreement with us.
11. BLM Sale – M. Robie presented a map of BLM properties. He suggests for our first project we choose a small parcel that is accessible by road to avoid potential problems with surrounding neighbors. It was suggested he visit the BLM State Office on Cottage Way, Sacramento to work with a land specialist. S. Beckman will help determine the proper person to work with. He and/or Mike will make the visit.
12. Board Reports – B. Dean asked to think about how we want our boardroom to look. Should it keep the elevated area or make it all level?  
  
M. Robie wanted to address the need to notify of attendance, as the meeting needs to take place regardless, because of public notice. He also would like to request that the board be paid for mileage to attend the meetings.  
  
T. Sullivan noted that the Fire Chief Assn is in support of the Health & Safety projects.
13. Staff Reports – None.

**Adjournment of meeting.** Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by K. Hafley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Sullivan. Motion carries on a 5-0-2 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 6:00 pm, June 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Attest:  
President, Robert Dean \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Gordon Long \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_