

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

August 5, 2021

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. Hafley; K. Lambert; M. Robie; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin, Jill Micheau – Grant Manager

Board Members & Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Kaylee Dillashaw; Jesse Fowler

Public Comment: None.

Partners: Ag Commissioner, Jesse Fowler reported on the crop report being finalized. Grape harvest will be early this year. NRCS, Bobette Parson submitted her report.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 6/3/21 Minutes. Board Action – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of June/July 2021 Finance Reports – **K. Lambert made motion to approve, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-0 vote, financials were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Review and Approve Audit – David Farnsworth, CPA (via telephone) gave a presentation of his audit process and findings. After many hours reviewing documents and meeting with D. Simpson and G. Long, his opinion was unmodified with NO indications of fraud, difficulties with management, nor abuse or wasteful spending. **K. Lambert made motion to approve the Audit and Annual Financial Reports, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-0 vote, Reports were approved.**
2. Approve 2021-2022 Budget – After a review of the budget by D. Simpson, **K. Lambert made motion to approve the proposed Budget as presented, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-0 vote, budget was approved.**
3. Update on Cal Fire Murphys to Forest Meadows Fuel Break Grant: G. Long reported that work on the Darby Unit is completed. Did a walk-through with CalFire to review the quality of the work. Everyone was quite pleased. G. Long met with Noah, a reporter from Calaveras Enterprise, for a story on this work. G. Long will organize a field trip for the board to see the property. J. Micheau added that for the next two units to be done, RFPs are going out on August 23. Depending on weather, we should be able to start work in about six weeks.
4. Update on current grant applications– K. Dillashaw reported on her submission of a SNC application last May but was denied for lack of enough ROEs. She will resubmit after more ROEs are received.

G. Long submitted a new CALFIRE grant application for a project near Pine Mountain Lake through Tuolumne RCD. He also noted some future projects to work on:

- Fuels reduction work on a 2,000 acre area of brush in the Ross Drive area of Valley Springs. The sponsor is Calaveras Consolidated Fire Protection District.

- Talks have started on a vegetation management project in the Mokelumne Hill area.
- Identifying a potential project for a fuel break and replanting of ponderosa in the Butte Fire scar.

New Business:

1. Change Meeting Date & Time – S. Beckman first asked if the Board would vote to change the meeting date to the second Thursday of the month. **K. Hafley made motion to approve the proposed date change, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-0 vote, date change was approved.** Then S. Beckman asked if the Board would vote to change the meeting time to something a little later to accommodate members’ work schedules. After some discussion, it was voted to change the start time to 6:30 pm. **K. Hafley made motion to approve the time change, M. Robie second. On a 5-0-0 vote, time change was approved.**
2. Discussion on Building Sale – K. Hafley reported he spoke with Brent Jolley, an attorney from Stockton who specializes in government transactions. He charges \$350/hr. and does not require a retainer. It was suggested that all pertaining documents get sent to him for review and then a committee of Hafley, Robie and Beckman schedule a meeting with him. S. Beckman will forward documentation of efforts so far. And K. Hafley will set up a meeting.
3. Discuss Ross Drive project – This was previously discussed in Item 4 of Old Business.


Reports:

1. Committee Reports – None.
2. Other Items for Consideration – None.
3. Board Member announcements – S. Beckman spoke with Scott Oneto and JoLynn Miller to discuss the rental agreement for UCCE increasing the rent to \$.65/sq ft. They agreed to determine how they would fund this increase and report back to CCRCD.

K. Hafley reported sharing a board appointment application with a rancher from Mountain Ranch.
4. Staff announcements – M. Cole reported on the increase of 119 new Facebook Followers since she started posting to it. As of 8/5/21 we have 471 total Followers.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting will be newly scheduled for **Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

Attest:
President, Sid Beckman 

Date 9/9/2021

Secretary, Brady Dubois 

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