



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday November 18, 2020

Time: 5:08 pm- 6:40pm

Location: All-remote meeting, to comply with COVID-19 requirements.

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Mike Lecox (Vice President) Mike Turkovich (Secretary), Anya Perron-Burdick, Eric Willson (Associate Director) Miranda Driver

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Amanda Alvarado, Sue McCloud, Sheila Pratt

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by President Cady.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Cady; SECOND: Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Lecox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick, Driver). Approve the minutes of the October 21st meeting as presented; MOTION: Lecox. SECOND: Turkovich AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Lecox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick, Driver).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds.** Mr. Lecox reviewed expenditures previously; one check for CASA Systems needs signature approval due to amount. ACTION: Ratify/approve expenditures as presented; MOTION: Lecox; SECOND: Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Lecox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick, Driver).
5. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** Mr. Hogan reported a new engineer will start in early December. New EQIP applications are starting. Remy will be working out of Solano Field Office due to low staff numbers.
 - b. **RCD Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Nichols reported that this fall's planting season may be affected by Yolo County purple tier status. Ms. Nichols also mentioned her volunteer project design for Winter's library garden she's working on. Accessibility of virtual CARCD conference has allowed staff to participate in learning and training available. Proposal in progress for City of Davis for planting at Putah Creek South Fork Preserve. Regional proposal for federal funding for wildfire recovery and wildfire prevention practices is due on 11/30/2020. Virtual workshop for CDFG Healthy Soils Program for Yolo Land and Cattle 12/1/2020 from 9 to 11 am. Joanne Heraty is presenting at City of Davis Open Space Committee Meeting on 12/7/2020 on carbon farming work.
 - i. **Accounting transition update:** Ms. Nichols reported that some projects will be switching to monthly invoicing. T-sheets and QuickBooks have difficulties transferring data between programs which has to be fixed by manual entry.
 - ii. **Update monthly financial report:** Ms. McCloud and Ms. Nichols discuss new format of monthly financial report.
 - iii. **COVID-19 and preparing for uncertainty:** Yolo County has entered purple tier which has caused RCD to stop vehicle sharing with masks and switch to separate vehicles for staff and continue precautions for in-office staff.
 - c. **Board member reports and comments:** Ms. Nichols mentions that Jeanette Wrynski will begin reducing work hours in preparation for retirement. Cady discussed CARCD conference; comments on different structures of RCD's throughout CA, interesting session on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity. Eric Willson is interested in taking a seat on the board.

6. New Business:

- a. Board President Mark Cady acknowledges Mike Leacox for 9 years of outstanding service to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board: Ms. Nichols presents brief slideshow in recognition of Leacox's service on the board. Leacox was presented a safety cone and plaque for recognition of 9 years of service
- b. Outgoing Board Vice President Mike Leacox Farewell Remarks: Leacox discusses his work at the RCD and how he tried to help the RCD become competitive and self-sufficient, which would not have happened without the staff's effort to create jobs and opportunities. Leacox provided staff and office with copies of "Who Moved My Cheese?" as an important learning tool for staff. Rain check for Blue Note Brewery celebration until post-COVID-19.

7. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 5:05 pm remote.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Turkovich, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on December 16, 2020 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:


Board Secretary, Michael Turkovich