



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday October 19, 2022

Time: 5:05 – 6:27 pm

Location (Hybrid): Yolo County RCD Office, 221 Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland CA

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Anya Perron-Burdick (Secretary), Eric Willson

Directors Absent: Mike Turkovich (Vice President), Miranda Driver, Jake Campos (Associate Director)

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Lani Fulcher, Joaquin Pastrana, Kate Reza, Alli Permann, Tanya Meyer, Zach Skalak

- 1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Mark Cady, Board President.
- 2. **Approval to Restate Resolution 2021-01:** ACTION: Approve Resolution 2021-01 for an additional 30 days to continue to allow virtual meetings because the YCRCD has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that state and local officials continue to recommend social distancing. MOTION: Mr. Willson; SECOND: Ms. Perron-Burdick; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Perron-Burdick, Willson).
- 3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the October agenda as presented. MOTION: Mr. Willson; SECOND: Ms. Perron-Burdick; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Perron-Burdick, Willson). ACTION: approve the minutes of the September 28 meeting as presented. MOTION: Mr. Willson; SECOND: Ms. Perron-Burdick; AYES: Unanimous (Perron-Burdick, Willson, Cady).
- 4. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the minutes of the September Special meeting as presented. MOTION: Mr. Willson; SECOND: Ms. Perron-Burdick; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Perron-Burdick, Willson).
- 5. Public Comment:** This is time reserved for the public to address the RCD Board on matters not on the agenda (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)). There was no public comment.
- 6. Special Presentation:** Joaquin Pastrana presented on his work at the Columbus Fire in Idaho. He participated in the Audubon Canyon Ranch's Fire Forward Program, a collaboration between the US Forest Service and The Nature Conservancy. Expecting to participate in prescribed burning, the work switched to wildfires when the Forest Service cancelled prescribed burns on Forest Service land. Mr. Pastrana had many photos to illustrate his experience in fighting fires, gaining skills and strength, and becoming familiar with the equipment used. The program added to his experience, connections, and education necessary to get his State Burn Boss Certification; he brings his knowledge back to benefit YCRCD and the new Prescribed Burn Association project.
- 7. Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds.** Ms. Perron-Burdick and Mr. Cady reviewed expenditures and Ms. Nichols provided clarification on the funding for recent

expenses. ACTION: Ratify/approve expenditures as presented; MOTION: Mr. Willson; SECOND: Ms. Perron-Burdick; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Perron-Burdick, Willson).

8. Regular Reports:

- a. NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist, received training on staff performance appraisals and then completed them for fiscal year 2022. He listened to various webinars, trainings, and meetings—urban agriculture, climate change, state office Programs, and agronomy resource concerns. He also listened to the town hall meeting by USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack. He held the NRCS Field Staff Meeting and attended a meeting for District Conservationists in Area 1. He was able to process payment to EQIP contract holders and send soil reports to County planning department. He is counting down to his retirement on December 31, 2022.
- b. RCD Executive Director's Report: Heather Nichols, Executive Director, provided details of the new project, River Garden Farms Habitat Project. She reported that the County of Yolo Community Development Department needs to finalize the contract with YCRC to lead the natural and working lands group for the Climate Action Commission. One goal is to bring in the agriculture land aspect by getting group members with direct experience working in agriculture. After a long delay, the contract for the USDA NRC's Regional Conservation Partnership for pre- and post-fire financial and technical assistance is complete. The grant sponsor is a Sonoma-based non-profit organization After the Fire. Carbon farm planning is part of two recent grant proposals--one is a CARCD proposal to WCB and one is a RCD collaborative proposal to CDFA Ag Conservation Planning program.
 - i. Financial Report: The audit for fiscal year 2021-2022 has begun. Invoicing for this quarter has also begun.
- b. Board member reports and comments: Mr. Cady will be attending the CARCD Conference at the end of November, as will Ms. Nichols.

9. New Business:

- a. **Approve new cost center SWCB04: River Garden Farms Habitat Project for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for \$24,000.00: MOTION: Ms. Perron-Burdick motioned to approve the new cost center SWCB04 for inclusion in the Annual Budget for \$24,000.00; SECOND: Mr. Willson; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Perron-Burdick, Willson).

10. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 5:45pm (virtual).

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on November 16, 2022 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By: 

Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick