BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Location: Yolo County RCD, 221 West Court St. Ste. 1, Woodland, CA

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Michael Leacox (Vice President), Mike Turkovich (Secretary), and Anya Perron-Burdick (arrived at 5:18 pm).
Directors Absent: Miranda Driver
Others Present: Heather Nichols, Tanya Meyer and Phil Hogan (arrived 5:45 pm)

1. Call Meeting to Order and Introductions – Cady: The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**: ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Turkovich, SECOND: Leacox. AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Leacox) Approve the October 16, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented; MOTION: Turkovich, SECOND: Leacox. AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Leacox).

3. ****Public Comment: None.


5. Regular Reports:
   a. Executive Director’s Report: Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Returned from CARCD meeting; YCRCD is planting monarch/pollinator kits on private land and the North Davis Uplands at F Street and Anderson; developing a Carbon Farm Plan for the City of Davis on one of their agricultural properties; SLEWS has started at different sites; the Board is welcome to attend.
   i. Financial Report: Nichols: Cash balance as of 11/5 is lower than usual but payments are coming in. Include cash balance trends in future board packets. Audit is being worked on and should be complete soon. Nichols went over the Dashboard. Leacox requested regular cash balance reports graphed to look at trends.
   ii. Accounting Transition Report: Nichols. Discussion on which accounting firm to consult with us and what the accounting firm can provide us to improve our accounting system. Leacox and Turkovich agreed to participate in a follow-up meeting with the preferred firm.
   b. NRCS Update: Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Went to Farm Bureau Round Table meeting 11/19 and gave report: implemented 17 practices in FY 2018-2019 including tractor replacement, fencing, solar pumps and micro-irrigation systems. FY 2019-2020 has 20 EQIP applications.
   c. Board Member Reports and Comments: None.

6. New Business:
   a. **Approve Memorandum of Agreement between the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Services and the Yolo County Resource Conservation District, State of California and the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts**: Nichols reported that a final draft is in Washington, DC for final review and cannot be approved at this time.
   b. **Approve the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Strategic Plan**: Nichols added CARCD’s Vision and Standards and reviewed additional edits. The Board would like the next plan to focus more on identifying strategic funding sources, meanwhile next year’s action plan should include more on identifying major funding sources and trends. ACTION: Approve the Yolo County Resource Conservation

The Mission of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District is to Protect, Improve, and Sustain the Natural Resources of Yolo County.


e. **Approve Notice of Determination for Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Putah-Cache Watershed Arundo Eradication Project (State Clearing House # 2019089063): Directors discussed at length. Leacox directed Nichols to assess and prepare for potential liability as lead agency. ACTION: Approve Notice of Determination for Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Putah-Cache Watershed Arundo Eradication Project (State Clearing House # 2019089063). MOTION: Leacox SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick, Leacox).

f. Director Recruitment Committee: two board directors needed: no committee was formed. All board members and staff will recruit; start advertising for opening for term starting in 2020; board members will make themselves available to sit down with prospective applicants.

7. Discussion: RCD Holiday Potluck will be held on Wednesday, December 18 at Blue Note Brewery after the board meeting. YCRC staff and directors are welcome to attend an RCD tractor decorating party with Solano and Dixon RCDs for the Winters Tractor Parade.

8. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office (downstairs).

9. Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Turkovich, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on December 18, 2019 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

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Board Secretary, Mike Turkovich