



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Time: 5:07 to 6:22 pm

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

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

Directors Absent: Jake Campos (Associate Director),

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Lani Fulcher, Nick Gallagher, Mark Bell

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Mark Cady (President).
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the March agenda as presented. MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Ms. Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson, Perron-Burdick). ACTION: approve the minutes of the February meeting as presented. MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Mr. Wilson; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson, Perron-Burdick).
3. **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)). Mr. Bell expressed his desire to connect with the RCD and explained his focus on building a conservation community, on improving participants experience, and on collaborating with a purpose.
4. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds:** Ms. Nichols noted that there was no need for a wire transfer because there had been a large payment deposited directly into the account. Mr. Turkovich, Ms. Driver, and Mr. Cady reviewed expenditures. ACTION: Ratify/approve expenditures as presented; MOTION: Ms. Driver; SECOND: Mr. Willson; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson, Perron-Burdick).
5. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** Mr. Nick Gallagher reported that word is out on the Federal Inflation Reduction Act funding so the NRCS office is overwhelmed with phone calls and applications. There are various deadlines for the various projects, and projects mainly focus on rangeland, tractors and hedgerows. With the 16 current contracts, there may be more work than the current staff can handle. The selection process for the new District Conservationist is expected to conclude next month.
 - b. **RCD Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Nichols announced the CalFire grant application was just submitted; it is a 5-year, \$5 million request for funding to implement projects in the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. It includes funding planning, implementation and outside expertise and RCD technical assistance (with NRCS). Solano RCD is a partner in the prescribed grazing and

prescribed fire program part of the grant. Additional grant funding has been awarded. The RCD was awarded \$500K from the CARCD block grant from WCB; this funding is for carbon farm plan implementation, riparian habitat enhancement, and pollinator plantings. The RCD is included in the CARCD grant from CDFA with Kitchen Table Advisors for about \$20K: this funding will allow Conor Higgins, mobile irrigation lab manager, to provide additional technical assistance to small farms beyond irrigation efficiency support. The RCD was awarded \$250K for conservation planning with Sutter, Colusa, Glenn, and Placer RCDs from the CDFA Ag Conservation program; this funding will provide planning for on-farm conservation practices including nutrient management and carbon farming. The RCD was invited to submit a full proposal to WCB with the City of Woodland; this \$1.5 million proposal is for habitat enhancement for the North Regional Pond.

- i. Monthly financial report: Ms. Nichols reported that RCD is moving to monthly invoicing where possible in order to reduce the cash flow issues associated with quarterly invoicing; for efficiency, the amount will need to be over \$2,500.00. Managers are researching which grantors will accept monthly invoices and will produce a complete list for the next meeting. Likewise, there is work on obtaining advance payments for some large projects. Managers continue to follow up on remaining outstanding invoices. The Office of Emergency Services made a substantial payment on its outstanding invoices, some from last year, thus the total cash balance is greatly improved.
- c. Board member reports and comments: Mr. Cady asked about the re-appointment of Board members; Ms. Fulcher answered that the item was on the Board of Supervisors agenda for March 21, 2023.

6. New Business:

- a. ** Approve update to RCD Employee Handbook to include Vehicle Use Policy: MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Mr. Willson; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Driver, Turkovich, Willson, Perron-Burdick).

7. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 5:05pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on April 19, 2023 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:


Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick