



**BOARD MINUTES**

Nevada County Resource Conservation District  
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting  
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Tuesday June 11, 2023, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Alana Fowler, Reed Hamilton, and Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** Chris DiNijs, Ag Commissioner
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** Jamie Jones, Firesafe Council of Nevada County.
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Jo Ann FitesKaufman. Approved 4-0.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

- A. Minutes from the May 2024, Regular Board meeting
- B. Financial Statement for May 2024.

***Jo Ann FitesKaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hilton.***

6. **Correspondence:** No Correspondence
7. **NRCS Director Report:** NRCS promised to have a full report at the July Board meeting.
8. **NCRCD Board Report:** JoAnn FitesKaufman reported she's enjoying a much needed break, and working in the garden. Reed mentioned he's cutting a lot of brush, while Alana talked about Ag reserves, irrigation and local water issues. Jim talked about working on his cabin in Eagles lake.
9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne talked a bit about Working Lands III and progress to date. Briana talked about the completion of the Hyatt project and the benefits of that project for the North San Juan area. She also talked about a new micro-pond program with NID outlining the details of the program and how much water could be reclaimed. She also outlined the locations of potential projects including a Dam at Mountain Bounty and Shady Creek Reservoir. Briana is also working on a grazing grant opportunity, visiting potential sites such as Pat Brownings ranch, photo's shared. This livestock grant will go in front of the Board of Supervisors on June 25. The RCD attended the Quarterly wildfire meeting Friday in Truckee to share grant progress. Getting caught up within invoicing for the CDWG, Healthy Soils complete, SALC grant approved, initial meeting happened today. Gant

chart shared with tasks and deliverables for over three years. There will be monthly meetings, monthly meetings for our partners.

Nate and Briana working on the Annex for CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) would include buffer areas, agricultural areas, and others for fire suppression. We're in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round for CalFire Rancher Grant - Confirmation of PointBlue grant moving forward \$230,000 – cleaning ponds, hedgerow and cross fencing for the Ranch School and Barhydt Ranch, as well as the Forever Farm – Sierra Harvest. Pond restoration workshop as well as cross fencing workshop.

**AND SO MUCH MORE IN THE WORKS!**

Details on file

A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of on-going projects included in board package. Briana also reported on County discussions about a program (Wildlife Conservation Board) to promote using Livestock for fuel mitigation, details about maintenance being investigated.

Jim brought up the issue of the RCD having a booth for the Fair – meetings coming up to clarify our situation coming June 18.

10. **New Business:**

A. Review and discussion of potential MOU with FireSafe for Educational component of their CalFIRE Grant. It was agreed to have a standard MOU that we use with all our partners stating the educational goals of the RCD.

B. Review and discussion of schedule of Working Lands Three footage. **To be reviewed at later date.**

11. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible approval of School Micro-grant for July payment. A selection from Twin Ridges school was brought forward. **JoAnn FitesKaufman moved to approve the School Micro-grant for Twin Ridges School for \$5.517. Second by Alana Fowler Approved 4-0**

12. **FireSafe Council Request from Jamie Jones.** Jamie offered a partnership with FireSafe council for BioMass greenwaste options for on-going projects in the area. They have a site location in mind and the Carbendata Technician workforce to run the operation on a 5 acres spot. They plan to move their greenwaste collection to the burn area. Also in partnership would be the Gold County Seniors for partnership in the wood distribution. FireSafe would hold the grant but looking to have an MOU with NCRCD to share an RPF for the education

13. Closed Session: 4:50pm – **No Action Taken.**

Open Session: 5:15pm

14. **Announcements:**

Next Regular Board meeting – August 13, 2024 at 4pm.

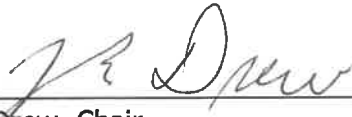
Regular Board meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik June 11, 2024.



Approved by Board of Directors on \_\_\_\_\_

7-9-24



Jim Drew, Chair

