

Nevada County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945 Tuesday August 13, 2023, at 4:00 pm

- 1. <u>Call to order and Roll Call:</u> at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Linda Miller, Jo Ann FitesKaufman. Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
- 2. Introductions: No Introductions
- 5. Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):
- 3. <u>Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda</u>: *JoAnn FitesKaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Linda Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by JoAnn FitesKaufman. Approved 3-0.

- 6. <u>Correspondence</u>: Articles supplied in Board Packages, letter from the NU Scholarship Department, a letter from the County Planning Commissioner about the Alpineglow Sawmill, an opinion article written by Reed Hamilton, and a news article about the FireSafe Council.
- 7. **NRCS Director Report:** Valerie Bullard reported 104 active contracts (\$5,669,170) and 4 active CSP contracts. She announced that FSA will be sending a representative to Grass Valley once a month to meet with clients. She also announced they have an ACES employee Brian Hockett to help with the workload. A written report was handed out.
- 8. **NCRCD Board Report:** Linda Miller reported on her ongoing irrigation pasture management as well as entering 13 lambs at the Nevada County Fair. Robert Ingram reported he had no life as well as taking care of his aging mother. Jim Miller reported on his activities at the Fair, the Saw Mill presentation and preparing for Farm Day. JoAnn FitesKaufman reported on her progress preparing her land for logging.
- 9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne talked a bit about Working Lands III and progress to date with upcoming filming taking place at the Ranch School August 15. She also talked about progress for Farm Day. Briana talked about the completion of the Healthy Soils Project and projected income, projects in the works and potential projects for the future. Current invoicing to projects include the SALC program, CDWG, Livestock Grazing Grant (\$150,000), CWPP, NRCS (\$75,000), National Forest Foundation (\$150,000), and CalFire

Climate Investments. A full listing of current and future projects as well as status of ongoing projects included in Board package. To date, current programs will provide income fully funded, over the next three years. Briana also talked about the Budget presented in the board package and described the plan to spend down the Grant funding maintaining compliancy with the county. She also talked about upcoming programs with prescribed fire and the livestock grant that would provide service to several community projects for wild fire resilience.

10. New Business:

B. Review and possible approval for Fiscal 2025 Budget. **JoAnn Fites Kaufman moved to** approve the Fiscal 2025 Budget. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0

A. Review and discussion of potential Contract with Mason Bruce and Girard. Linda Miller moved to approve the Contract with Mason Bruce and Girard. Second by JoAnn FitesKaufman. Approved 3-0

11. Old Business: No Old Business

12. Announcements:

Next Regular Board meeting – September 10, 2024 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik August 14, 2024.

Approved by Board of Directors on _____

Jim Drew, Chair