

Nevada County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors - Regular Meeting 113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945 Tuesday June 14, 2022, at 4:00 pm

- 1. <u>Call to order:</u> at 4:29 pm by Dave Barhydt. Directors present: Dave Barhydt, Jim Drew, Linda Miller, Reed Hamilton. Staff present: Anne Solik
- Introductions: (4:06pm) Katie Kohler, Superintendent/Principal and Trustee Dustin Mooers from Chicago Park School, Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman, Forester Ph.D. Forest Resources, candidate for open NCRCD Board Seat, Sandy Jacobson, candidate for Executive Director Retired Annuitant contractor opening and Johnnie Siliznoff, Assistant State Conservationist.
- 3. <u>Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda</u>: *Miller moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Drew; Approved 4-0.*
- 4. Approval of Consent Agenda: Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Drew; Approved 4-0.
- 5. Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes): No Comments.
- 6. Brief Presentation: Katie Kohler, Superintendent/Principal and Trustee Dustin Mooers from Chicago Park School made a presentation on the Ag CTE programs being developed at Chicago Park School District, as well as listing what they will need to expand the program. Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman presented her resume as well as her list of intentions while requesting a seat on the NCRCD board and briefly talked about her connections with other organizations involved in fire wise projects as well as outlining her experience with grant writing and her background with forestry projects.
- 7. **Correspondence:** Anne talked about the activity report (on file) as well as the meeting NCRCD had with Placer RCD the previous Friday. Anne also mentioned the notices presented on table and one that Reed might be interested in writing a response.
- 8. NCRCD President's Report: No Report.
- 9. **Education/Scholarship Committee:** Linda Miller and Jim Drew talked about the 5 candidates for this year's scholarship. Macy Fowler, Peyton Pierce, Megan Bauer, Bailey Ham, and Bradly Gribas. Thank you, letters were presented. Linda Miller promised to send staff a list of recipients as well as award amounts.
- 10. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A written report was included in the board package, Anne also reported that about 50% of Farm Day exhibitors had confirm participation for this year's

event. Anne also talked about progress being made for the Annex RCD office.

11. **NRCS Activity Report**: Pamela Hertzler, District Conservationist – reported on the current status of her projects with NRCS as well as outlining a new Joint Chief Landscape Restoration Partnership Grant. Johnnie Siliznoff added that RCPP funding is no longer available.

12. Old Business:

- A. Discussion/possible recommendation for open Board seat. *Miller moved to recommend Jo Ann Fites-Kaufman for the open Board Director seat. Second by Drew; Approved 4-0.*
- B. Discussion about lease and review of sublet to office to Nevada County Farm Bureau. Anne presented two quotes that listed the desirable saws for this purpose including accessories. Discussion on MOA/MOU and what accessories might be needed. Drew moved to approve the purchase of a Diesel 15" Wide sawmill with the accessories subject to school agreement, not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Hamilton; Approved 4-0
- C. Discussion/possible action regarding purchase of water table model.

 Drew moved to approve the new pay scale as presented. Seconded by Miller;

 Approved 4-0

13. New Business:

- A. Discussion/possible to approve R&B extension of internet options to Annex. Tabled for next meeting to evaluate the actual needs of the annex after moving in.
- B. Action to approve Robert Johnson annual audit and signature of engagement letter. *Drew moved to approve the audit for 2022 as specified in the three-year agreement as presented. Second by Miller; Approved 4-0*
- C. Discussion/possible action to approve new fiscal budget 2022/2023. and review and approve pay scale. *Drew moved to approve the new 2022/23 budget as presented. Seconded by Miller; Approved 4-0 Miller moved to approve the new pay scale as presented. Seconded by Drew; Approved 4-0*
- D. Review and consider draft fund Balance policy. No action taken.
- E. Discuss/possible action to approve program funding through 6/30/2022. Staff asked Board to consider funding green waste removal. No action taken.
- F. Designate and authorize a position for Executive Director/Retired Annuitant and consider appointment. Employment Agreement will be added, 960 hours maximum, as single appointment no more than 960 hours all while finding the correct person fit for the position.
- 14. **Announcements:** Next board meeting July 14, 2022, 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.