

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

9:30 am Friday August 14, 2020

Held via Zoom

A. ROLL CALL

President Alyssa Lindman called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll Call:

Directors	Present	Absent
Director Alyssa Lindman	X	
Director Gary Fildes	X	
Director Deborah Aseltine Neilson	X	
Director Doug Neilson	X	

Others Present: Kelli Evans (Sutter RCD)

B. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no input from the public

ACTION ITEMS

C. CONSENT ITEMS:

President Lindman made a motion to accept all the minutes under Item C (2020 July 11 & 2020 August 6 minutes) as presented. Director Neilson seconded. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. Approval of **Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of July 10, 2020**
2. Approval of **Minutes for Special Board Meeting of August 6, 2020**

D. FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Review of Cash on Hand for the period ending **July 31, 2020**

Director Fildes reported that no change occurred from the previous month.

E. APPROVAL TO PAY CARCD MEMBERSHIP DUES

President Lindman reported that CARCD annual dues of \$150 were due by the end of the month. Director Fildes reported that he would be able to make this payment within the coming week and only needed to arrange to meet another Director to sign the check prior to mailing; the check requires two signatures.

Director Neilson made a motion to approve payment of the annual dues to CARCD. The motion was seconded by Director Aseltine Neilson. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

F. RESOLUTION #20-5 APPROVAL OF PROJECT SITES AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CALRECYCLE FARM AND RANCH SOLID WASTE CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Kelli Evans provided an overview of the CalRecycle grant program. Sutter RCD (SRCD) has been applying for these grants since the 1990s through 2000. At that point the SRCD Board decided they didn't want to participate in this program and quit applying for grants. About a year ago, SRCD decided to apply to this program and have now participated in the last 2 cycles (of 3 per year) of the previous year. The effort under current discussion will be for the 1st cycle of the current year. In those previous 2 cycles, SRCD targeted numerous sites in the County and they had an overwhelmingly positive public response to their efforts. Illegal dumping on those sites appears to have stopped.

Yuba County has similar issues involving illegal dumping at several locations around the County and also a need to clean up abandoned campsites (also throughout the County). Many of these sites are along our rivers and waterways and will impact associated natural resources held by the County. At these sites we are finding dumped trash, discarded needles, construction wastes, Green waste, and abandoned vehicles. The vehicles in particular are an issue because they tend to be stripped of their catalytic converters and then the carcass is burned to allow scrapping of copper and other metals. This burning, and the cars are not previously drained of fluids, exposes the environment (air and water) to a large amount of toxic waste. We are seeking, through the CalRecycle grant program to fund a program to clean up this waste and block access to the hidden areas where the abandonment takes place.

Kelli provided a slide show of sites to be targeted which documented the amount and type of issues with each site. The show also showed the type of access control methods that have been used by property owners to block access to these sites. To date, these efforts have usually been circumvented within 30-60 minutes by people dumping and burning vehicles. The owners have had to remove 5-7 cars a day from these sites.

One of the sites has been known to CalRecycle and Sutter County for a few years but is located in Yuba County. With the re-establishment of the YCRCD it is finally possible to move on cleaning up the site. Both agencies are excited at this prospect.

There will be a total of 4 sites in Yuba County, which will provide an oversight/admin budget of about \$10,000 to YCRCD. The cost of cleanup for each site needs to be carefully considered, however. Money provided for each site is for total cleanup. If we run out of money before the cleanup is finished, we will be required to finish on our own dime. Kelli is in the process of

finalizing the grant application and resolution, which she will have ready on Monday. She will also make the files for her presentation here available to us. There was a wide ranging question and answer session about this program and the experience of SRCD with the actual cleanup during the last two grant cycles. One point made was that while this current grant focuses on properties along the Feather River, future efforts could focus on the Yuba River and more closely tie into efforts already underway by other agencies in the County.

At the conclusion of Kelli's presentation, **President Lindman made a motion to approve resolution #20-5 which would provide Board approval of YCRCD's participation in the CalRecycle grant application with SRCD. Director Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous consent.**

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

G. CARCD PRESCRIBED FIRE & FIRE PREVENTION GRANT UPDATE AND FEEDBACK REQUEST

Representatives of the Board met to discuss the CARCD Prescribed Fire & Fire Prevention Grant. As a result of this meeting a spreadsheet was created with information needed to complete the Regional Summary and RCD Questionnaire related to the grant. President Lindman felt the information related to the YCRCD., prepared by Director Fildes and provided to the Board as part of their Board Packet, was both sufficient and accurate enough as is. We are being included in the effort and in such a way that was appropriate to her. Another meeting with the Regional Planning Group will occur on the 24th and President Lindman is intending to attend. She will have additional information on the progress of this effort at that point.

H. OFFICE FURNITURE COST ESTIMATE

The affordable cost estimate was provided showing a cost of \$800 to outfit the office (for both the YCRCD and Yuba WP&FSC). Since they already have the monies in hand, this will be paid by the WP&FSC. We are currently waiting on official leases for the space with the County, and FSC is still finalizing their insurance coverage.

I. FUEL REDUCTION CO-OP DEVELOPMENT WITH TIE-IN TO THE CAMPTONVILLE BIOMASS FUEL FACILITY

There was a wide ranging discussion of the status of local efforts and identifying the people and agencies involved. It would appear that we are early in planning for tie-ins since the Cville Biomass Facility is still in the process of getting up and running.

J. DIRECTOR'S INPUT

Director Neilson mentioned two bills before the State Legislature, AS2167 and SB292, which would define requirements for a State 'certification' of fire resiliency. As he understood it, insurance companies would be able to redline communities and counties if they lacked this certification, which would then impact the price of housing and ability of homeowners to sell of buy homes in the affect area. Since YCRCD is already planning on providing inspections for homeowners trying to determine the resiliency of their properties to fire, he thought the service could be expanded to address the requirements imposed by these two bills, if they were adopted.

There followed a general discussion of the bills and the possible ramifications for County land- and home- owners.

There was a brief discussion of the EIN being used by YCRCD when applying for grants. In order to change the contact information with the IRS, they need an official request from someone on their list of contacts. But those people are no longer available and haven't been for at least 5 years. The RCD will continue to work on this.

President Lindman reported that we have 1 hour of a bookkeeper's time to set up and run Quickbooks for the District. She suggested that we need to have a formal agenda item to discuss the actual activities of the two support people slated to start this fall.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, President Lindman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Director Neilson. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 PM.