

Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Regular Board Meeting

December 3, 2020

RCD In-Person & Virtual via GoToMeeting

423 Saint Charles St, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by S. Beckman-President @ 6:00 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman-President; R. Dean-Sec'y/Treas; B. Dubois; K. Hafley; F. Schabram; G. Long-Executive Director; Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: M. Robie; N. Valente-VP

Others Present: Bobette Parson, NRCS; Jill Micheau

Public Comment: None

Partners: Ms. Parsons reviewed her NRCS Report.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 11/5/20 Minutes. Board Action – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, R. Dean second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of October 2020 Finance Reports – **K. Hafley made motion to approve, R. Dean second. On a 5-0-2 vote, minutes were approved.**

Old Business:

1. Update on Projects: *reported on by E.D. Gordon Long*
 - a. Amador Calaveras Tuolumne (ACT) Group – No updates.
 - b. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) – No updates.
 - c. The PG&E roadside brushing project in San Andreas is completed and paid. Contractors did a good job. CalFire Fuel Break Grant Project – Flagging of 781 acres is done. Built six new maps for J. Micheau to send out for RFPs. Four ads have been placed. M. Cole will post to the website. When proposals come in, J. Micheau will send to Board for approval and selection of Contractor. First quarter report has been sent in for comment.
 - e. We will apply within the next few weeks for a pollinator grant with Fish & Wildlife for \$35,000. Maybe we can get two if we also apply with ACT. Will try to get western County areas interested. Suggestion was made to check with EBMUD for use of their land. Noted that we prefer private land owners.
2. Common Ground Lease – B. Dean spoke with Ms. Thompson. She understands our utilities have increased. **Motion was made by F. Schabram to request a new lease to start January 1, 2021 that is similar to the one we have with UCCE that has a 90 day out, and to include the new rental rate of \$425/mo. plus \$125/mo. for utilities. Seconded by B. Dean. On a 4/2/1 vote motion passed.**

New Business:

3. Brown Act – After some discussion S. Beckman noted we still need a set of business conduct rules established. **B. Dean made a motion to accept Robert’s Rules Ed. 4. Seconded by K. Hafley. Motion was withdrawn.** S. Beckman will research and share documents on RCD governance with Board for future discussion.
5. Forest Partnership and Capacity Enhancement (Forest PACE) Program – G. Long reviewed the PACE Program flyer. He suggests Board members attend some of the virtual workshops. No action needed.

Reports:

6. Committee Reports – None.
7. Other Items for Consideration – None.
8. Board Member announcements – K. Hafley reported that Realtor Linda Frater says if the property buyer is her client, she charges 4%. If another agent brings in the buyer, her fee is 5%.
S. Beckman has questions on liability concerning signing a real estate contract he feels the Board needs further information. He also noted that before we can put the building on the market it will take raising the money to complete the lot split, etc. K. Hafley suggested a Special Meeting to discuss just this item. S. Beckman will research how Special Districts sell real estate and report back.
9. Staff announcements –G. Long thanked Sid and Mike for their hard work in demoing the damage to the Board Room Building. The damage wasn’t as bad as they had thought it would be.
G. Long also noted that a new sink and lights were replaced on the main floor.

Adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 7:03 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for **Thursday, January 7, 2021** via GoToMeeting.

Attest:
President, Sid Beckman _____

Date _____

Secretary, Bob Dean _____

Date _____