

**PLACER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
August 24, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Placer County Resource Conservation District (District /RCD) Board was called to order by RCD Chair Claudia Smith at 4:03 p.m. at a Zoom online meeting.

MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Directors Present: Claudia Smith
Thomas (Tom) Wehri
Cathy Johnson
Christine Johnson
Stephen (Steve) Jones
Kristin Lantz

Directors Absent: Patricia (Patti) Beard

Others Present: Sarah Jones, RCD Executive Director
Kate Espinola, RCD Employee
Chris Robbins, NRCS Auburn Area, District Conservationist
Anna Gibson, NRCS, Soil Conservationist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tom Wehri moved to approve the agenda. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tom Wehri moved to approve the meeting minutes from the regular Board meeting held on June 22, 2021. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

Approval for meeting minutes from the July 22, 2021, meeting, was tabled for next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Sarah Jones presented the June 2021 financial reports which included the end of year numbers. The Board accepted the June financial reports as presented.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

Sarah Jones presented the July 2021 financial reports to the Board. The Board accepted the July financial reports as presented.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS REPORT

Chris Robbins, District Conservationist for the NRCS Auburn Field Office introduced the new Soil Conservationist, Anna Gibson. Anna gave a background of her career. Chris announced the EQIP deadline for contracts is 8/25/21. There were four applications received for the Conservation Incentive Contract. Chris reminded the Board that the Civil Rights Presentation needs to be completed soon. Chris mentioned he would like to host a local working group by the end of the year.

BUSINESS

New Business:

a) Grand Jury 2021-2021 Final Report- Independent Special Districts and the Local Agency Formation Commission

Claudia Smith reported that the District has not had a Grand Jury report in a very long time. This report is regarding website compliance, which was to add a direct link to the agenda on the District's website home page. This link/ button has already been added. Tom Wehri moved to agree with the findings in the Grand Jury report and for the District to comply. Christine Johnson seconded, and the motions passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

b) Contract #PSC21-021 Between Placer County Resource Conservation District and County of Placer- Chipper Program/Alternative Sentencing Program

Claudia Smith announced that Placer County awarded a contract with the District for \$175,000 for the Chipper Program to partner with the Placer County Probation Alternative Sentencing Program.

Christine Johnson moved to approved contract #PSC21-021. Tom Wehri seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones and Kristin Lantz)

c) Grant and contracts update

Sarah Jones presented the grant and contracts update:

\$175,000 – Chipper Program

\$69,000 – Healthy Soils Program

\$75,000 – NRCS Agreement, Landowner Technical Assistance

\$75,000 – Placer County Parks Department

d) Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 Draft Annual Budget

Sarah Jones presented the fiscal year 2021-2022 draft budget. The following are the changes as discussed:

Increase Sponsorships by \$1,000

Increase wages by 3%, approximately \$30,000

Add \$10,000 to Contractual for the Green Waste Bin Pilot Program.

Steve Jones moved to approve the FY21/22 Annual budget with changes as discussed. Cathy Johnson seconded, and the motions passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones, and Kristin Lantz)

Old Business:

STAFF REPORTS

District staff provided a written update of recent activities and project updates in the board packet.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Tom Wehri announced that he attended the NACD 75th year meeting in Chicago.

Claudia Smith has received interest for the Associate Board member positions, the Board will vote on the applications once they are all received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Future agenda items to include – Approval of July 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes, NRCS Civil Rights Training.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm. Kristin Lantz moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Steve Jones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

(Roll Call: Claudia Smith, Tom Wehri, Cathy Johnson, Christine Johnson, Steve Jones and Kristin Lantz)

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021, details to follow.