



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday December 10, 2024, at 4:00 pm

1. **Call to order and Roll Call:** at 4:00 by Jim Drew, President. Directors present: Jim Drew, Linda Miller, Alana Fowler, and Reed Hamilton
Staff present: Briana Bacon and Anne Solik.
2. **Introductions:** Luke Browning and Jeff Dellis representing the Ranch School Project.
5. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** Lunk Browning and Jeff Dellis presented their plan for moving forward with trying to obtain funding to sustain "THE RANCH" project for NJUHSD. To start, the project includes on-site classrooms and bathrooms with many projected ideas for added value facilities. There will be a larger meeting taking place on January 9th for all interested potential community partners.
3. **Approval of Agenda or Correction of Agenda:** *JoAnn Fites Kaufman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Reed Hamilton. Approved 5-0.*

Approval of Consent Agenda:

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

Reed Hamilton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Alana Fowler Approved 4-0

6. **Correspondence:** News articles in package, magazines on table.
7. **NRCS Director Report:** Valerie Bullard, NRCS District Conservationist left a message that she will be back to present a report in January with the new NRCS administration.
8. **NCRCD Board Report:** Alana Fowler reported that her husband Brad Fowler was elected to the NID Board. Brand is planning a get together for his supporters Dec. 14. Alana also talked about her compost acquisition for her property. Reed Hamilton said he didn't have much to report. Linda Miller reported that she has entered lambing season. Jim Drew talked about his recent travels to a Montana Sheep ranch.
9. **NCRCD Staff Report:** Anne Solik talked about making progress with the Annual Report and with the Welcome to the Foothills guide as well as the potential to move forward with the Farm Trail Map and winding up the year end. Briana talked about the multiple grants and moving forward for 2025. She also talked about the STRAW (Point Blue) project that required a lot of maintenance and discussed the possibility of purchasing a used 4WD truck to tow a water tender and miscellaneous other equipment for the duration of the grant. The proposal will be presented at the January meeting when the board can decide on

approval. Briana also asked the board to consider starting health benefits for the part time employees, noting that the cost would be born by the grant. The proposal would be presented at the January meeting for approval.

10. **New Business:**

A. Discussion about Working Lands storyline and outline.. ***Briana talked about the current content and asked the board to examine the outline and contact her for questions and ideas moving forward.***

11. **Old Business:** No old Business

12. **Announcements:**

Next Regular Board meeting – January 14, 2025 at 4pm.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik December 10, 2024.



Approved by Board of Directors on 1-14-25

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Jim Drew, Chair