



# Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

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## BOARD MEETING

### Minutes for Meeting of May 11, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:12 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Barraclough, Casdorff and Duggan. Absent Director Hammond. Arnelis Crespo, NRCS. Barbara Minor and Chris Blood from FIELD.
3. **Public Comment** No comments
4. **Minutes:** Feb. 9, 2023 minutes already approved. Need March 23, 2023 minutes approved. Director Duggan made a motion to approve April 13, 2023 minutes with corrections. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
5. **Financial Report:** Audit of 2020/21 is complete. Financial reports for Jan/Feb/March 2023 were reviewed. Checkbooks were made available for directors to review. Audit for 2021/22 needs to start right away. Main checking balance is \$13,409. Kern Funds are \$19,329 and grant balance is \$30,897.
6. **NRCS:** Ms. Crespo is back as DC after helping in Puerto Rico with hurricane Fiona. District 4 NRCS area now includes Bakersfield. Andi, the new soil conservationist, is in training. He and Paul Nguyen helped at the California Envirothon at Wind Wolves preserve. Contracts are taking a long time because of issues with SHIPPO review of archeology. Some farmers may cancel their contracts. NRCS has a grant for staffing due June 3. NRCS wants to contact the local wineries in the area. California NRCS getting \$100 million to use to hire NRCS staff. Director Casdorff will look at the new grant opportunity.
  - a) **Building Update:** In preparation for plant sale we did repairs to building. Used Windwall donation to help pay for deferred repairs and clean up for a total spent of \$2153. Director Duggan made a motion that the \$2153 of repairs was done within the spending rules as a series of deferred maintenance items. Director Casdorff second. All ayes. Still have things to do such as level back area, take off end of the bay, have electrician look at electrical.
  - b) **Director items:** Director Duggan will complete form 700 and ethics training. Link will be sent to Directors Hammond and Duggan. Ethics training is a 2 hour minimum requirement per state law.

11:20 am call 5 minute recess. Resume 11:30 am.

- c) **Plant Sale/Earth Day:** We netted \$8,465.13 in sales. Thank you email to purchasers went out. We need to do: tax substantiated letter. Thank you to FIELD for volunteers. One to Health Care District for the cart. One to Agromin for potting soil donation. School tree plantings are on. James Burns owner of the nursery is getting us large trees to plant. We are waiting for schedule from the Superintendent. We have collected \$1300 minus paypal fees so have \$1252.67 for trees and shovels. Water District will pay for remainder not covered. We need to form new committee for next plant sale in 2024.
- d) **By laws:** Postpone committee.
- e) **TA 2021:** Special meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
- f) **High Desert Meeting:** Director Casdorff gave update on this meeting. We will pay the \$50 donation fee to High Desert committee.

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- g) **Kern Valley Update:** Director Casdorff spoke with Cam of CARCD at High Desert meeting. They are still working on getting us the money from state of California.
7. NEW BUSINESS:
- a) **2020 MOA:** Board members reviewed the signed copy of MOA between TRCD, CA RCD and NRCS for the grants and any continuation of interaction. Director Duggan made a motion that the Board recognizes and is in concurrence with the MOA that was signed by the former President of TRCD on March 2020. Director Casdorff second. All ayes.
- b) **TRCD Native Plant Nursery:** Postpone
8. **Board Member Comment:** Director Casdorff received an email from Kevin McCarthy regarding federal disaster and assistance. She will review and report back. Director Duggan said he will not be available between June 28 and Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. He might be able to make August meeting. He will miss July. Director Barraclough attended Kern Weed Management area meeting. They have no funding, no volunteers, no public input. Also, Jessica Enciso did so much for us on the computer and has left a legacy of forms that we can use from now on.
9. **Adjourn:** Director Casdorff made motion to adjourn Director Duggan second. All ayes.  
Adjourned 12:15 pm