



# Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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## BOARD MEETING

Minutes for November 9, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:05 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Barraclough, Casdorff and Hammond. Absent are Director Duggan and Arnelis Crespo, NRCS. Jillian Wood, Conservation Technician present. Public: Peter Fulks, Cerro Coso College and Paige Lanteigne.
3. **Amend the Agenda:** No changes
4. **Public Comment** Peter Fulks discussed having a partnership with the TRCD to help firefighting training and outdoor recreation classes and certification at the college. He will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for us to review at a special meeting. Set for January 18, 2024. Paige Lanteigne is with a local garden group and interested in the RCD. She is working on a community garden sponsored by the Tehachapi Valley Health Care District.
5. **NRCS:** None
6. **Minutes:** Director Hammond made a motion to approve August 10 minutes with revisions. Director Barraclough second. All ayes. Director Hammond made motion to approve October 12, 2023 minutes with amendments Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
7. **Financial Report:** Director Barraclough told the Board that the Kern Fund changed protocol for accessing money since September 2023 and she thought money was transferring and it was not. She has worked to fix that issue. Checking had \$7,025, \$22,772 in grant fund. About \$14,000 in Kern Fund. June statement from Balancing Act has some issues to be resolved. So not available for approval today. They cannot finish July and August statements until they have a new budget. A new budget was presented. Director Hammond made a motion to approve. Director Casdorff seconded. All ayes. Audit: Director Casdorff to meet with Director Barraclough on Nov. 18th at 9:00 am to help review auditor requests.
8. **Staff Report:** Ms. Wood has made numerous field visits with NRCS and will be attending High Desert meeting.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Ecology Center Update:** Collecting more seeds. Bladder pods, look at Cal Flora app to determine locations in Tehachapi, and more acorns from the grand oak in Tehachapi.
  - b) **By laws committee:** Ms. Wood and Director Casdorff are on the committee.
  - c) **Poster contest:** Posters need to go to CARCD and winners contacted and an email to parents whose children did not win. Parents can pick up posters if they want them.
  - d) **Weed Management meeting:** There is no funding and not a full board. They asked TRCD how do we cover volunteers? Ask SDRMA.
  - e) **High Desert Meeting:** Cam has left CARCD as president. Looking for new one. Inyo/mono RCD is active again.
  - f) **Plant Sale 2024.** Mr. Fulk and Ms. Lanteigne want to volunteer. Start the plant sale/earthday committee.
  - g) **Amend contract for Ms. Wood for sick leave.** Director Hammond made a motion to adopt changes to the employee contract as written. Director Casdorff second. All ayes.
10. **Board Member Comment:** none.

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11. **Adjourn:** Director Barraclough made motion to adjourn Director Casdorff second. All ayes.  
Adjourned 12:10 pm