Tehachapi Resource Conservation District Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** Minutes for Meeting of March 1 2017

- **1.** Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Giuffre.
- 2. Roll Call: Present: President Jeannine Giuffre, Treasurer Ed Duggan, Secretary Cheryl Casdorph. . Associate Director Julie Barraclough Also in attendance: Phil Dixon, NRCS District Conservationist, Madelaine Voldahl, NRCS Soil Conservationist Chris Nelson, Sunset Design. Public Present :Marilyn White
- 3. Board Minutes Director Duggan made motion to approve draft minutes from January 11, 2017. Director Casdorph second. All ayes.
- 4. Financial Report Treasurer Ed Duggan stated we received tax money of %5450 on Dec. 31, 2017. We have in Sierra Bank has \$24,200.44 and Kern Fund has \$45,613.73 same as last month Ed will talk to Balancing Act about new bookkeeper. Old one is gone.
- 5. Public Comment. None.
- 6. NRCS Report: Phil Dixon spoke regarding Fire protection contracts are not eligible for EQIP at less than one acre. NRCS contracts with private forestor. They do the plan, then they fund. Only 5 people so far doing eligibility paperwork. Maybe Bear Valley can get together and do all owners under one contract administered by CSD. NRCS brought books and posters for us. Ruby Raindrop costume will be available. Will need two volunteers to be inside. Too hot. Environthon meeting. Maddy is working with the schools. Marilyn has 11 young adults. That's 2 teams of 5 each. The students will have to fix a problem and make a video. Mondays work best for their schedules for experts to come talk. Director Casdorph made motion to pay up to \$150 per team for entry fees. Ed second. All ayes. Julie is available for aquatic talk to students. They need a forester. NRCS is looking for one. NRCS gave us a poster we are partners. We put in window.

Soil health is on their website. They have informative handouts for plant sale. Maddy will print some out. NRCS has money to help with cross-pollinators. They need help getting to landowners. Water District can push to get farmers to work with soil and pollinators. Jeannine will talk to water districts. Marilyn White wants to talk to Maddy abou grazing on nature park site in golden hills.

7. FIELD No representative in attendance.

## 8. Old Business

A. Computer: Chris Nelson in attendance. Discussed prices and updates to website. Need plant photos. We can add a link that targets the area here. How much maintenance do we need on facebook page? Budget facebook

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page and advertising and build viewers. Ed gave chris list of directors to post. Paypal Chris needs access. Chris needs new logo.

- B. Plant Sale: Elvia needs help. April 22 is day. NRCS will help. Director Duggan made motion up to \$1500 to order extra plants for sale and tow out equipment in our garage. Director Casdorph second. All ayes. Roses from LA nursery are available. Duggan and Giuffre will talk to Elvia about tax.
- C. Golden Hills nature park: By Friday grant to OHV agency is deadline for fencing around park. And a Polaris Ranger for security. Glenn Harris wrote document. We need to strategize what price to pay him.

**NEW BUSINESS**: All directors must do Form 700. Go to www.fppc.ca.gov for application.

Board Comments: No comments.

**Adjourn.** Casdorph motion for adjournment. Duggan seconded. All ayes. Adjourned 10:15 p.m. Next meeting April 5, 2017.