



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes for Meeting of February 1, 2017

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m. by President Giuffre.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present: President Jeannine Giuffre, Treasurer Ed Duggan, Secretary Cheryl Casdorff. Also in attendance: Phil Dixon, NRCS District Conservationist, Madelaine Voldahl, NRCS Soil Conservationist. Public Present: Julie Barraclough Absent: Associate Director, Carol Rush
- 3. Board Minutes** Director Duggan made motion to approve draft minutes from January 11, 2017. Director Casdorff second. All ayes.
- 4. Financial Report** – Director Casdorff gave treasurer final financial report from High Desert Quarterly meeting, October, 2016. Expense of \$263.60. Treasurer Ed Duggan stated have total finances for end of 2016 of \$69,814. Sierra Bank has \$24,200.44 and Kern Fund has \$45,613.73. We may want to move funds from Kern Fund to Sierra Bank. Audit has all documents needed. Bank has done balance confirmation. Status of report for State. Director Duggan will check with auditor to see if it has gone to the State. Director Casdorff asked if we can continue contract with Elvia Swan for 2017? Director Duggan made a motion to extent her contract up to \$550 to help with plant sale. Director Casdorff second. All ayes.
- 5. Public Comment.** Julie Barraclough was a former Associate Director of TRCD. She is a water conservationist specialist. She worked on start thistle removal, She would like to be on the board as associate only. Director Duggan made motion to include her as associate director. Director Casdorff second. All ayes.
- 6. NRCS Report:** Phil Dixon and Madeline Voldahl will help at the plant sale. They are available with soil kits for customers. Looking at possible earth day April 22, 2017. Mr. Dixon asked if he can use our offices to meet with Bakersfield area farmers/ranchers. As working agencies, they were given a key to the office. Environthon: Ms. Voldahl met with Marilyn White Valley Oaks Charter School. They have 2 teams ready. Assoc Director Barraclough offered to help with water/aquatics issues. She will also ask Tehachapi High School if they are interested. Calabasas-UCLA stunt ranch is location on May 20th. Each school can have 2



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teams. TRCD could be a sponsor to help get funds for them to attend. They can also do a fund raiser. Do bake sale at our plant sale, get tips for loading up plants. Mr. Dixon thinks there is a National RCD poster contest this Fall. They can win money. Goes K-12 grades. It is a good program. NRCS can get a ruby raindrop costume and go to schools for water education. Also have Sammy soil suit could use at plant sale.

7. **FIELD** No representative in attendance.

8. **Old Business**

- A. Golden Hills Representative not in attendance. President Giuffre will meet with Glenn Harris and Marilyn White at nature park to discuss mapping on weeds and vegetation. Ms. White met with Ms. Voldahl, NRCS regarding grazing issues.
- B. FIELD: Will move rigs soon in garage for our plant sale.
- C. Kern Weed Management: Next 4 months meeting date has changed.
- D. Fire Safe Council: Tree mortality taskforce met with President Giuffre. The departments are all coordinating efforts. There is a reforestation program at Inner Mountain nursery, Auberry, CA and Calfire Chief cold work with local residents. NRCS said EQIP program is kicking out the small lots. They have lowest priority.
- E. CD business Plan: Director Casdorff doing a draft for next meeting.
- F. Plant Sale: We need to talk to Chris Nielsen about getting paypal. Director Duggan made motion to not commit to go with Desert Mountain R C&D for plant sale. End of March is early. Explore new date. Mid April. Closer to earth day? Director Casdorff second. All ayes. Liz Black from Cummings valley water district will work with us on the sale.

NEW BUSINESS: All directors must do Form 700. Go to www.fppc.ca.gov for application. Logo for TRCD. Director Duggan made motion to use CA RCD logo. Director Casdorff second. All ayes. Need to contact CARCD for digital copy.

Board Comments: No comments.

Adjourn. Casdorff motion for adjournment. Duggan seconded. All ayes.

Adjourned 10:00 p.m. Next meeting march1, 2017.