



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Meeting Minutes Tehachapi Resource Conservation District March 7, 2018

1. Meeting began at 6:15
2. In attendance: Directors Present Jeannine Giuffre, Ed Duggan, Cheryl Casdorff, Julia Barraclough was not in attendance. Others present: Phil Dixon and Jae Lee (NRCS). Chris Nielsen (IT). . . Michael Clark, Field Rep District 2, Marilyn White, Glenn Harris.
3. Board Minutes. Mr. Duggan made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms Casdorff second. All Ayes.
4. Finance Report. Mr. Duggan provided monthly update. RCD has approximately \$66,087.65 in all accounts. Audit items, Mr. Duggan is working with Elvia Swan on getting these items. We have new checks. Need to work on second account for PayPal. Mr. Duggan made a motion to open a second checking account at the Bank of Sierra. Ms. Casdorff second. All directors voted ayes. We have to update signature cards. Ms. Casdorff gave expense account to Mr. Duggan CARCD boot camp training.
5. Public Comment. Ms. White gave account and update on nature park in Golden Hills. Grant application is submitted for \$50,000 for fencing. Need trail signs. TRCS has committed to helping with this. Signs for the Kiwaisu natives will be up by April 2019. She found a girl scout who wants to help with this endeavor as part of her scouts. Recon is spraying tamarisks trees again.
6. NRCS: Mr. Lee gave update on NRCS under new administration. USDA has been restructured. Now under Farm Production and Construction. Ms. Giuffre told Mr. Lee how much we appreciate Mr. Dixon working with us.
Mr. Dixon gave update on Firestry grant. 4 people are getting grants. Envirothon – Ms. White would like Mr. Dixon to invite Tehachapi High School teacher and oter schools so they can see what is happening. It will be at wind wolves preserve. Tejon Ranch is a sponsor. They can camp there with tents. Poster Contest – we need to talk to Superintendent of Schools here to get on agenda next year.
7. Web: Mr. Nielsen is setting up e-commerce for our plant sale and other things. Need product pricing. 7.25% tax will be charged. Paypal cost is about 3%. Will use last years plant lists.
8. Plan Sale: Start committee for April 21 sale. Meeting set for the 13th. We should contact Antelope Valley RCD nursery to see what they have. NRCS will act as in between at first for us.
B. Fire Safe Council: none
c. County Bldg: Nothing back yet from County.
d. Director Vacancy: No update. In process.
e. One Yr/five yr: for next agenda.
f. SDRMA: compensation resolution. Mr. Duggan made motion to put on agenda for next meeting. Ms. Casdorff second. All ayes. Ms. Casdorff will do draft.
9. Board Member Comment. April 23, 2018 is soil health outreach meetings by Antelope RCD at fairgrounds in Lancaster Ag Day: at state capital. Form 700 due now.
10. Adjourn: 9:30 pm.