



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Minutes January 6, 2021

1. Regular Meeting began at 12:20 pm
 2. Roll Call. In attendance: President Jeannine Giuffre, Director Cheryl Casdorff, Director Ed Duggan, Director Julia Barraclough Staff member Kit Foster NRCS: Jaimie Quarfeld (on telephone)
 3. Public Comment: None
 3. Board minutes: Director Duggan made motion to Approve Dec 3, 2020 minutes with changes. All ayes
 4. Finance report: Director Duggan asked if we could move meetings to second Wednesday of the month to allow for financial report to be available. All directors were asked to consider this option. BSK needs to give us cost for 2 year audit. Once established, Kit Foster can help with audit. Director Duggan made a motion to get a safe deposit box for \$90 a year, put cash, a backup drive of computer, and building deed into it. Director Barraclough second. All ayes. Director Duggan left at 1:15. Quorum still there on board. Meeting continued.
 5. NRCS report: Ms. Quarfeld (on telephone) discussed Air Quality initiative for EQIP money for taking out high emission vehicles and equipment. Director Duggan asked her to look into if the money can be used to refurbish old wind turbines for pumping of water. Deadline was January. NACD grant for urban agriculture. Ms. Foster will look into it for next year. Ms. Foster has USDA laptop from NRCS/USDA and has USDA email for NRCS/USDA access.
 7. Old Business:
 - A. Website update: Board members look at website for any updates needed any additions?
 - B. Building: gas line is finished. Water main valve installed.
 - C. Board discussed budget of NACD grant to determine any excess from grant and how it can be used for things such as farmers market and mountain festival booth. Ms. Foster said that supplies and equipment as EIP cannot be more than 10% of entire grant.
 - D. Plant sale: We are going forward. Ms. Foster will speak to people in Kern River Valley if they want to join.
 - E. Annexation Status: LAFCO is talking to Dept of Conservation if there \$ to pay for the annexation for LAFCO costs. LAFCO said that if we include the Tulare portion of Kern Valley RCD it will double the fees. We found old files from kern valley rcd. We decided to not keep Tulare portion. LAFCO and Dep[t of Conservation are emphasizing fire prevention concerns.
 - F. Employee requests. Postpone until next meeting.John Hammond came and sat in on meeting from 1:45 to 2:35 pm.
 8. Board Member comments: none
- Adjourn 3:00 pm