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Minutes September 9, 2021

- 1. Meeting began at 11:02am
- 2. In attendance: President Jeannine Giuffre, Dir. Ed Duggan, Dir. Julia Barraclough, employee Kit Foster, guest Barbara Minor; absent Dir. Cheryl Casdorph.
- 3. Board minutes of July 14, 2021 and July 30, 2021; Dir. Duggan made a motion to approve the minutes, Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes of board members present.
- 4. Public comment: Barbara Minor introduced herself. She is a Tehachapi resident; attended our plant sale in a previous year and is a friend of Dir. Barraclough.
- 5. USDA-NRCS Report: new employee from Lancaster FO, Travis, reported on current contracts and outreach regarding bark beetle. Kit Foster reported on her current contacts, contracts and outreach.
- 6. Financial Report: 2021 reports for May, June, July and August presented. Reports include the recent report layout changes made by accounting office. Dir. Barraclough made a motion to accept the financial reports for May through August 2021; Pres. Giuffre seconded; all ayes of board members present. Dir. Barraclough reported that she is working on current budget; reported that grant expenses match quarterly report done by Kit Foster; TRCD received first check for the new 2021 TA Grant awarded and she will deposit; CRMA bill will be paid today.

7. Old Business:

- A. Audit report by Dir. Duggan: 6/30/2020 audit draft received and will be reviewed and signed by end of next week.
- B. Pres. Giuffre reported on LAFCO and annexation; explained background to attendees not familiar with the situation; LAFCO is meeting with key agencies to request they ask for state funding; there are other possibilities for funding through other aspects that is being researched; encouraging news because the entities involved in the process want the annexation to be successful and there is great potential to help the area.
- C. Plant sale update: it has become necessary to change the date to October 30, 2021 9:00am 1:00pm; discussed the logistics of preparing, ordering, setup etc.; Dir. Duggan made a motion to change the plant sale date; Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes of board members present.

8. New Business:

- A. TRCD has received the letter of support from the Kern County Board of Supervisors to apply for the CAFSC County Coordinator grant; 18-month grant; application deadline 9/30/21.
- B. TRCD meeting date will be changed to second Thursday each month from 10:00am noon; Dir. Duggan made a motion to approve the meeting change; Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes

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of board members present.

- C. High Desert Region meeting update given by Pres. Giuffre; exact plans for meeting have not been decided at this time.
- 9. Board Member Comments: an update on treasurer position will be on next meetings agenda.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 12:22pm

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