



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Minutes October 21, 2021

1. Meeting began at 1:26 pm
2. In attendance: Pres. Jeannine Giuffre; Dir. Ed Duggan; Dir. Julia Barraclough; employee Kit Foster; NRCS DC Arnelis Crespo-Soto; absent Dir. Cheryl Casdorff
3. Board minutes of September 9, 2021; Dir. Duggan made a motion to approve the minutes, Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes of board members present.
4. No public present for comment.
5. USDA-NRCS Report: DC Crespo-Soto reported that the Lancaster FO increased this fiscal year's contracts over last FY: 8 to 21 and \$700K to \$1.7million, a 242% increase. She also discussed new hire soil conservationist, Travis; there will be a student hired for summer ; Discussed our outreach to BVS to include forester, Kelly S.; discussed additional outreach to wineries; Pres. Giuffre requested pamphlets "Living in the Foothills" form NRCS if available so we can distribute to area CSD's, POA's etc. Kit reported on contact with large family farm in the area that is interested in EQIP practices, discussed planning a field visit when possible.
6. Financial report: Dir. Barraclough reported on current financials; all bills paid; KC tax dollars will be collected soon so the Kern Fund account will be increasing.
7. Old Business:
 - A. Audit: Dir. Duggan signed the audit for last 2 years (through June 30, 2020 is finalized). Work will be continuing for audit on fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021.
8. New Business:
 - B. NACD renewal: new billing received; Dir. Duggan made a motion to pay \$501.00 this year; Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes of board members present.
7. & 8 Combination of Old Business B. and New Business D.

Annexation update and legislation in CARCD; Pres. Giuffre spoke to Karen Burr regarding possible potential funding with new legislation; Pres. Giuffre discussed contacting Sierra Nevada Conservancy since KRV would be in their area of interest when annexation takes place.
7. C. Pres. Giuffre discussed unavailability of plants and trees needed for sale; board of directors decided to cancel fall sale due to issue; Pres. Giuffre also reported on discussion she had with Nancy from EKRC and Pres. Giuffre offered to share shipping of plants for spring sale; TRCD spring native plant Sale scheduled for April 23, 2022.
8. C. Pres. Giuffre reported that the High Desert Regional meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2021 and will include tour of Hinkley PG & E facility; Pres. Giuffre and Kit will attend, Dir. Barraclough will if her schedule allows.
 - E. Discussed CARCD virtual conference and delegate; Dir. Duggan made a motion that Pres. Giuffre will attend as TRCD delegate, Dir. Barraclough seconded, all ayes of board members present.
 - F. Pres. Giuffre and Kit reported on FSA's request for us to assist in getting information to residents affected by the French Fire in the Kern River Valley area. Kit will be attending meeting in Wofford Heights that is being held October 26, 2021 that is organized by UCANR and NRCS Bakersfield FO.



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8. A. Pres. Giuffre reported on the submittal of the application to CFSC for the County Coordinator Grant that closed September 30, 2021. Award announcement scheduled for October 2021, no official announcement as of today.

Pres. Giuffre reported that there is an additional CFSC grant opportunity that opens November 1, 2021 if we aren't awarded the County Coordinator Grant.

9. Board Member Comments: Board discussed that the switch of TRCD treasurer duties needs to be on the next agenda.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm

Next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2021 at 10:00 am. due to scheduling conflict of November 11, 2021, Veterans Day.