



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Minutes February 10, 2022

1. Call to Order at 10:20 am at TRCD office
2. In attendance: President Jeannine Giuffre, in person; Director Ed Duggan, by Zoom; Director Julia Barraclough, by Zoom; employee Kit Foster, in person.
3. Board Minutes of December 9, 2021: Dir. Barraclough made a motion to approve the minutes, Dir. Duggan seconded; all ayes.
4. No public in attendance
5. USDA-NRCS Report: Kit Foster gave an update on number of current Lancaster FO applications and the number that pertain to our area and list of possible deliverables for 2022. No other Lancaster FO staff present.
6. Financial Report: Dir. Barraclough gave report on financials and explained the new budget is not reflected in the Nov. 2021 financial statements; accounting firm will take care of that. Discussion of needing a budget for the TA 2021 Grant that is already being reported on.
7. A. Tier 1 Items: classes required; Pres. Giuffre noted classes can be taken online.
B. TA 2019 Grant expenditures: Grant audited and balanced to 12/31/21 by employee; There was an intense discussion of concerns raised by Director Barraclough regarding changes made to the reports that were submitted to NACD before Treasurer had reviewed and accepted the changes. The President paused discussion before issues were resolved.
- C. Annexation: Dir. Duggan reported that Supervisor Scrivner wants to meet with Pres. Giuffre, Dir. Duggan and KCFD Chief and consultant to discuss possibilities.
8. A. TRCD B.O.D. laptop needs diagnostics and repair. Decision was made to wait on this matter and revisit possible repair or replace at a later time.
B. Update on TA 2019 Grant: subject postponed until later time.
C. 2022 List of Deliverables to NRCS STC Curtis Tarver: postponed to future meeting due to time constraints for some of the directors.
D. Firewise Program: Pres. Giuffre discussed the possibility and desire to institute a local Firewise Program for the Tehachapi area; she reported that another RCD has implemented a program and has many similarities to our RCD's community's risks. It would be a community-based program, video available on the Coarsegold RCD website. We could adopt the CRCRD type of FW program. Pres. Giuffre suggested that TRCD distribute information in our community to see if there are interested community members that would like to join the cause. Dir. Duggan made a motion for Pres. Giuffre to move forward to see if the community is interested as long as there is no financial commitment required by TRCD and no other director's time or involvement will be necessary other than Pres. Giuffre's; Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes.
9. Board Member Comments:
A. Dir. Duggan requested that the next agenda includes the topic of identifying and qualifying new candidates for the TRCD Board since he would like to retire from the board soon. We have had 1 vacancy on the Board for an extended period of time.



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- B. Next agenda also to include grant information and financials and gas leak in Kit's office that has been fixed but a new valve needs to be installed.
- C. Trees in front of building are scheduled to be trimmed on February 28th.
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.; minutes transcribed by employee with changes in yellow made by the Board for final approval.
- 11. Next Meeting, March 10, 2022 at 10:00 am