



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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BOARD MEETING

Minutes for Meeting of May 12, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:20 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Director Ed Duggan; Director Jeannine Giuffre; and Director Julia Barraclough. Absent: Director Cheryl Casdorff. Staff Present: NRCS DC Arnelis Crespo-Soto; and TRCD employee Kit Foster. Public Present: Zack Crum, Alex Wieser, and Joe Giuffre. Media Present: Claudia Elliott for Tehachapi News.
3. **Changes to Agenda:** Moved Item 4 Board Minutes to between items 13 and 14
Approved by consensus.
5. **Board Vacancy:** A discussion was held regarding the qualifications of the 3 candidates (Zach Crumb, Alex Wisser, and Jon Hamond) who have submitted letters of interest in the TRCD vacant board seat. Director Giuffre made a motion for Jon Hammond to be recommended by the TRCD board to the Kern County Board of Supervisors but there was no second. Director Duggan made a motion for Zack Crum to be recommended by the TRCD board to the Kern County Board of Supervisors and Director Barraclough seconded. Vote was 2 ayes (Duggan and Barraclough) with 1 nay (Giuffre). The motion did not get a majority of 3 votes that is required to carry.
6. **Plant Sale:** Director Giuffre discussed Plant Sale timing options. Fall 2022 sale not likely possible. Spring 2023 sale is likely possible. Director Giuffre will investigate a possible Fall 2022 Tree Sale and formation of a Plant Sale committee. No Action.
7. **NRCS Report:** DC Crespo-Soto gave a report on NRCS activities of interest to TRCD.
8. **Employee Contract:** Discussion of cleanup items in contract and corrections were suggested. Once corrections are implemented, employee Kit Foster will review and execute if all corrections have been made.
9. **Financial Report:** Reviewed April Report and found some errors that will be pointed out to Balancing Act. Director Barraclough will get a quote for audit of FY ending 6/30/2021
10. **Grant Report:** Employee Foster gave a report. She is staying very busy and now has an assistant for data entry. She will be doing more planning going forward. No action.
11. **LAFCO Sphere of Influence questionnaire:** Was discussed. No action.
12. **WMA Meeting Report:** Postponed to next meeting.
13. **Public Comments:** Comment from Claudia Elliott recommending that we reach out to the Nature Conservancy (TNC) followed by comment from Zack Crum – he has contacts at TNC.
4. **Board Minutes Approval for prior 2022 meetings:** Deferred to next meeting.
14. **Board Member Comment:** Director Giuffre said we are due to host the next High Desert Regional RCD meeting. Director Barraclough said we will discuss at the next meeting
15. **Adjournment:** At 12:20 PM