



# Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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## BOARD MEETING

### Minutes for Meeting of December 8, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:35 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Duggan, Barraclough, Casdorff and Hammond. NRCS: Paul Nguyen  
Public: Jessica Encisco, Cody Cain, Rebecca Grant
3. **Public Comment:** none
4. **Minutes:** Director Hammond made motion to approve Nov10, 2022 minutes as amended. Director Duggan second. All ayes
5. **Financial Report and Audit:** Director Barraclough printed current finances and reconciliation statement and report too. Audit costs, TA2019 finances exhausted so we will pay for entire audit from our funds. Next audit 2021/22 we can pay from TA2021 grant. 43.4% of our budget is from grant money. After the audit costs are taken out, we have \$25,500 left in the ta2021 grant. Audit update. Lots of information has been submitted to auditor but they want more. Director Barraclough will continue to work on audit. Checkbooks are available for directors to review.
6. **NRCS Report:** Paul Nguyen gave out written report on update of NRCS as Arnelis Crespo is in Puerto Rico helping with hurricane cleanup. They hired new soil conservationist. He starts in 2023. Currently NRCS has two staff members, Paul and Jaimie Quarfeld. Deadline for 2023 applications is Dec. 9, 2022.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a) Conflict of Interest update. Director Casdorff presented changes to our conflict of interest code to add any and all employees. Director Hammond made motion to accept need code as amended. Director Duggan second. All ayes.
  - b) Earthday/Anniversary celebration: Director Hammond talked to City of Tehachapi about closing off portion of street. He is getting together a big committee to meet every two weeks. We have a school representative too. He wants to include a tree planting at each school before earth day. He wants sponsors, local native americans, etc. Details to follow to bring to the board for a vote.
  - c) Building update: Thank you to the volunteers for the clean up day. Need another one before earthday. Director Hammond asked about cutting off the metal posts on the cement. No longer needed as the tanks are gone. He will get a quote for removal. Trim trees later around the property.
  - d) Kern Valley RCD: Director Casdorff will do an updated. Director Barraclough made motion to approve to go forward based on funding. All ayes.
  - e) Grant Update: Director Hammond made a motion to pursue getting a new employee. Director Duggan second. All ayes. We will set up a special meeting. Jan 5, 2023 at 10.
8. **Board Member Comment:** None
9. **Next meeting:** Jan. 12, 2023
10. **Adjournment:** 12:30 pm