



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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Minutes November 18, 2021

1. Meeting began at 10:24 am
2. In attendance: President Jeannine Giuffre, Director Ed Duggan, Director Julia Barraclough, employee Kit Foster, guest Mr. Alex Weiser; absent Director Cheryl Casdorff.
3. Board minutes of October 21, 2021; Dir. Duggan made a motion to approve the minutes, Dir. Barraclough seconded; all ayes of board members present.
4. Public comment: Mr. Weiser introduced himself; he and his family farm locally and he is interested in numerous aspects involving resource concerns and helping to improve our area.
5. USDA-NRCS Report: Kit Foster reported on current deadlines; recent field visits to producers and outreach items that will be purchased this month. Other NRCS FO staff was not available to attend.
6. Financial Report: October 2021 financial reports haven't been completed by accounting firm, report will be given at next meeting.
7. Old Business:
 - A. Dir. Barraclough reported that new audit has not begun; final payment of \$600.00 will be paid to auditor.
 - C. Dir. Duggan resigned as Treasurer. Dir. Duggan made a motion for Dir. Barraclough to become Treasurer; Pres. Giuffre seconded; all ayes of board members present.
Dir. Barraclough drafted a new budget and board discussed. Dir. Duggan made a motion to accept the budget with the amendments discussed, Pres. Giuffre seconded, all ayes of board members present.
 - B. Annexation Update: Pres. Giuffre phoned Sierra Nevada Conservancy but they have not returned call yet; Pres. Giuffre also contacted DOC and CARCD again. Decision was made to contact KC Supervisors Scrivner and Peters for meeting regarding funding the annexation since it would benefit our county immensely.
8. New Business:
 - A. Pres. Giuffre reported that we are preapproved for the CAFSC County Coordinator grant and on the waitlist. Twenty-four counties received funds and twelve are on the waitlist. We will be notified when they receive more funding for the program.
 - B. Pres. Giuffre reported on a Cal Fire Fuels project grant opportunity opening soon. We have a Forester that wants to work with us and the grant includes administration costs. Dir. Duggan made a motion to have Pres. Giuffre move forward on working with the consultant and forester to apply for the grant, Dir. Barraclough seconded, all ayes of board members present.

Friends of the NACD grant opportunity closes November 30, 2021. Dir. Duggan made a motion to Research information for applying to the grant and apply if possible. Dir. Barraclough seconded, all ayes of board members present.



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8. C. Pres. Giuffre gave report on the CARCD business meeting.
High Desert Region representative: Dir. Duggan made a motion that the board is encouraging Pres. Giuffre to run for the HDR Chairperson and representative on the CARCD board, Dir. Barraclough seconded, all ayes from board members present.
D. Adopt-A-Road: board discussed current permit that was started in 2000 for the star thistle program. Decision was made to cancel that permit since it included 37 roads.
9. Board Member Comments:
Dir. Barraclough reported on a new Cal Trans Clean CA program that is focusing on the Tehachapi Area of Highway 58 and local highway 202. Cal Trans will pay \$250.00 per month according to the newspaper article for each area signed up for.
10. Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm