

WSRCD Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 22, 2017, 5:37 PM – 6:45 PM
6270 Parallel Road- Anderson, CA 96007-4833

Call to Order: 5:37 PM

Attendees:

WSRCD Board: Ben Letton (Vice President), Alan Hill (Director), Phil Schoefer (Director), Elizabeth Betancourt (Director), John Moore (Director)

WSRCD Staff: Chester Anderson (District Manager), Ali Warren (Fiscal Officer), Sean Arnold (Clerk of the Board)

NRCS: Mindy Graves (District Conservationist)

1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:

Remove the District Manager's Report (1.2) from Consent Agenda. It is to fall under Old Business as 8.3.

2. Consent Agenda

Hill (Motions) / Schoefer (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.

3. Public Comment Period: No members of the public were present.

4. Correspondence:

A Solid Ground Consulting Training is coming up and Anderson will send out an email.

5. SCF Update:

Non-profit status was revoked, since it has not been filed for many years. Susan Lloyd gathered tax info and it has now been processed. All endowment money has been placed into Morgan Stanley.

6. NRCS Report:

Finished recent batching period with four projects. Three are for ACID and one is for pasture land. The reorganization is moving toward farm production and restoration.

7. CARCD activities:

There is a freeze on hiring and lots of positions that need to be filled. The next convention will be in Sacramento at the Hilton. The president stepped down due to health reasons and has been replaced by the vice-president Don Butts. The new regional chair is Colleen Hetfield, while Dennis Heiman is the Vice-President, and the WSRCD is the Secretary/Treasurer.

8. Old Business:

8.1 Day in the District – May 24

The agenda is addressed and there is a total of 41 RSVPs. Drafts and biographies are handed out.

8.2 DOC Funding Update

Should be receiving the \$46,000 by the end of the month. The outreach coordinator has dropped down to a part-time position due to fewer funds than hoped. The first event coming up is the fair.

8.3 District Manager's Report

Tessa Blevins and Analia Bertucci made contacts with the Forest Service for the Bagley area grant. Work out there will focus on erosion. Scope of work: inventory and planning for OHV roads.

9. New Business:

9.1/2 Investments with Morgan Stanley / Investment Policy

Mike Malz back east, suggested we change our investment policy. Should delete 404.5 because it contradicts. Betancourt would appreciate a special district associate's opinion first.

9.3 16-17 Audit

Anderson would like to go with Charlie Pillon again. He is great and fair.

Schoefer (Motions) / Moore (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.

9.4 Quarterly Newsletter Draft

The newsletter shall be web-based. May help to have an opening paragraph for the final list of past employees. Future newsletters were discussed and how they would focus heavily on projects.

9.5 Funds to purchase a tractor, trailer, & implements

The project at Jelly's Ferry is a 5 year project, worth \$570,000. Rental comes out to \$40,000. Instead, Anderson would like to buy a tractor. Could purchase some insurance that could cover us, in case we get into a legal bind. Would like to invoice \$40,000, purchase tractor, and pay it back in 5 years. [Bill for accumulated work, endowment]. Will speak with Tad and Mike, place money on cash account and will continue to work with Phil Schoefer.

Betancourt (Motions) / Hill (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.

10. Closed Session: None

11. Set Next Meeting Date:

Monday, June 26, 2017 / 5:30 PM

Adjourn: 6:46 PM

Hill (Motions) / Schoefer (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sean Arnold, Clerk of the Board