

Draft Meeting Minutes

WSRCD Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 28, 2016, 5:38 PM – 8:20 PM

6270 Parallel Road- Anderson, CA 96007-4833

Call to Order: 5:38 PM

Attendees:

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

NRCS: Mindy Graves (District Conservationist)

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

Other: Mary Szynal, Dorothy Schoefer

- 1. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** New Business to the top of agenda. Finance committee to closed session. Dorothy Schoefer shall speak on #7 (CARCD Activites) about conference.

2. Public Comment Period: No members of the public addressed the board.

3. New Business

Discussion:

- (Gugino) explains her project and two contract amendments. Almost complete with two upper side channels. Hiccups with weather and staging areas. The price has been on the increase and they have been giving away material to only buy it back. Utilizing Securitas Security.
- (Gugino) passes out copy of DWR Contract, Amendment #2.
- **P. Schoefer (Motions) / Weidert (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.**
- (Letton and Gugino) discuss materials and questions are asked of Harmony.

Moving onto second contract.

- (Gugino) DWR has begun asking for great sums of additional money and oversight.
- (Heiman) curious to know if funders are okay with going along with this.
- (Warren) notes that this project is all under 35-50.
- (Betancourt) feels we are giving them a lot of money, but is glad they are willing to take on projects.
- Other possibilities and future ways of going about project are discussed and what to look into.
- **Betancourt (Motions) / P. Schoefer (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.**

4. Correspondence:

Discussion:

- (Anderson) GCID is good at PR.

- (Anderson) sends around a general PR brochure for the boards viewing.

5. SCF Update:

Discussion:

- (Szynal) board members all received a copy of a letter. Discusses the possibility of transferring easements and notes how Rivercrest is impossible to transfer. Much of this was discussed with Charlie Pillon and the layout of the boards.
- She urges board to move money out of AXA and to Morgan Stanley. SCF would continue to exist and float along as a 501(c). Discusses easements and where money is right now.
- (Weidert) RCD can start to take over easements but (Szynal) reminds that Rivercrest cannot be transferred.
- (Heiman) only change would be one board resigning and another taking over.
- The board retreat is briefly discussed.
- (Szynal) SCF board does not have to be a subgroup. Explains the City of Redding Council. It was explained by Charlie Pillon how they would only need to meet once a year. SCF and RCD do not have sellers permit anymore and explains where SCF items went such as birdhouses, etc.
- (Heiman) full board to become SCF board.
- (Szynal) recommends continuing to use Fred.
- **P. Schoefer (Motions) / Weidert (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.**
- Fencing issue at Rivercrest mentioned.
- Agreed to move money over from AXA to Morgan Stanley.

6. NRCS Report:

Discussion:

- (Graves) talks about Scott Small and goes over a well-funded program for local food and helping farmers in Stanislaus.
- (Graves) Sends around a 3rd edition booklet.

7. CARCD activities:

- (P. Schoefer) conference had three resolutions and passes them around for the boards viewing. Allocate two million in funds. RCDs must apply for funds and everyone who applies will receive something. Most districts will probably get around \$40k. Fifty out of ninety districts had representatives at the conference, but only twenty delegates. Wants to find a way to interest more delegates. The conference is explained in more detail. Forestry committee wants their tour up here next year.
 - (D. Schoefer) speaks on the CARCD Conference. Passes around CARCD Annual Conference Host RCD Duties and notes how Phil believes it will most likely be at the Sheraton at Turtle Bay. She explains tours and what the Host RCD must do to prepare. There are salmon, fire safe, and timber projects in this area. Transportation/buses and costs for people must be negotiated.
 - (D. Schoefer) must look into gifts, sponsors, auction items and offsite dinners. Mindy would like to help and perhaps could get the Sierra Pacific to help. Could save money at Turtle Bay but may also consider the McConnel Foundation building. Could consider local breweries and wineries. Mandy at Inland Empire could provide info.
- (Heiman) ideas for tours: salmon restoration, river, forest labor, iron mountain mine, clear creek.
- (D. Schoefer) should find a way to show case your own achievements.
 - (Betancourt and Heiman) conference good topic to have a subcommittee on.
 - Subcommittee to include: Heiman, Weidert, D. Schoefer, and Anderson.
 - **Betancourt (Motions) / Moore (2nd) / Motion unanimously passed.**

8. District Manager's Report:

- (Anderson) talked at the conference. Showed diagram that was found within the board agenda and explained his talk based on it, along with all the pieces that need to be in place to make an RCD happen. Anderson is the contact for Sac River Valley. The association for water districts and the five staff dedicated to fisheries is mentioned. Anderson would like to go to the northern CA water alliances and let them know we are the conservation team.
- (P. Schoefer) would be nice if RCDs could work together.
- (Heiman) wants Chester to put together what we would like to see on paper.
- (Anderson) the Interns are done. We have a new engineer and a new volunteer that we can put onto the Happy Valley green house. The interest is out there.
- (Anderson) work crews are slow right now. The prices are good, but hard to sell. Apart from the work crews, there is enough work to promote a project coordinator to a project manager.
- (Letton) [describes what received the highest proposal. Fire, inventory and assessment work, training, implementation projects identified, real road design.] Some RCDs live on road work.
- (Anderson) [money through FEMA need approval / permit to get things done].
- Abandoned pipe fish barrier was used by Bella Vista and needs ground work for resubmission.
- News doors have been installed in the building and are expected to cut utility bills.
- Equipment is doing well and encouraging posting on Facebook.
- Anderson goes over the various projects. Politics between the Shasta and Tehama counties fire chiefs has been resolved. Mercury sampling has taken place, but none detected. Eleven salmon have made it up while the goats ignored Gary's instructions. Tessa is working on erosion control at Buckhorn and Angela is overseeing Plant-a-tree.
- (Letton) makes mention of S.E.F.A.
- (Moore) inquires about the sexual harassment training.
- (Warren) the training must be completed, but you have not yet missed anything.

9. Financials:

- (Warren) Susan went through the financials before vacation.
- We no longer have a Tri-Counties checking account.
- She goes over the financials. There is the purchasing of rain gear, a large check for Russel Ricks for gravel, and the final check paid to Alan Gill.
- Michelle Davis has taken over for Matt [where?] who moved back to Canada.
- Will be receiving payment from Shawn Ankeny for 18-64 and a check for 32-17 was received today. A large amount will soon be removed from the system. There is a large Department of Water Resources sum.
- She addresses the October statements. The field tech budget is already at 51 percent when we are not yet half way through the year yet. Construction services are placed into professional services.
- New doors, weather stripping, and new windows are expected to cover some cost.
- **Betancourt (motions) / Letton (2nd) / motion unanimously passed.**

13. Closed Session: held at 7:48PM

14. Set next meeting date: Monday, January 23, 2017 / 5:30 PM

Adjourn: 8:20PM