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Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD)

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 24, 2024, 9:01 a.m. to 12:14 p.m.

### MEETING

Board Members Present: Dennis Heiman (President), Bob Baily (Director), Matt Plummer (Director), John Moore (Director), Lois Kaufman (Director), Kathy Grissom (Director), And Mike Berry (Director).

Others Present: Litza Lopez-Ramos (NRCS), WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert, Executive Admin Assistant Buffy Gray, and RPF Chuck Dethero

Mike Berry called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and shortly after Dennis Heiman, President, took over conducting the meeting.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- **1.1** The board reviewed the meeting minutes from March 2024.
- **1.2** WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert provided a brief overview of the financials from March 2024.

By motion made, seconded (Kaufman/Plummer) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the minutes and financials from the consent agenda.

**Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Board Director Matt Plummer explained that he spoke with the City of Shasta Lake's City Manager, and they discussed BLM wanting a NEPA for thinning and fire reduction on the NW area of Shasta Lake City, but they are having trouble working with BLM. He asked if WSRCD would be able to help with the NEPA? WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert explained, potentially, if BLM is willing to have someone else do their NEPA and if funding from them is available.

**Public Comment Period:** None

**Correspondence:** Board Director John Moore provided information on alternative power to WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert. Maureen explained that beings she just received the information she didn't have anything to report. She would reach out for more information.

**NRCS Report:** Litza Lopez-Ramos provided an update and explained that the IRA funding was successful, 12 funded and 3 still waiting to be funded. Mindy let her know that there will be another funding assessment around June and they are hoping to have the other 3 funded at that time. It was also explained that the cutoff for CSB applications was extended to Friday, April 26, 2024. They have \$36,000 left that needs to be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>, so they are looking for people who are ready now so that money can be used. Ms. Lopez-Ramos also spoke on their recruitment for hiring a planner.



**CARCD Activities:**

- **6.1** Voting from the last meeting has already been submitted by Grant Accountant Sharon McBroome.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **8.1: Staff Member Update, New Hire Buffy Gray**

WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert introduced the new Executive Administrative Assistant, Buffy Gray.

- **8.2 BLM Request for Letter of Support for Acquisition near the Bend ACEC:** WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert provided information from the staff report.

By motion made, seconded (Moore/Grissom) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved providing a letter of support for the BLM to request funding to acquire lands near the Bend ACEC.

- **8.3 Letter of Support/EIS Comments for the Redding Rancheria Fee-To-Trust and Casino Project:** The Board of Directors discussed options for responding to the Redding Rancheria's request.

By motion made, seconded (Plummer/Baily) Heiman Abstained, motion carried by 6-1 vote. The Board of Directors approved WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert to contact the Redding Rancheria and explain that the district cannot provide a letter of support but can provide recommendations for the project. If the Redding Rancheria agrees with that, then the recommendations will be provided to the Redding Rancheria and other responsible agencies, but if the Redding Rancheria doesn't want the recommendations, then nothing will be provided to the Redding Rancheria or any other agencies.

- **8.4 2023 WSRCD Annual Report:** WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert provided a staff report requesting approval of funds for printing the 2023 Annual Report.

By motion made, seconded (Berry/Baily) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the purchase of printing 250 copies of the 2023 Annual Report.

- **8.5 2024-2025 WSRCD Budget Development Schedule:**

WSRCD Admin Board Subcommittee: Friday, June 7, 2024 @ 10 a.m.

WSRCD Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 @ 9 a.m. (tentative)

- **8.6 WSRCD Admin Board Subcommittee Staff Report:** WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert reviewed the topics discussed during the WSRCD Admin Board Subcommittee meeting. Board Directors made the following suggestions for additions to the budget:

Board Director Berry: Wild & Scenic Film Festival, upgrade to electrical tools and vehicles.

Board Director Kaufman: upgrades to building for charging electrical devices and vehicles.

Board Director Heiman: request financial support from Shasta County.



Board Director Baily: request environmental fee fines be provided to the RCD.

- **8.6.1 Violence Prevention Plan Policy:** Board Director Plummer asked about anonymity language in the policy and suggested adding the legal anonymity language to the policy.

By motion made, seconded (Berry/Moore) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the Violence Prevention Plan Policy as amended by adding legal anonymity language to the policy.

- **8.7 WSRCD Projects & Planning Subcommittee Staff Report:** WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert spoke about the Strategic Planning Community Survey. She let everyone know it is on the website and Facebook and asked everyone to complete the survey and share it with anyone who lives or works in Shasta County. The survey will be available until the last day in May.
  - **8.7.1 Strengthening Local/Regional Partnerships:** WSRCD Director Maureen Teubert and the Board of Directors discussed ways to mitigate the relationship between the WSRCD and the Shasta County Fire Council to make it a better working relationship. Board Director Baily suggested a co-meeting or even a subcommittee co-meeting.
- **8.8 DM Report:** WSRCD Maureen Teubert reviewed the DM report that was included in the Board packet.

**Closed Session:** None

**Set next meeting date and identify agenda items:**

WSRCD Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 9 a.m.

WSRCD Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9 a.m.

**Adjourn:**

By motion made, seconded (Kaufman/Moore) and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.