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MAY 2014– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 06/19/2014

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, May 22, 2014, 10:00 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Directors Present: P. Binsacca, M. Duflock, B. Jefferson, J. Devers, R. King, L. Ferrasci
Directors Absent:
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), J. Warner (NRCS), B. Plemmons, E. Paddock
Recorder: P. Robins

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Topics</u>	<u>Presented by</u>
10:15 A.M.	<u>Call to Order</u>	<u>P. Binsacca</u>
	<u>Comments from the public</u>	
	B. Plemmons and E. Paddock introduced themselves as individuals interested in potential RCD Board service and briefly described their respective interests in the RCD and its mission. Board members in turn introduced themselves to the guests and each briefly described their experiences and perspectives with the RCD.	
	<u>President’s and Directors’ Comments</u>	<u>Directors</u>
	Board members debriefed each other regarding the May 8 Scholarship Fundraiser BBQ:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better volunteer support needed in future from 4-H or FFA to support the event. • Publicity needs to be improved for next year to increase attendance. • Potential North County sites for next year could be Monkeyflower Ranch (R. King's) or a winery/site along River Road that she knows of. • Need better background work to line up potential Range Campers. • R. King mentioned the possibility of the RCD hosting two different style events each year: a BBQ as we've held the past two years that's more low-key, and a fancier bigger-money fund-raiser to extend awareness of the RCD to new communities. She has hosted such events many times. • P. Binsacca noted that the RCD scholarship fund was linked with the Farm Bureau's in the past, and doing that again could help augment the size of the award available to local students as well as potentially increase interest level. 	
	<u>Minutes for February Meeting (Review for Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	Minutes from the February 20, 2014 Meeting were presented and reviewed. B. Jefferson moved to approve the February 2014 meeting minutes; L. Ferrasci seconded the motion; A 6-0 vote of directors approved the motion.	
	<u>NRCS Update</u>	<u>J. Warner</u>
	J. Warner briefly updated the board on Service Center staff activities, including new office computer system changes (that have impacted contracting processes). He also informed the board of an update on programs associated with the new Farm Bill that was planned for that afternoon.	
	<u>Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)</u>	<u>P. Robins/Directors</u>
	<i>Monthly Financial Statements and Bills:</i> P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the periods ending May 22, 2014. The accrual account balance on February 20 was \$149,548.11, with \$23,451.14 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$43,877 in liabilities, and \$169,974.29 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$143,885.75 on February 20, 2014.	

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in May including bi-weekly salary through May 18, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of May. Due to lack of quorum at the March and April board meetings, bills for those periods needed to be formally approved as well. R. King moved to approve the payments for March and April expenses and the associated financial expenses; M. Duflock seconded the motion, which was then passed by 6-0 vote. Approval for the May financial statements and for May expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by M. Duflock, seconded by J. Devers and passed by a 6-0 vote.

Board members had a brief discussion regarding means of resolving RCD cash flow concerns using new approaches for fund-raising.

New Business

Directors

P. Robins distributed draft copies of the Annual Budget and Work Plan for 2014-2015 for board review before the June meeting and provided a brief walk-through of each. The Finance and Executive Committee members agreed to meet separately regarding the budget and work plan in early June in order to prepare final drafts for consideration at the June Regular Meeting.

Robins also presented the annual performance review form for the Board's commentary in terms of form. Board members suggested that he simplify the opening sections of the form but keep the progress summary information as a useful reference for evaluating his performance. Paul and the Executive Committee agreed to meet in early June to finalize the format of the review document for use in a Closed Session review at the June Regular Meeting.

The Board considered Resolution 2014-01 approving entrance into agreement with Wildlife Conservation Board for the Salinas River invasive weed management and restoration program. B Jefferson moved to approve the resolution. M Duflock seconded the motion, and all voted to approve it unanimously.

Program Updates

P. Robins

Robins provided very brief summaries of progress regarding approval by the CA Dept of Conservation for a 6-month extension of the Carmel Watershed Coordinator Grant, Salinas River Arundo Program funding and the IRWMP Water Resource Project Coordination 'multiple benefit landscape imagery sub-project'

Closing Discussion

Directors

P. Robins was encouraged to arrange a meeting with Dan Baldwin at the Community Foundation of Monterey County.

12:10 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

P. Binsacca

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **June 19, 2014, 10:00 A.M.**

Location: **RCDMC Office, 744-A LaGuardia Street, Salinas, CA**