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NOVEMBER 2015– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—draft 12/08/2015

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, November 12, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

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

Time Agenda Topics

Presented by

10:10 A.M. Call to Order

B. Jefferson

Comments from the public

None.

President's and Directors' Comments

Directors

Directors Devers and Ferrasci gave a brief report on the Central Coast RCDs Area Meeting held in Aptos on November 2. Although in their opinion the Monterey County SpeakOff contestant gave the best presentation, he did not win.

Minutes for August Meeting (Review for Approval)

P. Robins/Directors

After reviewing the minutes, Director Devers moved to approve the October 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Director King seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

NRCS Update

B. Parsons

B Parsons gave a brief activity report for the Salinas Field Office. She noted that there was a backlog of 23 contracted practices from 2014 that she and staff were working on. The next batched signup period was to end November 20, for which she expected no new contracts, but she did expect a couple new contracts to be in place in time for the period ending December 18. The CA State Office determined that there were no exigencies in their Tassajara Fire Assessment Report, so the Emergency Watershed Protection program would not be approved for response to that event. The Hollister Field Office has a new District Conservationist starting soon, relocated from the southern Sierra foothills.

Budget and Finances (Review & Approval)

P. Robins / Directors

Monthly Financial Statements and Bills: P. Robins presented the financial statements regarding Accounts Receivable, Payables and Bank balances for the period ending November 12, 2015. The accrual account balance on November 12, 2015 was \$189,539.47 with \$61,256.16 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$53,052 in liabilities, and \$181,334.90 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$189,103.91 on October 22, 2015.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in November including bi-weekly salary through November 1, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of November. Approval for the November financial statements

and for November expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director King, seconded by Director Plemmons and passed by a unanimous vote of directors present (5-0).

New Business

Directors

- Directors briefly discussed the upcoming CARCD conference. Director Jefferson moved that Director King be designated delegate to the conference for the RCD. Director Devers seconded the motion and all voted to approve the motion.
- Director King described preparations for the Harvest Celebration Dinner:
 - o Have 30-35 attendees based on ticket sales and sponsorships to date.
 - o She has procured vegetables at the Farmers Market. Benny providing brussels sprouts.
 - o Volunteers need to arrive by 4pm. In addition to chef's staff, 5-6 people are needed
 - o Director King wrote a check for \$1,000 to caterer and expects to write another for an additional \$500 on the day of the event. She will need to be reimbursed by the RCD from the dinner proceeds.
 - o Given the relatively small crowd expected, she did not contract with musicians. Denis at Odonata will arrange for a sound system to play music in the background.
 - o She would like a brochure for the event that includes a card or tearsheet for people to request more information or desire to donate. The document should include information regarding the tax-deductibility of such donations.
 - o Odonata will also be selling wine by the case with a portion of proceeds to the RCD.
 - o Presentation to be made by Paul should focus on Salinas River work with clarity that only a small portion has been treated so far and there is much more to be done..

Program Updates

P. Robins

Robins very briefly described the wrap up of the fall's work on the Salinas River and ongoing preparations of the second phase of work project designs and permitting.

Closing Discussion

Directors

Director Jefferson excused himself at 11am. Directors discussed having a holiday potluck with the December meeting and asked Robins to invite staff to join them.

11:15 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

R. King

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **December 17, 2015, 10 A.M.**

Location: **TBA**