



JANUARY 2017– REGULAR MEETING MINUTES—approved 02/16/2017

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, January 19, 2017, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Directors Present: R. King, B. Plemmons, E. Paddock, L. Ferrasci, J. Devers)
Directors Absent: B. Jefferson, M. Duflock, P. Binsacca (Associate)
Others Present: P. Robins (RCDMC), K. Joy-Barge (NRCS), A. Tokunaga (NRCS), C. Mundell & A Mundell (public), D. Rao (UCCE)
Recorders: P. Robins

Time Agenda Topics

Presented by

10:15 A.M. Call to Order

R. King

Comments from the public

Devi Rao announced an upcoming study at the UC Sierra Foothills Research and Education Center regarding early weaning of calves.

President's and Directors' Comments

Directors

Director Paddock described her presentation to the NRCS Conference on Creative Partnerships in Atlanta on Dec 15.

Director King shared that she would be on a panel at the EcoFarm Conference in one week regarding NRCS programs.

Minutes for December Meeting (Review for Approval)

P. Robins/Directors

After reviewing the minutes, Director Devers moved to approve the December 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Director Plemmons seconded the motion, which was approved by unanimous vote.

Special Presentation from Range Camp

C. Mundell

Cora Mundell reported out to the board regarding her experience at the CA Natural Resources and Range Camp at Elkus Ranch in June 2016 and thanked the RCD for her scholarship to attend.

NRCS Update

B. Parsons

A. Tokunaga provided a written report of Field Office activities for the past month (attached) and K. Joy-Barge provided an update on the process to fill the vacant District Conservationist position. The new DC will hopefully be in Salinas by late March, until which time, the DC in the Templeton Field Office will cover those responsibilities for Monterey County to fill the gap.

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 January 19, 2017. The accrual account balance on January 19, 2017 was \$181,415.18 with \$19,137.31 in the Chase Bank and County Treasury accounts (taking into account checks to be signed at the meeting), \$164,850 in liabilities, and \$327,128.13 due to the RCD as receivables from various grants and outstanding invoices. By comparison, the Accrual accounting balance for District Funds stood at \$188,110.46 on December 15, 2016.

P. Robins presented the list of detailed expenses to be paid in January including bi-weekly salary through January 8, one-time and recurring miscellaneous expenses, and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the month of December. Approval for the January financial statements and for December expenses from the Chase Bank account was motioned by Director Plemmons, seconded by Director King and passed by a unanimous vote of directors present (5-0).

New Business

Directors

Directors considered Resolution 2017-01 to authorize RCD engagement in contract with the CA Department of Water Resources for a Water Use Efficiency grant to fund Spanish-language irrigator trainings and authorize the Executive Director as signatory on the grant agreement. After brief discussion, Director Devers moved to approve the resolution. Director Paddock seconded the motion and all voted to approve. Director Paddock noted that she works for Driscolls, who will be hosting some of the project's workshops and providing contributions to the program.

Robins presented a draft of the Associate Director policy needed for RCD accreditation. After brief discussion, Director Plemmons moved to approve the policy with correction of a typographical error. Director Ferrasci seconded the motion and all voted to approve.

Directors discussed potential spring BBQ dates and asked staff and Director Jefferson to confirm the best options for the last and second-to-last weeks of April, preferably at the Rodeo Room in Salinas. Director Paddock offered to be the lead Board Member to organize the event and will meet with Robins in the near future to initiate planning. Director King suggested inviting wineries to donate wine and provide individuals for wine-tastings. Directors asked that Robins send them a list of the RCD mailing list so that all could add additional contacts where missing.

Robins described the Land-Judging Contest slated for March 14 and asked board members for recommendations of hosts for the soil pits. Directors recommended speaking with Dirk Giannini since he had hosted in the past.

12:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned

R King

The next Regular RCD meeting will be held:

Date: **February 16, 2017, 10 A.M.**

Location: **RCD Office, 744^a LaGuardia St, Salinas**