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Western Shasta Resource Conservation District (WSRCD)

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Board Vice President Mike Berry called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Board of Directors Present: Mike Berry (Board Vice President), Bob Baily (Director), Kathy Grissom (Director), John Moore (Director), Matt Plummer (Director)

Board of Directors Absent: Dennis Heiman (Board President), Lois Kaufman (Director)

Others Present: WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert, Executive Admin Assistant Buffy Gray, Grant Accountant Sharon McBroome, Project Manager Kelli Middlebrooks, Project Manager Ross Perry, Project Manager Sarah Seiler, CFO Karl Drexel

Consent Agenda:

- **1.1** Review and Approve Meeting Minutes from the September 2024 Board Meeting
- **1.2** Financials from September 2024

By motion made, seconded (Moore/Grissom) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the consent agenda.

Additions/Changes to Agenda: None

Public Comment Period: Introductions by members of the public and staff.

Karen Hopkins, mentee under Director Plummer, Jarod Boldt, mentee under Director Plummer, Tessa Blevins, Director of Conservation for Shasta Land Trust, Paul Vienneau, Executive Director of Shasta Land Trust

Board Director Dennis Heiman joined via Zoom as a member of the public.

Special Presentation:

Shasta Land Trust Climate Conservation Initiative presented by Tessa Blevins, Director of Conservation for Shasta Land Trust and Paul Vienneau, Executive Director of Shasta Land Trust.

Correspondence: None



NRCS Report:

No report. WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert will reach out to Litza Lopez-Ramos to thank her for her reports and updates and ask if there will be a new staff member that will attend the Board meetings in her place.

CARCD Activities:

7.1 Sac Valley Soil Hub Advisory Committee Member Recruitment

WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert explained that an advisory committee is being formed and Board Director Bailey reached out to James Rickert to serve on the committee to represent WSRCD. The committee will be working on promoting soil health and trying to obtain funding for farmers. The recruitment for this advisory committee has a deadline of November 7th. Board Director Plummer suggested reaching out to the Farm Bureau for a back option if James Rickert is unable to serve on the committee.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- **9.1 Resolution to Accept CDFW Grant Funds for the Rock Creek Culvert Removal Project:**

Project Manager Ross Perry provided a verbal report on the grant funds for the Rock Creek Culvert Removal project.

By motion made, seconded (Bailey/Moore) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved *Resolution 24-02, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Western Shasta Resource Conservation District Approving Project Goals and Accepting Funds Granted for the Rock Creek Culvert Removal Fish Passage Project.*

- **9.2 CFO Contract Renewal:**

WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert provided a staff report on renewing the CFO contract for another year.

By motion made, seconded (Plummer/Bailey) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the renewal of Karl Drexel's contract for another year.

- **9.3 Board Member Terms and Re-Appointments:**

The Board discussed re-appointments of current board members and recruiting for the seat that will be vacant as of December 31st.



By motion made, seconded (Moore/Plummer) and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors re-appointed Bob Bailey, Kathy Grissom, and Dennis Heiman for another 4-year term and directed staff to post a recruitment for the upcoming vacant seat.

- **9.4 WSRCD Subcommittee Report:**

WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert provided a staff report updating the Board on the Projects & Planning Subcommittee meeting. Maureen explained that she anticipates distributing the draft Strategic Plan by November 8th to the Board and WSRCD partners.

- **9.5 Shasta County CWPP Outreach Update:**

Project Manager Sarah Seiler provided an update on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) outreach.

- **9.6 WSRCD Christmas Party:**

The Board and WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert discussed options for the staff Christmas party. By consensus of the Board the staff was directed to book Gaia Hotel's Shasta room for the Christmas party. If that option is no longer available, the staff was directed to book a similar venue. The preferred date for the Christmas party is December 13th from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

- **9.7 District Manager Report:**

WSRCD District Manager Maureen Teubert provided the District Manager report.

Closed Session: None

Set next meeting date and identify agenda items:

WSRCD Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 9 a.m.

WSRCD Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 9 a.m.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- 1) Strengthening the Function & Effectiveness of Your Board, presented by Board Director Bob Bailey
- 2) Forest Management Plan Update, presented by Chuck Dethero
- 3) Re-Organization of the Board

Adjourn:

By motion made, seconded (Plummer/Bailey) and unanimously carried, the regular meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.