



MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
May 11, 2010

Directors Present: Larry Desmond; Geri Hulse-Stephens; Craig Blencowe; Tyler Nelson @ 8:55 am; Jerome Dix @ 8:55 am

Directors Absent: None

Associate Directors Present: Peter Braudrick

Associate Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Jan Olave; Nicole Porter; Ursula Butler; Patty Madigan

NRCS Staff Present: Emma Chow

Other: None

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1. Call to Order – 8:35 am.

2. Consent Calendar – Geri motioned to approve the consent calendar, Larry seconded, 3 ayes 0 nays.

3. Administration

- a. Approve Randolph Scott agreement for 2010 services – there had been discussion of changing auditors in the past. Jan informed the board that many RCD's continue to retain Randolph Scott. The board requested that the number of liquid days be reported to them monthly. Geri motioned to continue to retain Randolph Scott's services, Larry seconded, 3 ayes 0 nays. The board requested that the audit presentation be kept to major points only.
- b. Approve Long Term Funding Policy – Jan informed the board that 4 to 5 other RCD's use this policy. It is very close to the government code. Craig questioned section 8.0 regarding suitable investments and why real estate was not considered suitable. Peter will be attending a seminar on the subject and will check on the issue. Craig suggested that the board approve the policy with clarification on the real estate investment issue. Under division 9 the RCD is allowed to own real property. Tyler motioned to approve the Long Term Funding Policy subject to clarification of section 8.0, Larry seconded, 4 ayes 0 nays, Jerome abstained.
- c. Update on Caltrans – The RCD faxed the Ford ranch plan to Caltrans. Caltrans assumed the long term management plan would not be due until after the mitigation is completed. Caltrans wants a commitment letter from the RCD to hold the mitigation properties. The RCD has an opt out clause. Tyler wants to include safeguard language such as the opt out clause and our policies. The board wants mention of the management plan, completion of mitigation, agencies approval and conformation to our policies. Tyler motions

to write the letter of intent with the inclusions, Larry seconded, 4 ayes 0 nays, Geri abstained.

- d. CCPI support letter to Ed Burton – The CCPI is for the entire north coast region. Ed Burton suggested that the RCD apply for a small amount of money this year and then apply for a larger amount the following year. The RCD will not receive any money directly but the program provides matching dollars and will bring more EQIP money into Mendocino County. The letter commits \$600,000.00 as match. Geri motions to approve the letter, Tyler seconded. Jerome asked if the RCD wants to commit that amount of match. Jan replied yes to be able to have the CCPI as an automatic federal match. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
- e. Tyler, Jerome and Larry support Richard Shoemaker. Larry motions to submit a vote for A – Richard Shoemaker and B – Guinness McFadden, Tyler seconded, 5 ayes 0 nays.

4. Project and partner reports

- a. CalServe has increased their grant amount by \$1,000.00 for the trail project at the Anderson Valley High School. The sign should be installed in July. There were two workdays in which handrails and steps were installed. 40 students participated. Vandalism and litter is almost gone. The site will be used as an outdoor classroom. The river center volunteered at the Beer Festival and are hoping for a \$2,000.00 donation. Patty & Jan met with Carol and Danny Hagans to coordinate work and landowner meeting for the Garcia TMDL implementation project. The landowner meeting is set for the 28th. Patty reported that she is finishing the coordinated permitting draft report. The Regional Board dropped the Navarro off of the priority list last year, perhaps as an oversight. Craig suggests sending a letter to the board requesting the Navarro be put back onto the list.
- b.

- 5. **Public Comment** – Peter feels that the EPA letter is setting Caltrans back. Jan replied that the project is so important that there will be political wrangling. Patty feels that the agencies are responding to the public.

6. Director Items

- a. Update on North Coast RC&D – The group had a booth at the Fort Bragg High School Earth Day Celebration. The office will move to Mendocino County. Peter will be attending a financial training. Jerome asked that mileage reimbursement for Peter’s travels be put on the agenda.
- b. Update on Outlet Creek Watershed Group – On April 21st Caltrans made a presentation on environmental concerns with the Willits Bypass Project. The public did not ask questions regarding the information in the presentation. The watershed coordinator RFP

will be available by the end of the fiscal year from the Dept of Conservation. The RCD would like to apply for a ½ time Upper Russian River and ½ time Outlet Creek coordinator if the watershed group is interested in working with the RCD. The program would be for up to 3 years of funding.

- c. Biomass update – the group is rehiring Bill Carlson. PG&E is closer to meeting alternative power goals because sales of conventional power has reduced.

7. Adjourn – 9:47 am.

Craig Blencowe
Board Chair