



TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2023 * 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: (In Person), Mike Rourke, Mary Ellen Grigsby, Kent Collard, Josh Brown, and John Ritz

(Zoom/Call-in): None

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Board Members Present: None

District Staff: Kelly Sheen, Joan Caldwell, Cari deJong, and Rebekah Wolfinbarger

Other District Staff: (Attended through Zoom) None

Other Agency Staff: (Attended through Zoom) None

Guests: None

1.0 Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Mike Rourke.

2.0 Discuss and Approve Agenda

MSC –Grigsby/Brown to approve the Agenda.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes

3.1 Discuss and Approve Minutes for January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting

MSC -Grigsby/Collard to approve Minutes from January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.

4.0 Financial Reports

4.1 Discuss Updated December Monthly Financial Report

Caldwell stated there were heavy expenses paid out in December.

4.2 Discuss January Monthly Financial Report

Caldwell said they are preparing to start invoicing. DeJong completed the recaps.

4.3 Discuss and Approve List of Warrants for January, 2023

MSC –Collard/Brown to approve the list of warrants for November in the amount of \$168,881.43.



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5.0 Projects Report

Director Rourke asked about the Eel Canyon River Preserve. Sheen explained it is very similar to the Travis Ranch Project.

6.0 NRCS Report

There was no report.

7.0 Trinity Collaborative Report

Sheen reported Jim Spear is the new facilitator. His first meeting took place last month. There is a field tour scheduled for this month. They will discuss Brown's Phase I and III. They will look at follow-up treatments and how to move forward. Sheen explained they will not get Joint Chief's funding this year as the Forest Service will receive \$15.9 million this year from a different funding source. They will need to complete 6,500 acres of treatment. The money must be obligated by October 1st. They will receive another \$100,000,000 if they can accomplish everything this year.

8.0 Discuss and Take Action on a Letter from the Board Requesting Supplemental COVID Relief Funding from the County

Sheen said they were successful in getting \$200,000 of the \$263,000 they had available. Supervisor Gogan offered \$250,000 out of the \$4.8 million from the LATCF Funds. That money was not agenized and RCD was asked to return with a new request. The letter is a request for the second portion of funds.

MSC -Brown/Rigsby to Approve a letter be sent to the Board of Supervisors to request additional COVID relief funds.

9.0 Discuss and Take Action on Providing a Director and an Alternate for the Northwest California RC&D Council

Sheen provided a highlighted copy of the by-laws that stated the RCD must provide one Director and an alternate to serve on the Board as a Sponsor for the Northwest California RC&D Council.

MSC – Collard/Brown to designate Director Grigsby as the Northwest California RC&D Council Sponsor and Director Ritz to be the alternate.

10.0 Discuss/Take Action on the Adoption of the California Environmental Quality Act Exemption for Trinity Resource Advisory Committee- Suzy Q Invasive Removal Project under Section 15304; Minor Alternations to Land



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Sheen explained an individual had funding for noxious weed removal of Scotch broom for three acres. They approached the RCD with RAC funding to do the CEQA.

MSC – Grigsby/Ritz to accept the Environmental Review Report and Notice of Exemption for Suzy Q Invasive Weed Removal.

11.0 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

12.0 Board Reports and Correspondence

Director Grigsby asked about Form 700, Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Training. She was informed that would all be emailed out in the next few days.

13.0 District Manager's Report

Sheen reported Sandra Flemming had passed away and left her property to the RCD. Sheen was working with her sisters (trustees) to get the necessary documentation for the transfer. There are items left in the house that are to be donated to the Blue Barn as stipulated in the will. The unofficial appraisal puts the property value at between \$330,000- \$380,000. The property is two parcels and approximately 12 acres. Sheen recommended to the directors they sell the property to secure funds to purchase property for the offices.

14.0 Closed Session: Government Code § 54957(b): District Manager Report

No closed session.

15.0 Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:44 PM

Approved and adopted the day of March 15, 2023, I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Minutes February 15, 2023 was duly adopted by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

(Secretary Signature)