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Minutes of the Calaveras Resource Conservation District (RCD)

Board Meeting

July 10, 2019

Board of Supervisors Chambers

891 Mountain Ranch Road, San Andreas, CA

Call to Order: Meeting opened by R. Dean-President @ 6:05 pm

Board Members & Staff Present: S. Beckman; R. Dean-President; K. Hafley; M. Robie; F. Schabram; T. Sullivan-Vice President; N. Valente -Treasurer; G. Long-Executive Director; Mary Cole-Admin

Board Members & Staff Absent: Dana Simpson-Staff Accountant

Others Present: Scott Oneto-UCCE; Jill Micheau; Bobette Parsons-NRCS

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None.

Consent Agenda Items:

1. Approval of 6/6/19 Minutes. Board Action – **T. Sullivan made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 7-0-0 vote, minutes were approved.**
2. Approval of Finance Reports – **T. Sullivan made motion to approve, K. Hafley second. On a 7-0-0 vote, reports were approved.**
3. RCD Partners –Ms. Parsons reviewed her report. Mr Oneto updated us on his return from sabbatical. He shared his *Field Guide – Weeds, Forages and Natives of the Central Sierra Nevada* that he completed during this time.

Old Business:

4. Rental Agreement with UCCE – Mr Oneto reported the lease agreement allows for their rent rate is to be 70% of the monthly utility bills received. This is based on their occupying 70% of the total building space. And is based on a 5-year term. He noted their County budget was approved including phones, new copier, and janitorial services. They spent over \$7,000 in improvements to the building. Discussions about how UCCE is funded, and to change the term to a 1-year with auto renewal based on the same July-June fiscal year. **A motion was made by F. Schabram to approve the lease agreement with the change to a 1-year term to auto renew each year on a July-June calendar year. Second by K. Hafley. Approved on a 7/0/0 vote.**
5. Progress on Mill Woods Project – G. Long reported that work starts tomorrow and is expected to be completed in a month. He plans to go up and take some video of the work to post online.
6. Lease with Common Ground – Since they have not had a formal lease agreement up to now, G Long would like to get one in writing that requests \$425/month in rent (currently (\$400), that they remove their own trash, and to set rules on the use of the thermostat with min/max temperature settings. **A motion was made by F. Schabram to allow G. Long to negotiate a lease agreement with Common Ground. Second by T. Sullivan. Approved on a 6/0/1 vote.**
7. Discussion of McClintock/BLM meeting – B Dean, G. Long, M. Robie and S. Beckman visited with McClintock's representative when he came to town. He indicated that McClintock is on our side with the issue of acquiring BLM land in order to render it fire-safe. M. Robie suggests reaching out to

other RCD's to inquire if anyone else has been successful with this, or has useful information to guide us. This is to be an ongoing agenda item until satisfied.

8. Progress of RCCP Project – G. Long reviewed status.

New Business:

9. Resolution 2019-05 – *NOTE: the correct Res No. is -05 (not the -04 as stated on the agenda).* Upon review of the resolution for approval of a pre-application and subsequent application to Siesta Nevada Conservancy for their Forest Health Grant Cycle, **a motion was made by F. Schabram to approve this application. Second by T. Sullivan. Approved on a 7/0/0 vote.**
10. Discussion of DOC grant through the ACT Partnership – **a motion was made by T. Sullivan to support this application. Second by N. Valente. Approved on a 7/0/0 vote.**
11. Boardroom Renovations Committee – K. Hafley had an electrician come by for a request for bid on getting electricity to the boardroom. After discussion it was agreed there should be an ad hoc committee formed to oversee renovations. It was noted that due to the mold damage, the walls would need to come down to the studs and properly cleaned of the black mold. K. Hafley agreed to chair. T. Sullivan will be available to help after Aug 1. M. Robie agreed to provide proper hazmat-type coveralls for workers.
12. 2019/2020 CC-RCD Budget – Tabled for updated table to be resubmitted to board.
13. CARCD Membership – B. Dean noted he would like us to join. CARCD reduced their membership fee and feels they are worthwhile joining. Decision was tabled until budget is finalized.
14. Discussion on new commercial cannabis ordinance – B. Dean asked if we would like to be involved in the new ordinance the county is working on. Comments made included waiting to see what the county comes up with to see if there is a place for our involvement; and it was noted that we decided early on that we did not want to take any position on cannabis farming. **a motion was made by F. Schabram to stay out for the foreseeable future. Second by K. Hafley. Failed on a 2/3/2 vote.** Will be brought up at a later time when more information can be brought for discussion.
15. Board Reports – None
16. Staff Reports – None.

Adjournment of meeting. Motion to close monthly meeting of the Calaveras RCD initiated by K. Hafley, 2nd by T. Sullivan. Motion carries on a 7-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned @ 7:30 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Attest:

President, Robert Dean _____

Date _____

Secretary, Gordon Long _____

Date _____