**Meeting Minutes for: Friday, March 11, 2022, from 4pm to 5:15pm**

**Zoom meeting**   
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#### 4:00 Call to Order

#### Approval of the Agenda Nancy made the motion to accept the agenda, Melissa 2nd

Motion carried

#### Introductions Nancy McPherson, David Konno, Julie Konno, Jeannie Habben, Jon

*Cottington, Pete Stapp, Melissa Cottington*

#### Public Comment none

#### 4:05 **Consent Agenda**

Approval of the Minutes of 2-11-22 – not ready

Financial report Nancy made motion to approve the Treasurer’s report, Melissa 2nd, motion carried

*4:10* **Reports** – Please limit to 10 minutes per organization

* NRCS – including **EQIP** and Civil Rights discussions – Priscilla Baker Julie reports next batching period closes April 1 with funding notification in June. No word on new District Conservationist.

Madera Dept of Water Resources– JeannieThe County is working on a rate study for irrigated Ag lands in the Valley which will go to a vote for approval. They are also working on Multi-benefit Land Purposing proposal for Farmers including hedgerows and planting for pollinators. In the Foothills, the Oakhurst River Parkway grant for $1.6mil was submitted and deemed to be complete. They should know by Summer, 2022 if they will receive the award. The Conex container has arrived in Oakhurst with work orders in place for the interior additions for storage of the supplies for Flood Fight. They did receive an extension on this grant due to supply chain issues as they are unsure how long it might take for the supplies to fill the containers to arrive. They now have until March 2023 to complete the grant. The Oakhurst office now is staffed by Jeannie on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and Stephanie will be there on Wednesdays and Fridays. David mentioned that he spoke with Tom Wheeler at the Mid-Town Connector ribbon cutting about the possibility of planting hedgerows along the roadway. Jeannie says this might fit in with the multi-benefit land use grant. She will investigate how this might work.

Madera County – Bobby Macauley absent

Yosemite Sequoia RC & D – David YSRCDC is continuing work in Sugar Pine and Cedar Valley. They are getting ready to start on road easements along Roads 274, 225, 226, and 420 in the Bass Lake basin. Blue Rush prescribed burns continue as does the LIDAR program with U of WA.

* Firewise – Jon We continue to have the NCCC crew on Thursdays and Fridays, although this week due to a COVID outbreak they were called off in an abundance of caution. They have worked in Bass Lake Annex, Klettes Pride and Bright Oak Communities plus the Mill Site Trail with brushing, burn piles, weed eating. They have also helped in the NF School pollinator garden. We have a new Firewise community at River Knolls in Coarsegold (The Knolls) and another at Nelder Heights in process. Jon is working on scheduling a CALFIRE visit with all the communities. We have started to schedule contractor work in the communities that are interested. This is approximately $2500-2700 per community, but not all communities are interested. We will rollover any unspent funds or possibly increase funding to those communities that are interested. He also has been in contact with Calvin Crest with Sierra RCD to schedule a work day with them. Nancy asked about the brush piles on 426 near the Llama Ranch. Who is responsible for these debris piles. David mentioned that some of them might be covered by his Road work coming up,but some are marked for another contractor to remove (blue and orange paint). Jon says if we get funding with the CALFIRE grant we might be able to assist but until that happens we do not have a program.

Executive Director report – Julie see attached ED report. Julie discussed a t-shirt order and banner order for Earth Day Melissa made the motion to order t-shirts for CRCD including work shirts for Jon when he is doing site visits. Jay 2nd, motion carried. Melissa made motion to order banners for Earth Day. These will be charged to the One Tree Planted event grant. David 2nd, motion carried. Julie will order once sizes are reported to her.

#### 4:45 **Old Business**

* Succession Planning – Additional Staff: Board Recruitment Melissa volunteered to become the Board Secretary and was met with much praise. Nancy nominated her to the position, David 2nd and she was unamimously voted into the position of Secretary. She will meet with Julie to go over requirements. Julie also reported that after investigating the residency requirement for Board members and Associate members, that unfortunately Pete Stapp will have to wait until he moves back to the County to sit on the Board. He was thanked for his willingness to serve and for being at our meetings. We will continue to search for a 5th board member.

Jay was awarded a service plaque and gift card for his years of service to CRCD. All attendees were grateful for his work and dedication. Julie and Jon will deliver the plaque and card to his house on the scheduled work day with the NCCC team.

* CSDA membership – mandatory Sexual Harassment & Ethics training (due September 10, 2021) reminders given
* Form 700 – Conflict of Interest reminders given
* AB 361 – continue with distance meetings? \*Time and date? Nancy made the motion to continue virtual meetings, David 2nd and motion carried. Melissa mentioned that maybe Fridays are not the best day to have our monthly meetings. After discussion, Nancy made the motion to move meetings to the 2nd Thursday at 4pm, David 2nd and motion carried.
* Audit Letter of agreement sent to Lori Ringeisen. This is tax season and there might be a delay in starting, but Julie has already requested the 5yr period’s statement from United Security Bank. She will wait to hear what else will be needed to complete the audit.

#### 5:00 **New Business**

* Earth Day: April 23 Correction: April 22 @ 11am, NF Tribal offices in town.
* T-shirts & banner purchase See Executive Directors report
* Outdoor classroom and Mtn Oak milkweed growing program Jon is requesting funding as discussed last year for the completion of the outdoor classroom at NF Elementary. He is asking for $200 at this time. This space will be available to us for workshops and pollinator demo garden visits. David made motion to give $200 for the outdoor classroom, Jay 2nd and motion carried. He also asked for funding to start a milkweed propagation program at Mountain Oak Charter School in North Fork. They have a green house but need seed starting soil, starter trays and warming mats plus the seeds already in our possession. Jay made the motion to donate $150. For the milkweed propagation program at Mtn. Oaks, Melissa 2nd, motion carried.

*5:05* **Workshops / Events / Presentations**

IRWM meeting: March 28, 2022 @ 1:30pm Zoom

**ADJOURN 5:20pm**

**Next Meeting April 14, 2022, 4:00pm via Zoom**