

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**1:00 pm Thursday September 12, 2019**

**To be held at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office  
915 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 127, Marysville  
Access through the Yuba County Office Building's main entrance**

**A. ROLL CALL**

President Alyssa Lindman called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office conference room in Marysville, CA. Roll Call:

|                  | <b>Present</b>          | <b>Absent</b> |  |
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| <b>Directors</b> | Director Alyssa Lindman |               |  |
|                  | Director Gary Fildes    |               |  |
|                  | Director Doug Neilson   |               |  |

**Others present:**

**B. PUBLIC INPUT:**

There were no public comments.

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**ACTION ITEMS**

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**C. CONSENT ITEMS:**

1. Approval of **Minutes for Special Board Meeting of August 7, 2019**

**Director Neilson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Director Fildes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**D. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

1. Review of Cash on Hand for the period ending **August 31, 2019**

Director Fildes reported no change in the RCD's financials.

**Director Neilson made a motion to approve Director Fildes' report as presented. President Lindman seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

## **E. YCRC CD LONG-RANGE PLAN**

President Lindman inquired whether it was ok to mention helping the Camptonville Community Partnership Biomass effort as one of our goals. Director Fildes indicated that they were interested in working with us, so that goal is appropriate.

Director Fildes also described the relationship between the new Watershed Coordinators, one working with SYRCL (Nevada County) on watershed issues and the other with the Camptonville Community Partnership promoting the biomass facility.

**Director Fildes made a motion to accept the Long-Range Plan as modified during the July 2019 regular Board Meeting. Director Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

## **F. RESOLUTION #19-2. REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY REGION OF RCD'S DURABLE COLLABORATION MOU**

Director Neilson explained the Resolution wording and thought that once signed by President Lindman it could be provided to the Sac Valley Region of RCDs. Director Fildes, however, reminded him that Sac Valley is expecting that LAFCO has seen this resolution as well. It was decided to vote on approving the resolution as written and then, if approved, providing LAFCO and Sac Valley Region of RCDs with signed copies of the resolution. We did not expect that LAFCO's approval was required or, if it was, that approval needed to be given prior to handing it off to Sac Valley Region of RCDs.

It was decided to also provide LAFCO with our long-term plan (Item E) as well.

**President Lindman made a motion to accept Resolution #19-2 as written. Director Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

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## **DISCUSSION/REPORTS**

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## **G. SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY'S 2019 FOREST HEALTH FULL PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

Director Fildes will not be able to attend the October 3<sup>rd</sup> field trip to Milk Ranch because of family commitments. Director Neilson will attend in his place. President Lindman was still collecting information for the full proposal and had a call in to Chris Dallas (SNC). Director Fildes clarified that Steve Andrews (YWPFSC) was helping with the grant writing and had expressed concern that the field trip to familiarize the team with the project site was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> but the submission deadline was only a week and a half later, on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

We expected that Steve Andrews will be the lead on the preparation of the grant application since he has all the information needed to complete the application. He was looking for a GIS person to prepare the maps needed for the application. President Lindman wanted to make sure that Steve has our support and that we were willing to provide whatever help he needed.

President Lindman expressed some concern about what our long-term commitments would be, related to the budget. There has been some discussion about this with President Lindman,

Chris Dallas, and Steve Andrews. The current effort is based on a previous project plan but scaled back to reflect fewer landowners in the current project.

Director Fildes expressed his opinion that this project should be approached as an effort at general thinning of fuels across the properties. The project has been described as creating fuel breaks but Director Fildes stressed the need for area treatments instead. There was a general discussion of fuel breaks versus area treatments related to historical fires.

#### **H. CAMPBELL FOUNDATION GRANT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION**

Director Neilson gave the update. The proposal was submitted under the identifier of the CARCD. However, the Campbell Foundation changed this after submission so that YCRCD appears as the submitting organization. Director Neilson is the proposal contact. President Lindman is the project contact; and Director Fildes is the awardee, should we be funded.

Director Neilson also pointed out that the Campbell Foundation stated that a large number (~100) of applications were made against a total available amount of \$25,000. The relatively low level of funds available came as something of a shock given that we asked for a total amount representing about one third of that total.

#### **I. TIER I REQUIREMENTS UPDATE**

No further information was available concerning BOE Reporting requirements or the independent audit. The people we reached out to for information have yet to get back to us so, until we receive information to the contrary, we will mark these requirements completed.

While attempting to complete the requirements it was discovered that all non-County agencies have a liaison Department representing them within the County Government. Among other things, these Departments provide their EIN for the use of the non-County agencies. Since we do not have a current liaison Department, Director Neilson suggested that we apply for our own EIN. EIN's (ours or a liaison Department's) are required for proposal funding among other things.

The BOE will also provide a letter stating that we are a legitimate special district. It isn't known if the letter replaces an EIN or augments an EIN.

#### **J. DIRECTOR'S INPUT**

Director Fildes made a general presentation concerning possible sums of money for staff duties, grant writing, overhead, and incidentals. The monies would most likely be shared with the YWPFSC. More information will be forthcoming.

Director Fildes commented on the possibility of moving our funds out of the County Treasurer's office and into a commercial bank. If this occurs, it would be good to have any upcoming grant awards payable into the new bank. A commercial bank account (checking) would also alleviate the need to write warrants (signed by two Directors) to move funds from sub-accounts to our check writing account as currently required by the County Treasury account.

The Board engaged in a discussion of GIS overlays and using them to identify corridors for escaping from wildfire areas. If it was possible to identify important corridors or, at least,

prioritize them, this could give the RCD criteria for pursuing certain projects (keeping those corridors open and accessible).

An item for vote will be placed on next month's agenda changing the time of our General Meetings to the second Friday at 9:30 am. This time is contingent upon conference room availability.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no other business in front of the Board, Director Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Fildes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:55PM.**