

MINUTES

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

9:30 am Friday December 13, 2019

Held at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office
915 8th 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 9:34 AM at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office conference room in Marysville, CA.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent	
Directors	Director Alyssa Lindman		
	Director Gary Fildes		
	Director Doug Neilson		

Others present: Litza Lopez (NRCS)

B. PUBLIC INPUT

Litza Lopez gave an overview of the local NRCS office to the Board. Her report and a related brochure is attached to these minutes. The brochure, on how to apply for NCRS funding, could be handed out to anyone seeking funding that might qualify for NCRS funding programs. Generally, NRCS doesn't have forest-related programs since they are mostly geared towards producers (and probably large producers). However, organizations with an emphasis towards forest health could still check with NRCS to see if they qualify for any of the small number of forest programs they do have. Those programs are mostly outside California and, in California, may be restricted to specific regions. Her handouts are attached to these minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

C. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Approval of **Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of November 8, 2019**
2. Approval of **Minutes for Special Board Meeting of November 22, 2019**

Director Neilson made a motion to approve both sets of 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 **November 30, 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.

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

F. STATUS OF YCRC D WEBSITE BUILDING EFFORTS

President Lindman and Director Fildes have created Wordpress IDs and will be provide editing privileges to the website. Director Neilson reported that he spent \$96.00, out of pocket to create the page. We currently will not have email capabilities. Wordpress contracts with Google for those services and it comes with a relatively large monthly fee.

H. STATUS ON EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A BANK ACCOUNT AT A LOCAL BANK OR CREDIT UNION

The Bank we are considering is in Yuba City (Sutter County) but has no branch in Marysville (Yuba County) yet. If we were to move now, we would establish an account at Yuba City and then move it when the Yuba County branch opens. We do not know if there is a monthly fee or similar which would be a deal killer for us. Director Fildes suggested that leaving our monies in the County accounts is not costing us anything now, and we could always change later (once a branch is in Yuba County, the fee schedule understood, etc.).

J. DIRECTOR'S INPUT

No letter was provided during this meeting. Director Neilson would cobble together comments

K. ADJOURNMENT

President Lindman needed to leave early. **Director Neilson made a motion to continue the meeting next month. Director Fildes seconded the motion.** Item G and I, and possibly E, are the only items that will need to be visited. **The motion passed with a unanimous vote at 10:37 AM.**

CONTINUATION

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

9:30 am Friday January 10, 2020 (continued from December 13, 2019)

**Held at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office
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A. CONTINUATION ROLL CALL

President Alyssa Lindman continued the December 13th, 2019 meeting at 9:30 AM at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office conference room in Marysville, CA.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent	
Directors	Director Alyssa Lindman		
	Director Gary Fildes		
	Director Doug Neilson		

Others present: Cathy Leblanc (CCP), Lindsey Nitta (CCP)

E. LETTER URGING UC EXTENSION TO QUICKLY FILL THE FORESTRY/FIRE SCIENCE AND NATURAL RESOURCE ADVISOR POSITION AT THE UC COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SUTTER-YUBA COUNTIES.

Director Neilson will create a draft letter and provide it to the other Director's within a few days. He will use the comments from previous meetings where the loss of Kate Wilkin and its impact were discussed to communicate how important Dr. Wilkin was and our hope that a replacement would be found promptly. We still needed to make sure of the contact to send the letter too; Director Fildes had sent that information previously.

G. STATUS ON INVESTIGATION INTO ACQUIRING A TAX ID NUMBER AND BECOMING A 501(c)(3)

No discussion occurred on this topic.

I. REPORT TO THE BOARD ON THE RECENT WP&FSC ATTENDANCE AT NEVADA COUNTY'S DEFENSIBLE SPACE ADVISOR'S TRAINING.

Director Fildes reported that he spent a day and a half in training. Since he already has extensive experience in this subject, he had attended the class to see what they covered with the expectation that a similar class will be offered in Yuba County. The Yuba County class will

be offered by the WP&FSC in the March timeframe. He will also be attending a workshop on the 17th run by Kate Wilkin, UC Extension. The goal of the workshop will be to create a packet of information that would be used to provide standardized instruction in defensible space across all the local Counties. Two members of the Nevada County Fire Safe Council have volunteered to help in this effort.

L. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the board, Director Neilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Fildes seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote at 9:50 AM.