

AGENDA

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

9:30 am Friday July 10, 2020

Held via Zoom

A. ROLL CALL

President Alyssa Lindman called the meeting to order at 9:37 AM.

Roll Call:

Directors	Present	Absent
Director Alyssa Lindman	X	
Director Gary Fildes	X	
Director Deborah Aseltine Neilson	X	
Director Doug Neilson	X	

Others present:

B. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no input from the public

ACTION ITEMS

C. CONSENT ITEMS:

President Lindman made a motion to accept all the minutes under Item C as presented. Director Fildes seconded. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Review of Cash on Hand for the period ending **June 30, 2020**

Director Fildes reported that no change occurred from the previous month. YCRCDC has \$1711.82 deposited with the County Treasurer. President Lindman reported that she received an email from SVRRCD that stated we will be receiving an additional \$680 from them in the near future.

The Board by, general consent, moved Item F, discussion of the SVRRCD opportunity, before voting on Item E, the resolution to agree to participate in the opportunity.

F. SACRAMENTO VALLEY REGION OF RCDS' PRESCRIBED FIRE AND FIRE PREVENTION PLANNING GRANT QUESTIONNAIRE

President Lindman wondered how the work proposed in this grant fit into any larger picture of work planned by SVRRCD. Primarily whether this work, in light of other Counties' work, was duplicative or added to the long term vision of the region moving forward. If this was duplicative, she felt we could (should) develop our plans to be more complementary to already existing plans by other Counties. The Board felt that this shouldn't keep us from signing the Resolution (Item E) signifying our interest in participating in the program. The rest of the discussion revolved around specific questions the individual Board members would like to have answers to.

Director Aseltine Neilson indicated that the Budget allocated \$400 to be paid to YCRCD for their part in the grant. While Yolo would take the lead, it was unclear to her if the amount of work, under a relatively short time frame, was commensurate to what could be expected for that \$400. It seemed the possibility was reasonable that we would work through the \$400 and still be well away from a deliverable product. Director Fildes added that from a conference call he participate in that Yolo (or SVRRCD) were leaning toward outfitting burn trailers for prescribed burns and he felt that concentrating on prevention (developing defensible space, or fuel reduction efforts, for instance) would give more bang for their buck. He felt that they need to look more at the effectiveness of various approaches and that we should be part of that discussion. Given the fire situation in our Foothills, he thought we could provide more and needed expertise to the discussion.

Director Aseltine Neilson also wanted to make sure that if we participate that we will be able to see the final version of the proposal by Yolo before it is submitted. Director Fildes stated that based on his phone call with the grant effort organizers, he felt that we would surely have a seat at the table for grants, be in the loop for grant content, and reiterated that we could definitely bring a unique perspective to the table. Director Aseltine Neilson just want to make sure what our specific deliverables would be by the project end date at the end of the year. The questionnaire provided to us to fill out was quite extensive for a 'small' project that just involved planning and a few meetings. President Lindman stated, however, that planning, review, and a small number of meeting were what we were committing to. The questionnaire would allow each participating RCD to scope out its own needs and objectives which would then influence the project objective.

It was finally concluded that this wasn't a grant proposal so much as a recognition that several regional RCDs were coming together to pursue future projects aimed at fire prevention and that we were signing off on being part of that collaboration.

It was decided that the questionnaire would involve more effort than possible during this meeting. Director Fildes volunteered to take a first crack at the questionnaire and asked for the rest of the Board to send along their input for inclusion.

E. RESOLUTION #20-3. A RESOLUTION OF THE YUBA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING YCRCD TO SIGN A SUBCONTRACT AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY REGION OF RCDS' PRESCRIBED FIRE AND FIRE PREVENTION PLANNING GRANT.

After the foregoing discussion, the Board moved to consider the Resolution. **Director Fildes made a motion to approve Resolution #20-3. Director Aseltine Neilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

G. DIRECTOR'S INPUT

Director Neilson asked for an agenda item to approve the purchase of a computer system; contingent on funding from YWA.

President Lindman asked for an agenda item to approve spending \$150 on our CARCD Membership Renewal.

Director Aseltine Neilson requested an agenda item to discuss current grant outcomes.

Director Aseltine Neilson also requested a discussion item to talk about setting up a co-op that would chip tree falls (natural and man-made) suitable for use by the Camptonville Biomass Fuel facility. This would allow us to tie fuel reduction efforts involving tree removals to the biomass fuel effort. Director Fildes thought that we could help set up slash cleanup programs that are co-located with the CCP facility.

Director Aseltine Neilson will work to develop a combined budget/work plan that reflects recent updates (several grant effort-related updates). The result will, at some future date be adopted as the annual budget and associated annual workplan.

Director Neilson mentioned the kernel of an idea he was working on to develop a children's science museum which, if expanded to include environmental concerns, could be a nice outreach effort for our RCD. There are apparently a couple of organizations already pursuing aspects of this idea. The RCD would be able to contribute Resource Management expertise to the mix; or pursue it ourselves.

H. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, **President Lindman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Neilson. The motion passed unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.