

MINUTES

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

9:30 am Friday March 13, 2020

Held at the Yuba County Agricultural Commission Office
915 8th Street, Suite 127, Marysville

A. ROLL CALL

President Alyssa Lindman called the meeting to order at 9:40 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 Deborah Aseltine Neilson	
	Director Doug Neilson	

Others present:

B. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no input from the public.

ACTION ITEMS

The Board agreed unanimously to:

1. Add approval of **Minutes for the December 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting** to the Consent Items. (Part of the January 10th meeting time was used to continue and adjourn the December 13, 2019 meeting. The Regular January 10th meeting then proceeded).
2. Approve all 3 Consent Items with a single vote.

C. CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Approval of **Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of December 13, 2019**
2. Approval of **Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2020**

3. Approval of **Minutes for Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2020**

Director Aseltine Neilson made a motion to accept all three consent items as presented. Director Fildes seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

D. FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Review of Cash on Hand for the period ending **February 29, 2020**

Director Fildes reported that there has been no change to our account balances since our last meeting.

2. We received a check from CARCD for \$708.03. Funding left over from the previous year was equally dispersed to member RCDs of the Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs.

The check was given to Director Fildes for deposit into the RCD's County account. He will deposit it after the meeting.

Director Neilson made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Director Aseltine Neilson seconded. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION/REPORTS

E. ANNUAL FILING PAPERWORK

President Lindman presented to the Board three requests for information she had received:

1. CalPERS Annual Information Report (submitted 26 Mar 2020).
2. Government Compensation Report for 2019 to the State Controller's Office (submitted 27 Mar 2020).
3. Statement of Facts to Yuba County Clerk Recorder and the California Secretary of State. Required because of Director Aseltine Neilson's inclusion on the Board (submitted 27 Mar 2020).

These requests are annual requirements of all RCDs. Director Neilson agreed to respond to these requests for the Board (Dates acted upon are indicated above).

F. SACRAMENTO VALLEY REGION OF RCDs SPRING MEETING

Director Lindman is waiting to hear back from the Farm Bureau for their space. We think they will provide the space for free. Other options include the Alcouffe Community Center in Oregon House or the Ponderosa Community Center in Brownsville. Both of those will cost about \$100, not including food. The Farm Bureau room is tiny but they have hosted groups of 40 before. It is not clear if a group that size observing social distancing will fit. Food is the other issue. The barbecue providers did not return our calls. General Jim's taco truck is a possibility. They could put together a menu with a \$10 hamburger plate. We would agree to a fixed price for General Jim based on the expected number of people, pay half up front and he would take the rest out of the proceeds. So, 40 people times \$10 would net him \$400.

We are still in the process of reviewing our options, but this seems the best option to date. There was some discussion about including a dessert dish from the Bangor Bakery to highlight our local providers. We will pass back our thoughts to Glenn County RCD which is funding the food.

G. SACRAMENTO VALLEY REGION OF RCDs MONTHLY “DURABLE COLLABORATION” PHONE CALL, MARCH 25th AT 10AM

SVRRCD holds these phone calls about every 2 weeks. President Lindman appears to be the only Director that receives notices and updates concerning these calls. She has not been able to take part to date. The other RCDs have their paid staff participate while we are strictly volunteer. President Lindman will ask to have all the YCRCD Directors added to the list. These calls are a good source for upcoming grants and collaborative opportunities. When possible, it would be good for our RCD to become more involved in these calls.

H. AB 38 COMPLIANCE PROGRAM – YUBA SUTTER REALTOR’S ASSOCIATION.

President Lindman called the head of the Yuba Sutter Realtor Association and inquired about a possible role for the YCRCD handling inspections for AB 38. The idea would be that the Realtors would refer homeowners to us and, for a small fee, we would visit and inspect the site and provide recommendations for any work needed to bring the property into defensible space compliance. We could also fill out the compliance form assuming indemnification and legalities allow. We would concentrate on defensible space and not on how to bring structures into compliance. Our time frame would be in early 2021 if not sooner. The head of the YSRA said they would be interested in working with us in this capacity. President Lindman felt she needed to include Director Fildes in any upcoming meetings. There was an extended discussion of the tasks that make up defensible space and possible avenues for funding this effort. Also, there was a discussion about formulating a contract template that could be provided to the landowners and spells out exactly what is expected of all involved parties.

The program could be expanded into identifying and removing illegal dumps. Publicly funded (?) for situations where the landowners cannot afford to remove the junk themselves. We could also extend the service to large farms which have illegal dumping issues. In the latter case, the landowner would fund the work directly. We will contact or YWA for possible interest in funding our program.

I. DIRECTOR’S INPUT

President Lindman reported that the new County Admin wants a new MOU with us concerning our Office. Part of that MOU requires we specify an insurance, which we do not currently have; CSDA is the provider for the insurance. We also need to make sure that the MOU specifies that the YCRCD is the main tenant. All other Agencies sharing the space are secondary on the MOU. We will approach Randy Fletcher about his thoughts on our requirement for liability and officer insurance.

Director Neilson discussed his attempt at creating an email account and to create higher visibility on the web for our webpage. Gmail would not let us set up a single email because of assumptions about parent/child permissions. Other options explored were too expensive. He also could not successfully increase our visibility on the web. He will talk to CARCD about any help they might provide.

Director Aseltine Neilson wanted to know what specifically was required by the Brown Act for meetings by phone. She would do some further investigation.

Since President Lindman was not available for the April 10th meeting, the Board agreed to move the date of the next meeting to April 17th.

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, **Director Neilson motioned that the meeting be adjourned. President Lindman seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous consent.** The meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.