

SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Siskiyou County, California

Summarized **MINUTES** from Board of Directors' regular meeting of Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, Yreka, California, on January 13, 2016.

Directors Present: Bill Hirt, Ryan Walker, Beth Sandahl, Chris Robertson, Rich Klug (arrived 6:45)

Associate Directors: Justin Sandahl

Staff Present: Karen Mallory, Ayn Perry, Ally Lutes

Guests in attendance: Jim Patterson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m. by Bill Hirt.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by common consent.

Public Comment

None

CLOSED SESSION: Personnel – Government Code 54957

The Board went into closed session at 5:48 pm.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Report Closed Session Decisions

Bill Hirt reported that the decision was made to revise the layoff of the Executive Director position from full to partial at 20 hours per month to perform administrative duties. AYES: Unanimous (Hirt, Walker, Sandahl, Robertson); NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None.

Introductions

Introductions were not needed.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting December 9, 2015 and Special Meeting January 4, 2016

ACTION: Approve minutes of December 9, 2015 and January 4, 2016.

MOTION: Walker; SECOND: Sandahl; AYES: Unanimous (Hirt, Walker, Sandahl, Robertson); NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None.

Financial Report

Financial Report was reviewed.

Available Unrestricted Funds Balance as of 12/31/15 \$ 41,153.61

Restricted Funds Balance as of 12/31/15 \$ 18,389.31

ACTION: Approve Financial Report.

MOTION: Walker; SECOND: Sandahl; AYES: Unanimous (Hirt, Walker, Sandahl, Robertson); NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None.

Budget Transfer - None

Financing Options – None discussed

Ratify Payroll

ACTION: Ratify payroll; MOTION: Walker; SECOND: Sandahl; AYES: Unanimous (Hirt, Walker, Robertson, Sandahl); NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None.

Approval of Bills

ACTION: Approve warrant authorizations; MOTION: Robertson; SECOND: Walker; AYES: Unanimous (Hirt, Walker, Sandahl, Robertson); NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None.

Approval of Donation(s) Received - None

Correspondence

Karen Mallory (SVRCD) read a letter from Siskiyou County Farm Bureau requesting sponsors for their annual dinner on March 26. The Board agreed to decline sponsoring this year due to having to cut back on expenses.

RCD Reports – Board, District Administrator and Staff (may be heard anytime during meeting)

Karen Mallory (SVRCD) reported on the temporary SVRCD office move for the water damage repair and remodeling at NRCS. She also reported on the theft from the storage sheds and yard at NRCS. She said she will be submitting a 2016 319h full proposal for Shasta riparian projects.

Ally Lutes (SVRCD) reported on the forestry 2016 319h proposal that she is submitting and gave an update on the Bogus Creek 319h grant agreement process. She updated the Board on the design projects she has been working on and funding opportunities she is pursuing. She also said The Nature Conservancy is interested in contracting with SVRCD for monitoring services since SVRCD has the technical expertise and the equipment. The Board supported the concept as long as landowners approve of monitoring conducted on their property.

Ayn Perry (SVRCD) reported on the BOR Watersmart grant for improvements on Shasta Water Association.

County Supervisor's Report

None present.

Other Agency/Group Reports

Jim Patterson (NRCS) gave an update on the office remodeling at NRCS and on NRCS projects.

Business

1. Nomination and Selection of Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Bill Hirt and Ryan Walker were willing to continue as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

ACTION: Approve Bill Hirt as Chairperson and Ryan Walker as Vice Chairperson.

MOTION: Robertson; SECOND: Sandahl; AYES: Unanimous (Hirt, Sandahl, Walker, Robertson); NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None.

2. Cannabis cultivation water quality outreach request

Ayn Perry (SVRCD) explained that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board had contacted SVRCD requesting support of their compliance outreach program to cannabis growers in the county. The Board discussed the issue and agreed by common consent to not get involved for several reasons: the issue of growing cannabis is in fluid motion right now in the county, the RCD is wary of getting involved in a regulatory program, the RCD is not in a position to perform services without a guarantee of funding for staff services, participating in the program could conflict with co-location in a federal building, and the landowners that would be involved in the program are not felt to be the landowners that the RCD already has an established relationship with.

3. Discuss establishing a 501(c)(3) or partnering options

Ayn Perry (SVRCD) explained reasons to consider setting up a 501(c)(3), such as funding eligibility, and described the steps and requirements of the process. Due to the time-consuming and expensive process, she recommended partnering with an existing 501(c)(3), such as Ore-Cal RC & D, other local groups, or through CARCD. The Board supported continuing to look into partnering with these groups.

4. Long Range Plan summary and consider setting a meeting date to review and discuss in detail

Ayn Perry (SVRCD) briefly reviewed the Long Range Plan in general and said a new or updated plan will need to be done towards the end of the year. The Board agreed to review the plan and would like 30 minutes per Board meeting to be allocated for discussion of sections of the current plan.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:15 p.m.

Minutes approved as typed as corrected.

Chairman

Date

District Administrator