



"To protect, enhance, and support Butte County natural resources and agriculture by working with willing landowners and citizens through education, land management, and on-the-ground projects."

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 17, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

**Location: Klamath Conference Room
202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA 95965**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dave Lee, President, 9:11 am
- 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** : Chair Dave Lee, Vice Chair Allen Harthorn, Director John Christofferson; District Manager Thad Walker, Staff Wolfy Rougle.
- 3. REVISIONS TO AGENDA** (only emergency situations requiring the need to take immediate actions may be added as action items pursuant to Gov. code 549954.2(b))
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT (on non-action items)**

(1) (3 min. limit per speaker/topic, 15 minutes/person/meeting total) (2) *Public comment is encouraged. Any member of the public may address the Board with any comment related to the Resource Conservation District's areas of concern.*

*However, no action can be taken by the Board on such items at this current meeting. The Board may direct staff to agendaize such items for consideration at a future meeting. (3) *Please note that all action items will have time set aside for public comment prior to the vote occurring. After a motion*

is made and seconded by two BCRCD Directors, the Chair will first ask for any further discussion from the Directors and Associate Directors and then Chair will open up the item for brief public comment limited to 2 minutes/person. After the public comment period closes a vote will be held.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Teleconferencing Requirements of the Brown Act AB 361 BCRC Resolution 01202022 Extension
- b) Review and approval of the minutes of the BOD meeting held 2/17/2022
John moved, Allen seconded to approve consent agenda; motion passed unanimously.

5. ACTION ITEMS – Dave Lee, President

- a) Review and approval of Financials/ Accounts Payable- ~~Colleen Hatfield~~ Thad Walker. Staff noted the \$13, 734.64 deposit not attributed to any funder was from the Pacific Southwest Research Station for work done in Concow. Allen moved, John seconded to approve accts payable; motion passed unanimously.
- b) BCRC Employee Insurance -John Christofferson. John shared the analysis from County Counsel staffer Kathleen Greeson, describing how RCD Directors as well as staff are protected from liability because the RCD is a public entity under CA Public Resources Code §9400 et seq. No action taken.
- c) California State Mandated Cal Savers, Retirement Savings Program- Thad Walker. The State of California now requires that employers meeting certain conditions, including BCRC, offer some kind of retirement savings program to employees who do not opt out and document that they have enrolled in their own separate retirement savings program. The RCD could set up a compliance program ourselves, or we could have Allevity set up a 401(k) through TransAmerica, which would cost the RCD \$565/yr but this would likely be less than the costs of the RCD self-administering. RCD is not required to match 401(k) contributions at this time, but using the TransAmerica option would allow RCD to easily add match later on, as an employment incentive. The TransAmerica option apparently also offers greater flexibility to employees in choosing their own contribution level. John moved to pursue the Allevity option and have the DM complete any necessary paperwork to get the item on the agenda for next month's meeting to add the 401(k) program. Allen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- d) ~~Review of Audit of Financial Statements: fiscal year ending June 30, 2019– Colleen Hatfield~~ – Tabled until Colleen returns
- e) ~~Agreement with Water Board for Butte Creek Camp Fire Post Fire Recovery Project, Centerville Road – Thad Walker~~ – Withdrawn
- f) Agreement with contractor(s) for Botany Services- Thad Walker. John moved, Allen seconded to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- g) Agreement with Wendy Boes for botany services on Upper Butte Creek Forest Health Initiative - Wolfy Rougle. Allen moved, John seconded to accept the agreement; motion passed unanimously.
- h) Agreement with Traditional Ecological Services Program for cultural education as part of Butte TREX - Wolfy Rougle, John moved, Allen seconded to accept

the agreement; motion passed unanimously.

- i) Agreement with Pacific Watershed Associates for Upper Butte Creek - Wolfy Rougle. Wolfy recommended the Board approve the agreement without Task 3 for now. Total not-to-exceed amount would then be \$183,800. John moved to approve the contract for tasks 1 and 2 only; Allen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- j) Agreement with Sierra Institute for CCI Forest Health Workforce Development/ Emerging Resource Professional Funding - Thad Walker/Wolfy Rougle. Dave expressed concern about the reimbursement structure of payment and associated cash flow issues; staff was directed to find out from SI (1) how often SI will be billing CAL FIRE (monthly preferred) and (2) whether at least 10% of total contract value will be able to be retained by BCRCO to compensate us for supervision/oversight. Agreement postponed til next meeting.
- k) Agreement Extension with Butte County Public Works for Granite Basin OHV Development Project -Thad Walker – Allen moved to amend the contract, John seconded; motion passed unanimously
- l) Amended Conservation Easement for Cottonwood Road Mitigation Area - Wolfy Rougle/Thad Walker – CDFW will sign, then BCRCO BOD will sign, then landowner will sign. John moved to authorize Dave to sign when CDFW signs. Allen seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- m) Next Board of Directors Meeting Thursday, April 21st, 2022 at 9:00 AM, Location: Klamath Conference Room 202 Mira Loma Drive, Oroville, CA 95965. Allen noted that he will not be in town and may not be available by Zoom, as he will be attending a conference.

6. RCD PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

- a) Staff Updates

7. PARTNERS' REPORTS (5 minute limit per group)

- a) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- b) Butte County departments
- c) Community groups and agencies

8. CLOSED SESSION – Directors only

- a) Personnel Discussion

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORTS

- a) Butte County RCD Directors and Associate Directors are welcome to report

10. ADJOURNMENT

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