



FEATHER RIVER
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

March 1, 2021, 12pm

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- I. Call Meeting to Order** Director Lunder called the meeting to order at 12:03pm
 - a. Determination of a Quorum Directors Lunder, Reid, Wilson, Noia, and Johnson present. Quorum.
 - b. Acceptance of the Agenda Director Lunder called for a motion, Director Noia moved to accept the agenda, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Agenda accepted.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (Action)** – January 4, 2021 Director Lunder called for a motion, Director Wilson moved to accept the minutes, Director Johnson second, unanimous.
- III. Public Comment - None**
- IV. District Managers Report** District Manager reported on current project progress, program and project development, and administrative issues of note.
- V. Action Items**
 - a. December and January Financial Reports Director Lunder called for a motion to approve financial reports, Director Wilson moved to approve, Director Noia second, unanimous. Financial reports approved.
 - b. Prescribed Fire Policy Director Reid suggested that the policy include a reference to required insurance for contractors. Director Noia noted that the policy was vague but covered the all the bases. Director Lunder called for a motion to approve the policy with the addition of a reference to insurance requirements, Director Wilson moved to approve, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Policy approved with addition of insurance language.

- c. Moonlight Reforestation Contract Award Director Lunder reviewed the contract award recommendation. Director Noia asked a clarifying question about bidder being a certified applicator (yes).
 - i. Work Item 1 – Escareno Reforestation - \$91,203.00 Director Lunder called for a motion to award the contract, Director Noia moved to award, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Contract awarded.
 - ii. Work Item 2 & 3 – Cutting Edge Forestry - \$434,650.00 Director Lunder called for a motion to award the contract, Director Noia moved to award, Director Wilson second, unanimous. Contract awarded.
- d. Moonlight Grazing - Site Prep Contract Award – Blue Tent - \$91,540.00 Director Lunder reviewed the award recommendation and called for a motion to award the contract, Director Noia moved to award, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Contract awarded.
- e. Moonlight Agreement Modification – Change in Scope of Work, addition of Prescribed Fire for the purpose of reforestation. District Manager explained the addition of burning the Moonlight reforestation site preparation grapple piles in order to plant this spring has been proposed to be added to our Moonlight agreement with Sierra Nevada Conservancy. Director Lunder called for a motion to approve the change in scope of work, Director Wilson moved to approve change to scope of work, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Change to scope of work in SNC Moonlight agreement approved.
- f. Purchase of Field Vehicle – Small Pickup up to \$30,000 District Manager explained the need and ability to purchase another vehicle, specifically a small pickup for field work. Director Lunder called for a motion to approve purchase of pickup, Director Noia moved to approve purchase, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Purchase approved.

- g. Purchase of Utility Vehicle for up to \$28,000.00 with funding from agreement 5GA18214 District Manager explained the need and ability to purchase a UTV for the District and Underburn Cooperative. Director Lunder called for a motion to approve the purchase of a UTV, Director Wilson moved to approve the purchase, Director Noia second, unanimous. Purchase of UTV approved
- h. Fuels Reduction in the Hwy 89 Corridor Contract and NOE approval– Collins Pine Co - \$50,000.00 Director Johnson recused from conversation. District Manager added prescribed fire to the list of acceptable treatments. Director Lunder Moved to approve the contract with Collin and the Notice of Exemption for the project, Director Noia moved to approve, Director Wilson second, unanimous. Contract and NOE approved.
- i. UC Forestry Camp Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Demonstration Project Contract – UCCE - \$59,382.75 Director Lunder called for a motion to approve the contract with University of California to complete CEQA work for demonstration project, Director Johnson moved to approve the contract, Director Noia second, unanimous. Contract approved.
- j. Spanish Creek Bridge Replacement Mitigation Monitoring Contract– Plumas County - \$5005.00 Director Lunder called for a motion to approve the contract with the County Public Works Department, Director Noia moved to approve the contract, Director Johnson second, unanimous. Contract approved.
- k. USFS Master Participating Agreement – Specific Project Agreement to hire recreation personnel for the Mt. Hough Ranger District – Not to exceed \$90,000.00 District Manager explained the reason for hiring recreation technicians for the Forest and helping our partner get seasonal folks working this season. Director Lunder called for a motion to approve the SPA to hire Recreation techs of the

Forest, Director Noia moved to approve the SPA, Director Johnson second, unanimous. SPA approved.

VI. Discussion/Report Items

- a. Portola Mine Proposal – Ag and Timber Land Conversion Director Lunder discussed this item briefly, and expressed the desire to explore ways the District should handle these types of requests/issues. Director Lunder passed the meeting off to Director Reid, and Director Lunder left the meeting at 1:00pm. The item was discussed a sensitive and controversial subject the District should not insert itself into. The District Manager pointed out that the District should at least keep an eye on projects like this for the potential conversion of agricultural land, potential impact to adjacent agricultural producers, and the high proposed water use by the project. It was decided the District would take no action at this time.
- b. Staff Report -None
- c. NRCS Report Anne Stephens will be handling the area in the interim and Dan Martynn’s retirement. The new District Conservationist has been hired, is out of TX and will start 4/11/21. Anne also passed along a memo that RCD/NRCS agreements will be necessary for RCDs to use NRCS vehicles.
- d. Board Report/Direction - None

VII. Closed Session Director Reid called to close the session. Director Noia moved to close, Director Wilson second, unanimous. Director Reid closed the session at 1:07pm

- a. Discussion of claim PD1415007371-0001/#7371 – No action

VIII. Adjourn/Next Meeting Confirmation – April 5, 12p Director

Reid called for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Director Wilson moved to adjourn, Director Noia second, unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.