



**SUTTER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Rajvir Sahota called the meeting to order at 12pm

ROLL CALL

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mike Johnston, Tom Barnes, Tim McGee, Alex Miladi

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

DIRECTORS TARDY:

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Donna Johnston

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Rajvir Sahota-District Manager, Estefany Sanchez- Project Assistant, Nicole Johnston-Administrative Assistant

ADDITIONS/CHANGES to the Agenda: N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR AND MONTHLY BILLS

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from July 10, 2024 were reviewed. **A motion was made by T. Barnes and seconded by A. Miladi to approve the July 10, 2024 minutes. Motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Bank Balance RV - \$34,813.80

Sutter County - \$14,471.74

Outstanding bills- \$71,653.10

Outstanding invoicing- \$46,817.53

There was a discussion about the financials meeting with staff and went through the cash flow. Because cash flow and QuickBooks is not current. There's some work that needs to be done. CARCD has now been paid but owes \$84,340 for months of February through June.

The monthly bills and financial report for the month were reviewed. There was a discussion with a financial review board that wants to find a float around and see if they find a part time worker as an accountant.

There was a discussion about the District Manager having a lot to do and potentially hiring a Project Manager with Ag background. UCCE and Farm Bureau will help. Board members want employees to write out a description of each position and write out a job description for the project manager to proceed with the hiring process.

ONGOING DISTRICT BUSINESS

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the CAPGP, the grant ends next year on June, 2025. a five page plan of how I got there. It has a cover letter. It has a reference letter, a history of the grower/farmer. 5 solid plans need to be done in 136 pages. Possibility for an extension. The carbon farm plan is 300 pages. There's a class required to attend at Chico State. That's for three months from January to March. Still have not gotten paid for it. President called for someone to call a motion to cancel this program. T. Mcgee made the motion, A. Miladi seconded it. Due to the staff reduction process. Consequently, request to amend to one health management plan. M. Johnston reconsidered the amendment to change the compensation agriculture planning program to one management plan as opposed to five.

District Manager R. Sahota updated that activity in HSP/SWEEP grant will be opening September 3rd after being closed for two years. Have been getting phone calls every day, farmers . They are having trouble not knowing how to pay for work that has already been done for this project. Will be having a meeting with Sonia, CFDN grantor. Working with Heather Montgomery for the application process.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the CFDN, and the grant was finished in about three months. We did the deliverable of soil health testing for 20 farmers. Will start soil sampling this fall. Attended Farm Bureau spoke all about the grant, flyer will be put into their crop top magazine.

District Manager R. Sahota reported that the application round for the CUSP Drought Grant program is closed, all we're doing for this grant is just spreading the word that it will open up again soon.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the Cal-Recycle program, \$112,000 was awarded for the last phase. Next round is on October '24 five farmers on the list with seven properties. All paperwork completed. Bid was out yesterday. There was a discussion about the bidding process.

District Manager R. Sahota gave no update on the Equity grant, we just got awarded Friday, \$22,379 is the amount awarded and will be working with NRCS. Commitment that we have to deliver is that we have to host three workshops. Grant Writing Workshop is already on the schedule in October. Also the Sikh Parade- will be there for 3 days.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the Monarch Habitat - two projects are done, WCB is very satisfied with our work. We've been submitting everything on time. The locations are: One is the temple, one over on Smith Road, Smith road did get moved to garden highway because that property didn't suit him.

Project Assistant E. Sanchez gave an update on the Coastal CleanUp Day, being in close contact with Eben with getting the help on organizing this event. Event will be Saturday September 21st from 9 to 12pm. Will have a meeting with Saylove tomorrow. All the advertising flyers, posters, postcards will be handing out that day, waivers they have to sign before we start it. We did get the water/pizza donations already.

Project Assistant E. Sanchez gave an update on the High School Speak Off, will take place on Wednesday, September 11. location is still unknown. There was a discussion about having water or food/snack for the kids.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42pm.

Closed session started at 1:42pm and ended at 2:00pm.

Next Meeting will be held September 19, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m
Sutter County Resource Conservation District - Conference Room
144 Garden Hwy, Yuba City Ca, 9551