



**SUTTER COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

Rajvir Sahota called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

DIRECTORS TARDY:

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT:

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT: Donna Johnston

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

ADDITIONS/CHANGES to the Agenda: N/A

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR AND MONTHLY BILLS

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from June 12, 2024 were reviewed. **A motion was made by T Barnes and seconded by M Johnston, to approve the June 12, 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 all of our current grants- giving new board members the information about each grant.

There was a discussion about the financials that will be under review but still need more work. Will get the audit done when in a better financial state.

The monthly bills and financial report for the month were reviewed. There was a discussion with a financial review that will give us an idea of where we are and where we've been.

There was a discussion about CARCD bill, In hope to resolve this bill, board members suggested paying two months of payroll for CARCD a month.

There was a discussion about an issue with ACH payments. Board member A. Miladi will contact a personal friend from the Bank to get the help we need.

ONGOING DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was a discussion about conflict of interest- filling in all new board members with what a conflict of interest can look like.

There was a discussion about the new hire of Harmanpreet, she is hired as a soil conservationist and she's an expert in soils and will be working on a CAPGP grant. Hired 50% in Colusa RCD and 50% under Sutter RCD. Masters in plant health agriculture management. Will also be job shadowing and learning from NRCS.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the CAPGP, going in a good direction. Goal is to work with farms with Monarch Habitats. Giving farmers all the right benefits will be able to knock them off.

District Manager R. Sahota updated that activity in HSP/SWEEP program Harmanpreet will be working at the Colusa Indian Community Council Harmanpreet will be needing five soil health management plans due June 2025. Farmers for Sutter County are ready and just waiting for the grant to open again.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the CFDN, new hire Harmanpreet will be working 25% on this grant. Will be attending a course in Chico State in the Fall which will be funded by this Grant-should be done in 3 months. Recruiting more farmers - goal is 20, at the moment there's 12 and 6 are already on the CFDN website.

District Manager R. Sahota reported that the application round for the CUSP Drought Grant is nothing new - it is closed and did not get the next two years so the grant is ending in April 2025.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the Cal-Recycle program, there are five farmers with seven properties on the waitlist

District Manager R. Sahota gave no update on the Equity grant, waiting to see if it will gets aproved.

District Manager R. Sahota gave an update on the Monarch Habitat - ordered about 500 milkweed different species, you know, different types of milkweed and the planting will be done at the corner of Smith/ Walton in a Yuba City property of Harnan Singh. An order of signs advertising Sutter County RCD habitats that have been planted. Will be posted at each location to start getting recognition.

Director M. Johnston gave an update on the Feather River Parkway- still pending. Goodnews but nothing specific. Grant has already been reviewed and processed and evaluated and scored. Next meeting will be August 13, 2024.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held August 13, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m
Sutter County Resource Conservation District - Conference Room
144 Garden Hwy, Yuba City Ca, 9551