

Colusa County
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 20, 2017
CCRCD Meeting Minutes

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bob Alvernaz, Ben Felt, Tom Hickok, Gil Ramos, Jay Dee Garr and Kim Gallagher

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Beth Nall

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Amy Gibbon

OTHERS PRESENT: Patti Turner-CCRCD Executive Director, Wendy Krehbiel-Colusa NRCS, John Loudon-Colusa County Board of Supervisors

Ben Felt, CCRCD President called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm Louis Cairo's Restaurant, Williams, Ca.

PUBLIC/PARTNERS COMMUNICATIONS:

John Loudon reported that the hospital should open the second week of October.

Wendy Krehbiel the NRCS Colusa Field Office District Conservationist reported that the Soil Conservationist position in the Colusa Field Office is a GS9 and not considered a priority. The office will be getting a Pathways Student to help out soon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Hickok to approve the August 16, 2017 minutes as mailed. The motion was seconded by Gallagher and passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Nall).

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The directors received a balance sheet for the period of August 16-September 19, 2017. The CCRCD's fund balances were as follows: checking account \$664.40; petty cash account \$63.10; CCRCD General Fund (03200) \$24,740.60; sales tax (03201) \$0; CCRCD Misc. Projects (032025) \$5,726.52; Upper Stony Fuel Treatment (032031) \$0; Specialty Crop Block Grant (032026) \$777.35 (pro-rated compensated absences earned but not used prior to the ending of the project); The DOC Fund (032027) has a balance of \$3,545.40 and Clearing Account fund (032001) \$0.

The board was presented with two (2) claims for approval: Petty Cash in the amount of \$822.50 and Jacquelyn Filter mileage claim in the amount of \$106.68. A motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Ramos to approve the financial report and two claims as submitted. The motion passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes, and 1 absent (Nall).

CCRCD DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

After some discussion a motion was made by Garr to have a short meeting prior to the October 4th Speak-Off Contest in-lieu of the October 18th meeting. The motion was seconded by Ramos and passed with 6 ayes, 0 noes and 1 absent (Nall).

The board did not discuss any new project ideas.

The group discussed the 2017 CCRCD Speak-Off contest to be held on October 4th at the Colusa Industrial Park Conference Room. They agreed to provide the same cash awards as last year. Possible judges included Gibbon, Filter and Krehbiel depending on the level of familiarity with the contestants. The 2017 theme is: How can RCDs Better Involve Their Communities in Conservation?"

CCRCD REPORTS:

Turner provided a written summary of the activities associated with the CCRCD projects during the past month. She reviewed the tasks not previously discussed during the meeting.

- **Colusa County Grown-Specialty Crop Project:** The district has received the final payment and release of the 10% retention fee. Turner transferred the loan to the project back to the General Fund and the small balance left in the fund is Filter's pro-rated unused compensated time off and prior employee's unused sick leave accrual.
- **Colusa County Grown:** Turner reported CCG has T-Shirts for sale. The last Stakeholder meeting was held on September 19th at the Colusa Co. Farm Bureau office. There was a couple of speakers on food safety in the field and pending requirements for farmers. There was 14 members, presenters and staff present at the meeting.
- **Forest Service Cooperative Agreement:** Turner is preparing the final invoice for the project ending September 30th. Neither Evans nor Fire Storm, Inc. will have a bill to submit for the final invoice. Turner stated she will bill out all remaining funds as the district had never invoiced for the entire approved rate for indirect costs.
- **Department of Conservation Capacity Building Funding:** Filter is working on boosting CCRCD's social media presence to promote visibility, is assisting CCG with website maintenance, checking emails, and social media. She continues to work on the presentation about the CCRCD and the bi-annual newsletter.
- **NRCS Cooperative Agreement:** Filter continues to work on plans for NRCS, attend NRCS field visits and staff meetings, and is working on becoming certified as a conservation planner. She attended the NRCS Area Meeting to learn more about planning and NRCS expectations.
- **HSP Workshop Assistance:** All three workshops were held with 2-6 attendees at each. Jackie continued to answer questions and assisted producers who were interested in submitting applications through the end of the application period. The CCRCD received the agreement from CDFA on 9/19/17, Turner signed and returned to them, CDFA put a rush on fully executing the agreement.
- **SWEEP Evaluations:** Filter completed two site evaluations and Turner submitted the necessary paperwork to CDFA. Both evaluations were deemed complete by CDFA on 9/20/17 and Turner invoiced \$4,000 for the two evaluations.

Turner stated the CARCD Sac Valley Region Fall Meeting and Regional Speak-Off will be held on Oct 17th at the Williams Community Center. She encouraged all Directors to attend and give her a head count on October 4th. She is looking into a caterer for the event.

Pending the pertinence of the training Turner encouraged all Directors and Associate Directors to attend the free day of training in conjunction with the CARCD Conference to be held on November 15th.

Turner asked the board to review the letter opposing cannabis growing in Colusa County she drafted and give input. The board approved the letter and did not suggest any changes or edits. She will be unable to attend the Board of Supervisor's open public comment period concerning cannabis growing in Colusa County at their meeting on October 17th as that is the same date as the CARCD Regional Meeting the district is hosting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm by President Ben Felt. The next regular monthly meeting will be held at 5:00 on Wednesday, October 4th prior to the CCRCD Speak-Off Contest at the CIP Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti Turner-Secretary/Treasurer-Colusa Co. RCD