



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, August 8, 2018**

PLACE: Marin County Farm Bureau 520 Mesa Road, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956

1. A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Sally Gale, President at 9:07 a.m.

Roll call of directors: Terry Sawyer, Peter Martinelli & Bob Giacomini.

Associate Directors: George Clyde and Richard Plant.

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Elise Suronen, Darrylin Mollath, Sarah Phillips & Lynette Niebrugge.

Additional Attendees: Eric Rubenstahl, (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Kristen Guy (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Dylan Voeller (Point Reyes National Seashore) Jeff Creque (Carbon Cycle Institute), Erika Mikesh (Engineer/Marin RCD), Rene Leclerc (SFBRWQCB), Jeff Stump (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Jonathan Wachter (Marin Agricultural Land Trust) and Bronwen Stanford (UC Santa Cruz).

ACTION ITEMS

2. MINUTES AND FINANCIALS

A. Board approval of Regular Minutes and Special Minutes.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None to approve the minutes.

(Note: Sally stated the July Meeting minutes did not thoroughly reflect discussion from the last Board Meeting (July 11, 2018, Item 3A. See below.)

- The Board suggested the TAC visit the proposed carbon sites
- Prioritize a few good projects over many small projects

B. Board approval of RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENSIONS: None, to approve RCD financial reports and bills to be paid.

C. Board approval of FY 2018/2019 Marin RCD Annual Budget.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the FY 2018/2019 Marin RCD Annual Budget.

3. CARBON FARMING

A. Board approval of designs for two proposed carbon farm projects.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass Board approval of designs for two proposed carbon farm projects.

4. PINE GULCH PROJECT

A. Board approval of \$10,000 of Measure A funds to purchase bentonite to fix Fresh Run Farm's Pond 1A seepage.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: Peter Martinelli, to pass Board approval of \$10,000 of Measure A funds to purchase bentonite to fix Fresh Run Farm's Pond 1A seepage.

5. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

A. Board approval of Notices of Completion for contract work on three completed projects.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Bob; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass Board approval of Notices of Completion for contract work on three completed projects.

- B. Board approval to execute contract with Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria for two projects this construction season.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass Board approval to execute contract with Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria for two projects this construction season.

- C. Board approval of gully repair and fencing cost proposal for Project #2018-03 on a tributary to Tomales Bay.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass Board approval of gully repair and fencing cost proposal for Project #2018-03 on a tributary to Tomales Bay. Kevin Furlong Construction awarded the job.

- D. Board approval of head cut repair cost proposal for Project #2018-01 in San Geronimo Valley.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Terry; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass Board approval of head cut repair cost proposal for Project #2018-01 in San Geronimo Valley.

- E. Board approval to execute \$23,545 contract with Point Blue Conservation Science to complete Project #2017-09 on Lagunitas Creek.

MOTION: Bob; SECOND: Peter; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None, to pass Board approval to execute \$23,545 contract with Point Blue Conservation Science to complete Project #2017-09 on Lagunitas Creek.

(Bob requested a report of this project next spring)

- F. Board approval of a technical advisory committee for the *COW: Updating Dairies and Ranches Sustainably* grant.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; NOES: None; AYES: Unanimous; ABSTENTIONS: None to pass Board approval of a technical advisory committee for the *COW: Updating Dairies and Ranches Sustainably* grant.

(Sally would like to join the TAC, unofficially)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

6. Presentations and Updates:-

- **Urban Streams Program** – The USC conducted one site visit and assisted nine stakeholders. USC continues to work with Lagunitas School to wrap up the education and restoration project along Larsen Creek. Efforts continue in supporting the Marin RCD with the Spicer Ranch clean-up and Walker Creek stakeholder meetings. Also, the Town of Corte Madera has recently reached out to the USC Program to help advise them on bank stabilization in tidally influenced areas.
- **Stream Benefits of Riparian Corridor Restoration in Rangelands** – Bronwen Stanford, UC Santa Cruz, shared her results of studying the benefits of riparian corridor restoration which included fish health, insect types /numbers and stream living conditions.

Partner Updates -

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service** – Brooke Pippi shared that NRCS has received more EQUIP applications this year than ever before. Sixteen applications have been for Marin where on the average they generally receive 7.

RCD Program Updates –

- **Carbon Farming Program:** To date 11 CFP have been completed in Marin County; 5 are underway.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** Update on landowner/fencing contract changes for Nicasio project. Three projects have cost proposals. One planting project will enter the design phase soon. One project is in the design phase. One project is securing cost proposals.
- **Americano Creek Watershed:** Gold Ridge RCD is assisting a dairy with compost application and riparian planting with Healthy Soil Initiative funding. The Valley Ford Cheese Co. rainwater catchment project is under construction.
- **Stemple Creek Clean Up:** Sarah will be managing this contract. A site visit was conducted with a tow truck driver, Conservation Corps staff and the landowner. Photos were taken to document debris. CEQA was completed. No permits are required. Work is scheduled for October.
- **Media/Outreach:** No media
- **Grant Opportunities:**
 - \$13K. NRCS Conservation Innovation – Rangeland Soils Monitoring. *Declined*
 - \$15K. USDA NRCS – Biological and Permitting Services. *Awarded*
 - \$239K. WCB – Carbon Farming designs, cost estimates and materials. *Reapplying*
 - \$436K. WCB – Carbon Farm Implementation. *Reapplying*
- **Finance Committee:** A rebate program description was created and submitted to the Department of Industrial Relations for a formal determination to exempt prevailing wage requirements when using a rebate program.
- **District:** Staff worked on the annual budget and giving Nancy a great 20 year celebration.
- **Landowner’s calling for assistance:** 0 agricultural and 10 urban landowners requesting assistance.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Groundwater Basin Delineation. State proposes elevated status for Wilson Grove Formation.
- 08/11/18 Native Plant Propagation Class: Field Trip to Charlotte’s Nursery
- 08/21/18. Marin RCD Walker Creek Tour and Meeting.
- 08/24/18-08/26/18 Salmonid Restoration Federation’s Coho Confab on Smith River
- 08/24-31. Nancy, Lynette and Elise are in Oklahoma for training
- 08/12/18. Climate Smart Ag/Carbon Tour.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- None

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment for any matter not listed on this agenda, provided that no Board action is to be taken. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff to be placed on the next agenda.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED at 12:07 p.m.