



MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, July 10th, 2019**

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

1. A regularly scheduled meeting was called to order by Bob Giacomini, Vice President, at 9:05 a.m.

Roll call of directors: Terry Sawyer and Peter Martinelli, Absent: Sally Gale, Mike Moretti

Associate Director: George Clyde

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

Additional Attendees: Jonathan Wachter (Marin Agricultural Land Trust), Dave Sherwood (Rancher), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Kristen Guy (MALT), and Josh Hollis (Hollis Ag Consulting)

ACTION ITEMS:

2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS – 15 min.

A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.

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

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

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the RCD financial report and bills to be paid.

C. Board approval of Resolution to Borrow up to \$350,000 in the 19/20 Fiscal Year to make full and timely payments for work completed by improved ranch practices. MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve Resolution to Borrow up to \$350,000 in the 19/20 Fiscal Year to make full and timely payments for work completed by improved ranch practices.

D. Board approval of letter requesting County financial support of RCD programs in the amount of \$125,000. MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve letter requesting County financial support of RCD programs in the amount of \$125,000.

3. CARBON FARMING- 30 min.

A. Board approval to contribute funding to Project #2018-04, a hedgerow installation

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve to contribute funding to Project #2018-04, a hedgerow installation.

B. Board approval to execute Point Blue STRAW contract for project #s 2019-07 and 2019-06 to install critical area planting and hedgerows

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve to execute Point Blue STRAW contract for project #s 2019-07 and 2019-06 to install critical area planting and hedgerows

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS- 15 min.

Board approval of cost proposal(s) for Project #2019-02, a Dairy Heavy Walkway.

MOTION: Terry; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve cost proposal(s) for Project #2019-02, a Dairy Heavy Walkway **based on the condition the MRCD will develop a standard cost share and landowner reimbursement policy**. The RCD Board deliberated at length on the reimbursement rate for a landowner's services. Should a landowner receive their asking cost for labor? How does the RCD decide on a fair wage? A standard policy is needed to provide transparency and fairness for all landowners seeking reimbursement or providing a cost-share contribution.

5. SAN GERONIMO LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – 15 min.

- A. Board approval of revised Landowner Authorization Agreement for San Geronimo Landowner Assistance Program. MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Terry; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve revised Landowner Authorization Agreement for San Geronimo Landowner Assistance Program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 10:30 a.m.

Partner Updates – 15 min

MALT – Jonathan Wachter reports that MALT has approximately half of their monitoring completed and all is going well.

Students & Teachers Restoring a Watershed – Isaiah Thalmayer reports the big push for maintenance is complete. He is excited for the new projects that were approved here at this Board meeting plus STRAW has some new projects in San Pablo Bay they looking forward to as well.

RCD Program Updates – 15 min.

- **Urban Streams Program:** The USC assisted 12 residents/stakeholders in Marin whereas one landowner received a site visit. USC attended an MKAT (Marin Knotweed Action Team) meeting. Progress is continuing with the Landowner Assistance Program; cost proposals were submitted and a contractor was selected based on contingency that a couple of issues are to be resolved regarding access and project materials (wood). USC held the first native plant propagation class for 2019 at the Red Barn which was well attended with 19 participants who all learned about non-native invasive plant identification and management, Integrated Pest Management, and pollinators in the garden. The USC chaired another Lagunitas TAC meeting on the 14th and will be working with the TAC to determine the next Vice Chair to be nominated at the November meeting. Finally, USC met with a consulting firm to discuss how mitigation funds could potentially fund Marin RCD projects in the future- to be determined.
- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program (Construction Update):** Two projects are lining up for construction; one is hung up in the permitting phase. Prunuske Chatham Inc. completed a design to fix a new headcut that threatens an old COW project.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Staff is participating in County's Drawdown Marin program. Staff is gearing up to implement three projects this year. One previously implemented project will be maintained. Soil samples will be collected sometime in September prior to implementation of projects.
- **Stemple Creek:** Stemple Creek Cleanup project will be gearing up.

- **Pine Gulch Creek:** One pond is seeping; therefore, Marin RCD is assisting with Division of Water Rights Time Extension Request to delay appropriate water licensing.
- **Media/Outreach:** Provided George with information on Walker Creek proposal.
- **Grant Opportunities:** Communicated with CA RCDs on monarch opportunity. Potential groundwater recharge grant.
 - \$45,000. Anonymous. Regenerating Landscapes. *Awarded!*
 - \$350,782. Walker Creek Estuary Study. Dept Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
 - \$10K. Workshops at Farmers Markets for beginning farmers. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** Meeting scheduled July 9th.
- **District:**
 - Let's go on a 60th Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors - FALL
 - Staff will be meeting at a couple flooded road locations with landowners and the county of Marin in July.
 - Darrylin is closing FY1819 and scheduling for CPA and Audit.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 1 agricultural and 12 urban landowners requesting assistance.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- None

2. 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.

3. MEETING ADJOURNED at 10:45 a.m.