



## MINUTES

DATE: **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019**

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 9:05 a.m.**

Roll call of directors: Peter Martinelli and Mike Moretti, Absent: Bob Giacomini, Terry Sawyer.

Associate Directors: George Clyde & Richard Plant.

Staff: Nancy Scolari, Erica Mikesh & Darrylin Mollath.

Additional Attendees: Dave Sherwood (Rancher), Isaiah Thalmayer (STRAW), Kristen Guy (MALT), Drew Loganbill (NRCS), & Jim Jensen (MALT).

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**2. DISTRICT, MINUTES, FINANCIALS**

**A. Board approval of regular meeting minutes.**

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None to approve the minutes.

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

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

**C. Board approval of FY 19/20 Annual Budget**

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the FY 19/20 Annual Budget. Sally would like us to create an attachment to the Budget that documents our MATCH contributions.

**D. Board approval of Marin RCD Cost Share Policy**

MOTION TO TABLE: Peter; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to TABLE the Marin RCD Cost Share Policy. Staff will bring a large display to explain various cost share scenarios showing past projects using different payment methods as examples.

**E. Board approval of Associate Director Position**

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the Associate Director Position to be extended and filled by George Clyde.

**F. Board approval of MALT Stewardship Assistance Grant Agreement**

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the MALT Stewardship Assistance Grant Agreement.

**3. CARBON FARMING**

**A. Board decision to approve carbon farm plans associated with proposed carbon farm practices.**

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve carbon farm plans associated with proposed carbon farm practices. The board would like more involvement in the planning and evaluation process. Perhaps two Board Members on the TAC, or have one Board Member responsible to learn about each project in depth and they

would report to the full Board. Sally suggests Nancy write up this discussion and bring it back to the Board.

4. CONSERVING OUR WATERSHEDS

- A. Board approval of \$36,520 Contract Amendment #C10-2018 with Sonoma RCD to implement one water quality project, #SC2019-01 in the Sonoma Creek watershed.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter to AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve the \$36,520 Contract Amendment #C10-2018 with Sonoma RCD to implement one water quality project, #SC2019-01 in the Sonoma Creek watershed.

- B. Board approval of \$2,307.92 Contract #C17-2019 with Gold Ridge RCD to provide construction oversight for dairy walkway improvement Project #2019-02 in the Walker Creek watershed.

MOTION: Mike; SECOND: Peter; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve \$2,307.92 Contract #C17-2019 with Gold Ridge RCD to provide construction oversight for dairy walkway improvement Project #2019-02 in the Walker Creek watershed

- C. Board approval of cost proposals for woven wire fence Project #2019-05 in the Estero Americano watershed.

MOTION: Peter; SECOND: Mike; AYES: Unanimous; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None, to approve cost proposals for woven wire fence Project #2019-05 in the Estero Americano watershed.

5. SAN GERONIMO VALLEY LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Board approval to authorize board representative to make executive decisions on any emergency matters in the month of September, during construction.

Sally Gale agreed to be available for executive decisions through the month of September.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 11:00 a.m.**

6. Partner Updates

- **NRCS – Drew Loganbill** presents the proposed draft of the new memorandum that describes the relationship between the NRCS and CARCD (and the local RCD). Drew also announces Ari DeLara will be leaving for a new position.
- **MALT – Jim Jensen** gives us an update on their Strategic plan which includes partnerships with everyone in the room. MALT has found there is a lot of interest and demand in the SAP program in addition to easements.
- **STRAW – Isaiah Thalmayer** - explains that they have been in pre-construction meetings for projects on Millerton and Gilardi Ranches. Their focus at Millerton is to move minimal soil, by hand vs equipment, to repair gullies. At Gilardi they will be planting a hedgerow on San Antonio Creek with maintenance being handled by the landowner. STRAW will also be working on the Corda East Ranch with MALT. They will be planting willow sprigs (in cages) and direct seeding. Finally, they will be working on the McClellan Ranch with funding from the Healthy Soils Initiative. This site has an acre and a half of blackberries that will be a challenge to get a handle on. The Board would like a visit in January to the Glenn Ranch if possible.

RCD Program Updates – 15 min:

- **Conserving Our Watersheds Program:** One project is under construction, one project will be re-bid; one is in the permitting phase and is awaiting AMMP proposal announcements.

- **Urban Streams Program:** MKAT meetings continue, Landowner's Assistance Program project funded by CDFW began on August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Carbon Farming Program:** Three projects will start construction soon. One previously implemented project will be maintained.
- **Stemple Creek Project:** Stemple Creek Cleanup activities are complete!
- **Pine Gulch Creek Project:** Marin RCD staff drafted Petition for Extension of Time to the Division of Water Rights to delay appropriate water licensing.
  
- **Media/Outreach:**
  - MIJ Editorial: "Put a stop to 'dump and dash' in West Marin"
  - Fox News TV: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/423852332-video>;
  - MIJ: "Creek clean up begins at notorious West Marin dumping ground"
  - PR Light: "Clean up underway of long time dump site on Stemple Creek tributary"
  - Radio KCBS station for SF broadcast
- **Grant Opportunities:**
  - \$350,782. Walker Creek Estuary Study. Dept Fish and Wildlife. *Pending*
  - \$10,000. Drawdown Marin. Campbell. *Pending*
  - \$60,000. CDFA Healthy Soils Tech Assistance. *Pending*
- **Finance Committee:** Finance Co meeting was held on 08/15/19 where a new FY budget and Cost Share Policy were reviewed.
- **District:**
  - Darrylin is a notary!
  - Let's go on a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour for Board of Supervisors - FALL
  - Darrylin is closing FY18-19 and scheduling for CPA and Audit.
  - October meeting will be canceled. Nancy is on vacation 10/10–10/25.
- **Landowner's calling for assistance:** 4 agricultural and 6 urban landowners requesting assistance.
  
- 1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE
  - The UDRS grant is soliciting for new proposals in September; landowners will work directly with staff to submit an application by Oct. 17th.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT
 

Sally Gale announced that her new group, the Newt Brigade has received \$1000 in contributions to fund their program of protecting newts in transit across Chileno Valley Road to the Laguna.
- 3. MEETING ADJOURNED 11.33 p.m.