

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

REGULAR BOARD

MEETING

January 8, 2024 at 6pm
305 Lincoln St.
Sierraville, CA

APPROVED

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: This is audio only. Video conference will not be available.

Phone Number: 1 (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 860 5842 7118

Passcode: 354174

MINUTES

1. **Meeting called to order at 6:06pm**
2. **Roll call** – Directors present: Rick Roberti, Annie Tipton, Bryan Griffin, Chad Smith
Not in Attendance: Lorenzo Larrucea
Others in Attendance: Victoria Fisher, Tracy Schohr UCCE, Judge Jason LaChance, Willo Vieira Plumas-Sierra Ag Commissioner
3. **Approval of Agenda**
**Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda with an amended to add the Plumas Sierra Weed Management Area MOU under Committee & Agency Reports. Director Smith seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
4. **Public Comment:** Jason LaChance introduced himself to the board. He is running for Sierra County Superior Court Judge.
5. **Approval of November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**
**Director Griffin motioned to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes. Director Tipton seconded the motion. All other directors were in favor. Motion passed.*
6. **Announcements:** None.
7. **Discussion/Action: Committee & Agency Reports**
 - A) **Agency Reports, Open Floor:** Willo Vieira reported that the ag pass is now active in both Plumas and Sierra Counties and they will work on training in the spring. She is also offering a private applicators training on January 24th at 8:30am in their office in Quincy. Tom Getts is working with Willo on a grasshopper's training/ workshop. Tracy Schohr is also looking into additional help on this. Modoc was declared a disaster area. Willo said that you need a 30% loss of crops or greater in order to be declared a disaster area. Tracy Schohr from UCCE reported that they are trying for a March workshop for the Ag Legacy training. In February, every Tuesday night, they will host a webinar with animal veterinarians for anyone who wants to join. They are also looking to this summer to host a virtual fencing workshop.
 - B) **Committee Reports:** None.
 - C) **Plumas Sierra Weed Management Area MOU- Jennifer Wiley:** Willo said that they need area agencies to sign this doc in order to form a strong work group and to obtain grant funding. *Director Smith motioned to have Victoria Fisher sign the Plumas Sierra Weed Management Area MOU on behalf of the RCD. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.*
8. **Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director's Update**

A) Financial Review/ Payment of Invoices: Director Tipton reviewed the bank statement for November and December 2023 and invoices from Victoria Fisher. Victoria reported that the payment to Danielle Bradfield was returned by Quickbooks. She has since remitted a check via mail to include the returned check fee. She is not sure why this happened.

B) General Account Balance: Account balance is \$5,986.48. No checks pending.

C) SNC #1314 Money Market Account Balance: Account balance is \$124,963.73. No checks pending.

D) SAM Registration Update, 1099's, Annual Reporting: Victoria reported that she is still trying to get SAM corrected and approved. The system is proving to be a challenge. Also, 1099's and annual reporting will be due in the next several weeks.

9. Discussion/Action: County Conditional Permitting

*Victoria is working on setting up a date with Sierra County to discuss this. Victoria will set a special meeting on a Monday or Thursday in the next month or two once she knows what will work for everyone.

10. Discussion/ Action: Allotment Grazing

*Director Roberti said that the committee he is on is still working on trying to move NEPAs forward. It is unclear whether USFS is working on this and is wondering if the board wants to pursue this issue. The board agreed that we should meet with the Sierraville Ranger District to discuss this and ask some questions.

11. Discussion/ Action: Smithneck WUI Forest Health & Fuels Reduction Project

*Nothing to report.

12. Discussion/ Action: Board Mission & RCD Future

*Strike this item from the agenda until further notice.

13. Discussion/ Action: Future Ag Project Opportunities

A) Noxious Weeds & RAC Funding: Nothing to report.

B) Sierra Valley Grasshoppers: Nothing to report.

C) Other Future Funding Opportunities: Nothing to report.

14. Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:02pm.

NEXT MEETING: Cancel February regular meeting and set a special meeting.