

Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

REGULAR BOARD

MEETING

November 8, 2021 at 6pm
305 Lincoln St.
Sierraville, CA

TELECONFERENCE INFORMATION

Note: this is audio ONLY

Phone Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 952 5446 6434

Approved

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 6:02pm.

2. Roll call – Directors present: Annie Tipton, Bryan Griffin, Rick Roberti

Not Present: Dave Goicoechea, Chad Smith

Others in Attendance: Victoria Fisher, Beth Christman, Danielle Bradfield, Supervisor Paul Roen, Tracy Schohr, Supervisor Sharon Dryden, Brandon Pangman, Shane Starr

Attendance via Teleconference: Ben McNally (NRCS)

3. Approval of Agenda

**Director Tipton motioned to approve the agenda. Director Griffin seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

4. Public Comment

**None.*

5. Approval of October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

**Director Tipton motioned to approve the October 11, 2021 minutes. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion Passed.*

6. Announcements

**Shane Starr announced there is a new infrastructure bill being putting forward by Congressman Doug LaMalfa.*

7. Discussion/ Action: Lacey Meadows Restoration Project Update, Beth Christman

**Beth Christman provided an update on the Lacey Meadows Restoration Project. Performance Standards and the upcoming submission of the grading permit were discussed. They are planning a 2023 implementation of phase 1. There is currently no funding for the lower meadow at this time. They have some stream gauges established by a professional that they have hired and are working on installing more. Final plans should be complete in the next couple weeks and they will be looking to obtain the grading permit possibly in December. Brandon Pangman from Sierra County Planning and Building assured the SVRCD Board that he will allow the board to review and comment on the grading permit application once it has been received by Sierra County. The County will not move forward on issuing the permit until the SVRCD has had time to do so. Brandon asked if they had spoken with the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control*

Board as a follow up to concerns. Beth replied that they have flows in the monitoring plan for Lahontan and Lahontan is aware of the concerns and project progress. Director Tipton asked if there was a plan in place for adverse flow. Beth responded that if this happened, they would need to determine why it might not be working and then come up with a monitoring plan following a discussion over how to correct flow issues. They will have a couple years of additional funding to assist with monitoring from which funding to correct flow issues could be pulled from. Brandon asked if Beth would present the grading permit to the County and the SVRCD in a regular meeting. Tracy asked that some baseline stream data also be shared once it is available. Beth felt that she should have that prepared by mid-January to early February.

8. Discussion/Action: Financial Report & Executive Director's Update

***Financial Review:** Annie reviewed the financials and said it all looks good. The RCD insurance invoice was presented and has been paid.

***Balance:** The account balance is \$4,057.21 with no checks pending.

***Annual Budget Approval:** The annual 2021-2022 budget was presented to the board for review and approval.

Director Tipton motioned to approve the annual SVRCD budget for 2021-2022. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

9. Discussion/Action: Committee/Agency Reports

A) Tracy Schohr reported that they are working with FSA on a drought letter signifying the final year of some FSA programs. There are some post fire grazing projects being discussed and strategizing for future grazing locations that may allow for grazing next spring. They are working on grant opportunities to help fund these projects. She also reported that UCCE is over half the way complete on fence mapping.

B) Supervisor Roen reported that the County successfully received the coordinator grant and will be looking to fill that position as soon as possible.

C) Ben McNalley from NRCS reported that there is an application deadline for EQUIP coming up December 10th, the next will be sometime in April. This one will be for post fire projects but they will also have regular EQUIP submissions open. Supervisor Roen mentioned that if Ben can send notification to Sierra County, the RCD, Tracy Schohr, etc. they can put the word out regarding the applications and deadlines.

D) Shane Starr, representing Congressman LaMalfa's office, reported that they are working hard on post fire recovery efforts.

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

*Supervisor Roen excused himself from the meeting. Victoria Fisher updated on the project and current standings of all agreements. She passed out the SNC grant agreement for review by the board. Victoria noted that she also emailed it to Danielle Bradfield, the designated project manager, to obtain input on the timeline before signing the agreement.

Victoria will be putting out a doodle poll to set a field meeting with all collaborators. She would like the board to set a 2-person committee to attend. The invite will go out to USFS, CDFW and UCCE as well. USFS will be flagging their property which will save time and money and CDFW will receiving assistance from Danielle and USFS should their help be needed. After receiving

some feedback from Danielle, the board agreed that a mandatory pre-bid tour would be required by all interested contractors.

Director Tipton motioned to approve Danielle's contract with an amendment to the start date on page 2, request a funding advance from SNC and open a Plumas Bank account once the advance funding has been received. Director Griffin seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A 2-person committee of Director Smith and Director Roberti will be assigned to the project.

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

NEXT MEETING: December 13, 2021 at 6pm, Old Sierraville School