

MINUTES
Meeting of the
GOLD RIDGE RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Thursday, June 16, 2011

Location: Gold Ridge RCD Office
14775 'b' Third Street
Occidental, CA 95465

Time: 6:05 pm-8:20 pm

II. Open Meeting (Introductions). The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

III. Call to Order (Roll Call of Directors)

Directors present: Joe Dutton, Ann Cassidy, Don Petersen

Directors absent: Bob Burke, Martin Albini

Associate Directors present: Richard Hughes

Associate Directors absent: Al Gerhardt

Staff Present: Brittany Heck, Michele Rocha, John Green, Joe Pozzi, Sierra Cantor

Others Present: Claudia Haskel, Brooke Cole from NRCS

IV. Public Comment. None

V. Informational Items

- a. Correspondence and Notices. None
- b. Strategic Plan Work Session – Claudia reviewed the plan with the board and staff. Budgets are not included because they are still being worked on. Appendices are not included and will be coming by the end of the month. Claudia recommended we appoint (1) a board treasurer and/or financial committee to oversee and develop fundraising, donor relations and event organizing, (2) a human resources committee to evaluate the E.D. and function as ombudsman, and (3) a board liaison to stakeholder groups, land owners and managers.
- c. No-Till Drill Rental Agreement Discussion; proposed rental agreement rates, late fees and other issues related to equipment rental – Brittany Heck led a discussion on the rental agreement details. We need to get insurance quotes and draft a legal agreement with our attorney. Richard suggested we have a delivery and pick up fee, with staff inspecting the cleanliness and proper operation of the drill. We will continue this item in July.
- d. Grant Status Update – Brittany Heck reviewed the grant status report. Sierra asked for ideas of how to bring forward info that NBCAI is developing, as it would be useful to agricultural producers in our District. She'll share that info with Joe Pozzi, who will bring it to the Farm Bureau; Brooke will talk to Charlette at NRCS about how the info could be disseminated through their agency.

VI. Action Items

- a. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2011.
1st Joe Dutton/2nd Ann Cassidy. Motion carried.
- b. Approval of Gold Ridge RCD 2011 Strategic Plan.

- 1st Ann Cassidy/ 2nd Joe Dutton. Motion carried.
- c. Approval to recommend Richard Hughes as a Director to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors to the Gold Ridge RCD Board of Directors.
1st Joe Dutton/2nd Ann Cassidy. Motion carried.
- d. Acceptance of Martin Albini resignation.
1st Ann Cassidy/2nd Joe Dutton. Motion carried.
- e. Approval of revised FY 09/10 Audit Submitted by Sue Goranson, CPA.
1st Ann Cassidy/2nd Joe Dutton. Motion carried.
- f. Approval for District Manager to research and make recommendations on a temporary loan to cover District costs. We need to close out our (\$300,000) line of credit at the end of July. We're owed \$390,530.27 from outstanding invoices. We will check with the county to see if the due date for the line of credit can be extended. Joe Pozzi and Joe Dutton will talk to Exchange Bank to see if a bridge loan is possible.
1st Joe Dutton/2nd Richard Hughes. Motion carried.
- g. Approval of NRCS Report. Brooke reported on NRCS activities. They'll start doing EQIP sign-ups in the fall. They have money for transitioning to organic infrastructure, as well as nutrient studies for agricultural producers. They are in the second year of European grape vine moth eradication projects.
1st Ann Cassidy/ 2nd Joe Dutton. Motion carried.
- h. Approval of Staff Report.
1st Ann Cassidy/2nd Joe Dutton. Motion carried.
- i. Approval of Bookkeepers Report. Add line of credit amount to this report in the future.
1st Ann Cassidy/2nd Joe Dutton. Motion carried.
- j. Approval of Warrant Requests.
1st Joe Dutton/2nd Ann Cassidy. Motion carried.
- k. Agenda items for July 21, 2011 Meeting. (1) What's going on with the Valley Ford School? Maybe Bob can give us an update on title at the next meeting. (2) No-till drill rental agreement.

VII. Closed Session. None.

VIII. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.