



SISKIYOU RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Etna City Council Chambers

448 Main Street, Etna, CA

MINUTES

March 2nd 2015

Approved

Our Mission: Identify conservation and watershed enhancement needs, and offer assistance to landowners and resource managers to meet those needs through technical, financial and education leadership.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- A. John Spencer, President called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by John Spencer
- C. Establish Quorum & Introductions: Introductions were completed.
 - a. **Directors Present:** John Spencer, Jeff Maddox, Caroline Luiz
 - b. **Directors Absent:** None.
 - c. **Associate Directors Present:** None.
 - d. **Staff Present:** Lindsay Magranet, Preston Harris, Peter Thamer, Erich Yokel

Public Present: Jim Patterson (NRCS), Liz Bowen
- D. Agenda Adjustments & Approval: The agenda was accepted by the Board as presented.
- E. Approval of Minutes: February 3rd 2016 Regular Board Meeting:
Motion: Maddox moved/Luiz second, to approve the February 3rd 2016 Board Meeting minutes as presented.
Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.
- F. Open Forum – 3 minute limit: There was some brief discussion about the recent newspaper article on the SVID Groundwater Recharge Experiment being led by the Scott River Water Trust.

2. Business: (DISCUSSION AND ACTION)

- A. Discussion and Action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the Siskiyou RCD, the Scott River Water Trust, the Scott River Watershed Council and the Northern California Resource Center: The most recent version of the MoU was presented and changes to the document were reviewed. Addition of a “standard-of-conduct” clause was discussed.
Motion: Luiz moved/Maddox second, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Siskiyou RCD, the Scott River Water Trust, the Scott River Watershed Council and the Northern California Resource Center with inclusion of a “standard-of-conduct” clause.
Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.
- B. Discussion and Adoption of an Organizational Water Conservation Plan: A Water Conservation Plan is required of applicants awarded funding through the CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife’s Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP). In preparation for submittal of two proposals, Lindsay compiled and presented a Water Conservation Plan for the Siskiyou RCD office space at 450 Main St., which was reviewed by attendees of the meeting.
Motion: Luiz moved/Maddox second, to adopt the Water Conservation Plan as presented.
Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.
- C. Discussion and Approval for submittal of a proposal to the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife 2016 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program for the *Patterson Creek Floodplain and Habitat Enhancement Project*: The Siskiyou RCD has an open FRGP grant agreement (RCD Ref #41-18) that has provided for the development of a habitat enhancement project on Patterson Creek, which is now ready for implementation funding. The proposed project involves hand-work by the California Conservation Corps (CCC) to fall trees across the active channel and construct log jams for the purpose of increasing pool frequency and activating the floodplain. This project qualifies for the Forest Land Anadromous Restoration (FLAR) focus so the probability of receiving funding through this pathway was considered. Details of the CCC involvement, permitting, matching contributions, monitoring effort and the estimated \$30,000 budget were discussed.

Motion: Maddox moved/Luiz second, to approve submittal of the *Patterson Creek Floodplain and Habitat Enhancement Project* to the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife 2016 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program.

Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.

- D. Discussion and Approval for submittal of a proposal to the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife 2016 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program for the *Upper Sniktaw Watershed Road Crossing Repair Project*: The Siskiyou RCD has been working with Mason, Bruce & Girard (land manager for Timbervest LLC) over the past couple of years to repair failed culverts contributing sediment to stream systems in the watershed. The Siskiyou RCD recently completed the *Scott River Mile 21 Road Crossing Repair* (RCD Ref #55-4) and has prepared a proposal for a second project of this type on Sniktaw Creek. This project would be submitted through the FLAR focus with in-kind contributions from the land manager and landowner.

Motion: Luiz moved/Maddox second, to approve submittal of the *Sniktaw Watershed Road Crossing Repair Project* to the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife 2016 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program FLAR focus.

Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.

- E. Discussion and Approval to request funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the *2016 Scott River Valley Chinook Spawning Ground Surveys*: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S. FWS) has requested Chinook spawning ground survey proposals from cooperators. Lindsay explained that due to low-flows this past fall, Chinook had limited access to the Scott Valley reaches where the Siskiyou RCD conducts surveys so the 2015 survey season funded by RCD Ref #8-11 came in well underbudget. The U.S. FWS has allowed for these remaining funds to be allocated towards the 2016 season. Therefore, the Siskiyou RCD proposes to submit a limited request by April 1st 2016 that would cover the additional \$3,250 needed for a full survey season this fall.

Motion: Maddox moved/Luiz second, to approve submittal of a proposal for the *2016 Scott River Valley Chinook Spawning Ground Surveys* to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.

- F. Discussion and Approval for submittal of a full proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath Coho Habitat Restoration Program (managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) for the *Lower French Creek Off-Channel Habitat Development Project* – \$74,980.90 Requested: The Siskiyou RCD submitted a pre-proposal to NFWF for the *Lower French Creek Off-Channel Habitat Development Project* in December and has now been requested to submit a full proposal. Aspects of the project were reviewed including permitting, matching contributions, and monitoring. The Siskiyou RCD has already provided a substantial amount of information to the review committee and therefore compiling a full proposal should be relatively easy. President Spencer abstained from voting because the project is located on a property that he recently acquired.

Motion: Luiz moved/Maddox second, to approve submittal of a full proposal to the Bureau of Reclamation's Klamath Coho Habitat Restoration Program (managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) for the *Lower French Creek Off-Channel Habitat Development Project*.

Vote: 2 ayes (Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 1 abstain (Spencer) MOTION PASSED.

- G. **Financial Report & Payment of Bills** – District Secretary

a. Balance Sheet: A Balance Sheet was presented.

b. Warrants for Approval: Two Warrants were presented for approval:

Warrant #1 \$7,483.16

Warrant #2 \$24,057.03

Motion: Maddox moved/Luiz second, to accept the Balance Sheet as presented and approve the payment of Warrant #1 in the amount of \$7,483.16 and the payment of Warrant #2 in the amount of \$24,057.03.

Vote: 3 ayes (Spencer, Maddox, Luiz), 0 noes, 0 abstain MOTION PASSED.

c. Monthly Reconciliation of the Scott Valley Bank Account: A reconciliation of the Scott Valley Bank Account was presented.

3. REPORTS:

A. Agencies – Jim Patterson explained that work at the Yreka Field Office has slowed due to office renovations and that they remain without a Registered Professional Forester on staff. He also mentioned that Lorrie Bundy is organizing several workshops this year that the RCD may want to be involved with, including one regarding Senate Bill 88.

B. Projects – Staff: Preston notified the Board that the Siskiyou RCD has been awarded funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) through the NFWF Unified Proposal for the *Prioritization and*

Development of Flow Enhancement Projects on French Creek. He will be attending a meeting with participants of the NFWF Unified Proposal and the WCB in Sacramento on March 8th 2016 to plan for the next steps. Preston also informed the Board that Lisa Van Atta, the new Assistant Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries, will be passing through the area on March 9th 2016 and is interested in meeting jointly with the RCD and the SRWT. President Spencer agreed to attend.

- C. **SRWC** – none.
- D. **SRWT** – Preston informed the Board that the SRWT is compiling funds for the 2016 monitoring season and should have a contract renewal ready for approval by the Siskiyou RCD Board at the next meeting. He is planning on expanding the amount of funding available for Siskiyou RCD staff assistance with project development tasks related to the mission of the Water Trust.
- E. **District Secretary – Correspondence & Information:** Lindsay confirmed that she submitted a request on behalf of the Siskiyou RCD to the McConnell Fund managed by the Shasta Regional Community Foundation.
- F. **Directors** – There was discussion regarding the limited number of members on the Board of Directors and Lindsay confirmed that she had publically posted the Notice of Vacancy.

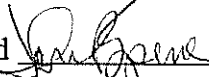
5. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:** April 6th, 2016

**Consideration of returning the Regular Meeting date to the first Thursday of the month
SRWT 2016 Monitoring Contract**

6. **ADJOURN:** With no further business President Spencer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Lindsay Magranet, District Secretary

No Corrections Corrected by Insertions _____

Approved  Date 4-6-2016
John Spencer, President

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