

To BOS & GS
5/30/18

HONEY LAKE VALLEY
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Location: USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville, CA 96130

Present: Board: Jesse Claypool Wayne Langston
Will Johnson Laurie Tippin

Staff: Ian Sims Merry Wheeler

Attendees: Tiffany Russell, NRCS

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Board Chair Jesse Claypool called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm, pledge of allegiance was done and quorum was noted. Board Member Dave Schroeder was absent.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

BC Claypool stated that future agendas would be arranged as follows:

Item VI.	Items for Board Action and/or Discussion - RCD
Item VII.	Recess of RCD Portion of Meeting
Item VIII.	Items for Board Action and/or Discussion – Watermaster
Item IX.	Recess of Watermaster Portion of Meeting
Item X.	Reconvene RCD Portion of Meeting
Item XI.	Adjournment

Board Member Will Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda, Board Member Laurie Tippin seconded and the motion passed with incorporated changes. All.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Per RCD Board Policy No. 5030.4.1, during this portion of the meeting any member of the public is permitted to make a brief statement, express his/her viewpoint, or ask a question regarding matters related to the District. Five (5) minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty (20) minutes to each subject matter.

None.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Approval of 2/28/18 regular meeting minutes.
- B. Approval of February/March 2018 Treasurer's Report.

BM Tippin made a motion to approve the consent items, BM Johnson seconded and the motion passed. All.

V. REPORTS

- A. District Manager Report – Sims.

District Manager Ian Sims presented his report. He noted that he is inquiring about employee health care coverage with Covered California and also mentioned that a CSDA Policy Manual had been purchased. He stated the DOC grant is moving forward and that there are funds available for Board members to

attend trainings, workshops, etc. He also said Watermaster Mitch Otto has been installing measurement devices and that the irrigation season started March 1st.

B. Correspondence – Wheeler.

Executive Secretary Merry Wheeler stated no correspondence had been received.

C. NRCS Agency Report – Peitz.

District Conservationist Eric Peitz was not at the meeting. He did submit his report which was available in the Board agenda packet.

D. Lassen SWAT – Tippin/Sims.

There was nothing new to report.

E. Buffalo Skedaddle-Sage Grouse Working Group – Schroeder.

Although BM Schroeder was not in attendance, it was noted that a Fire Break and Green Stripping workshop would be held in May and that RCD presence would be appreciated.

F. WAC Report – Langston.

BM Langston stated there was a WAC meeting held 3/8/18 and that policies and measuring devices were discussed. He also said the WAC reviewed the budget.

G. Modoc Regional RCD/CARCD Report – Tippin.

BM Tippin stated she had not received any input from the Modoc RCD regarding the upcoming regional meeting and that NRCS staff will be involved in trainings during both weeks the meeting might have been held. She said maybe there might not be a meeting this time due to time constraints and lack of responses from other RCDs. BM Johnson said he felt there was still value in having it.

There was no CARCD report.

H. Fire Safe Council Report – Johnson.

BM Johnson was not able to attend the meeting.

I. IRWMP Report – Claypool.

Discussions within the Lahontan funding region have taken place regarding invoicing expectations and grant deliverables of the DACI grant. The City has a new project manager who will be facilitating RWMG meetings.

J. Unagendized Reports by Board Members.

BM Johnson spoke about the Susanville Indian Rancheria (SIR) meeting to be held at 3:30 pm on 3/30/18. The address is 745 Joaquin Street and he encouraged the Board to attend.

BC Claypool stated he attended the SDRMA Spring Education Day on 3/20/18. The main subject of the meeting was "Predictable is Preventable" and concerned understanding risk management. He felt it was very educational.

VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – RCD

A. Information and discussion on California Department of Food and Agriculture's Healthy Soils Initiative – Tiffany Russell, NRCS.

Ms. Russell provided information on California Department of Food and Agriculture's Healthy Soils Initiative. By implementing various practices listed on an application (in agenda packet), farmers, ranchers, tribes, producers are eligible for grants of up to \$50,000. The RCD might be interested in presenting this

grant opportunity to producers via workshops or community meetings. The RCD may be interested in sharing information about carbon planning as well.

B. Information and discussion on Intermountain West Joint Venture's Wet Meadow Initiative – Tiffany Russell, NRCS.

The Intermountain West Joint Venture's Wet Meadow Initiative is funded through the Department of Fish and Wildlife and SONEC (Southern Oregon Northeastern California) and is about preserving bird habitats in those areas. She noted that 70% of birds use private lands while migrating. There is also a potential to provide flood irrigation infrastructure with this initiative. Again, the RCD might be interested in presenting this grant opportunity to producers via workshops or community meetings.

C. FYE 19 RCD/WM budget – first reading – Sims.

DM Sims discussed the FYE 19 RCD/WM budget. Moving forward, he plans to send out budget actuals information monthly rather than quarterly. He also explained the new budget template and explained the revenue process. DM Sims also briefly discussed the WM budget and contingency fund.

D. Strategic/Annual Operation Plan Review – second reading - Sims.

DM Sims stated he has revised the language and responsibilities on some tasks. BM Tippin felt that specific dates should be identified, or at least designated as "quarterly" or "annually". BC Claypool said it "looked good".

E. Update on proposal and decision to sell lunch at the Susanville Area Bicycle Association Dirt Riders "Ridin' High at the Ranch" mountain bike race on 5/26/18 – Tippin/Johnson.

After much discussion it was determined there were simply not enough RCD board members or staff to provide coverage at the lunch booth on 5/26/18. BM Tippin made a motion to sell lunch at the Susanville Area Bicycle Association Dirt Riders "Ridin' High at the Ranch" mountain bike race on 5/26/18. The motion died for lack of a second.

F. Summary highlights of attendance at CARCD's Advocacy Training – Tippin.

BM Tippin attended CARCD's Advocacy Training in Sacramento on March 12-13, 2018. Several attendees met with a representative from Senator Ted Gaines' office, and it was very beneficial to practice making presentations to officials. BM Tippin felt it was a very good training and recommended it to other board members.

VII. RECESS OF RCD PORTION OF MEETING

Per Government Code 54952.3, the RCD portion of the meeting was recessed in order for the WM Board to meet.

VIII. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION - WATERMASTER

The WM Board convened a new meeting at 5:55 PM.

A. Consideration and approval to pay Lozano Smith Invoice No. 2046708 dated 3/12/18 in the amount of \$87.00 – Claypool.

BM Johnson made a motion to pay Lozano Smith Invoice No. 2046708 dated 3/12/18 in the amount of \$87.00, BM Langston seconded and the motion passed. All. DM Sims directed ES Wheeler to split the payment between the RCD and WM accounts (\$43.50 each).

IX. RECESS OF WM PORTION OF MEETING

X. RECONVENE RCD PORTION OF MEETING

The RCD portion of the meeting was reconvened at 6:09 PM.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

BM Tippin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, BM Langston seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. All.

The next scheduled Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting is Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville, CA 96130.

Respectfully submitted,



:For Merry Wheeler

Merry Wheeler
Executive Secretary

APPROVED:



Jesse Claypool, RCD Board Chairperson

DATE:

April 25, 2018

meeting minutes 3-28-18 revised