



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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BOARD MEETING

Minutes for June 13, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:20 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Barraclough, Casdorff, Hammond. Absent Director Duggan. Present Jillian Wood, Conservation Technician. NRCS: Arnelis Crespo Public: Carolyn Moranda.
3. **Amend the Agenda:** No changes
4. **Public Comment** None
5. **Minutes:** Director Barraclough made a motion to approve May 9, 2024 minutes with revisions. Director Hammond second. All ayes.
6. **Financial Report:** Main checking as of June 10th, has \$20,387.02. Grant fund as of June 7th is \$860.29. Kern Fund for next fiscal year is \$22,647.13. Financial Statement problems are not corrected with Balancing Act. Payroll also has an issue. Director Barraclough presented the July and August 2023 Financial Statements. Director Hammond made a motion to approve. Director Casdorff second. All ayes. Audit for the 2022/2023 year is not started yet. Director Barraclough is finishing financials and will look into a new accounting firm and the 2024/25 budget for a special meeting.
7. **NRCS:** Tejon Ranch Conservancy has received 2 grants from NRCS. They have 9 contracts for CSP with private landowners. Obligated about \$500,000. NRCS wants to have a community meeting in Tehachapi. We need to pick a date and do media. Maybe in August. Ms. Crespo will get back to us.
8. **Staff Report:** Ms. Wood reported that many private citizens are asking for help from NRCS but they do not qualify to receive EQIP or CSP. She will be setting up NRCS community meeting. Also NRCS has grants for composting. Ms. Wood is going to NRCS office more often and receiving training to help them more. She is learning ARCGIS. Poster contest this year "May the Forest be with you". For Fall School year 2024. There is a scholarship program for Regenerative Tech Assistant Certificate through Chico State. She would like to attend and will research.
9. **New Business:** Director seat. Dr. Fulks is interested being on the board. He and Director Casdorff will work on items that are needed to get him to the Kern County Board of Supervisors for review and approval.
10. **Old Business:**
 - a) **NRCS Grant:** Almost out of NACD grant money.
 - b) **Ecology Center:** We will get a recycle bin for organics. We can get compostable bags on Amazon. Director Hammond went to White Forest and bought two large pots. The toilet needs top lid. Director Hammond said he would work on front doors for paint and drafts. Director Casdorff will go to Home Depot for new toilet handle.
 - c) **TRCD Nursery:** We have a few plants left. We need 3 gallon pots for transplanting.
 - d) **Cerro Coso College MOU:** Not finalized yet.
 - e) **Postpone Items G and H.**
11. **Board Member Comment:** None
12. **Adjourn:** Director Casdorff made motion to adjourn Director Barraclough second. All ayes. Adjourned 12:45 pm

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