



Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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BOARD MEETING

Minutes for April 11, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:07 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Barraclough, Casdorff, Hammond and Duggan. Present Arnelis Crespo, NRCS and Jillian Wood, Conservation Technician. Public: Dr. Peter Fulks, Cerro Coso College. Paige Lanteigne, Tehachapi Community Garden.
3. **Amend the Agenda:** No changes
4. **Public Comment** Dr. Fulks gave the board fire class pamphlets from the college. Ms. Lanteigne talked about the Tehachapi community garden is doing a Tea for Mother's day and Salsa for Father's Day.
5. **Minutes:** None
6. **Financial Report:** No financial reports. Director Barraclough told the Board that there is a fee to transfer Kern funds so she will be doing large amounts at once. All of last years budget is now in checking. Checking has \$7,408.49, kern funds \$16,105.70 and grant account has \$8577. Paypal won't transfer money yet from plant sales as they do it monthly.
7. **NRCS:** Ms Crespo said they have many EQIP contracts. Including Tehachapi Community Garden.
8. **Staff Report:** Ms. Wood said lots of plant sales on line. She has also visited the Tejon Conservancy with NRCS. The Board made mention of possibly donating left over plants to the community garden after the sale.
9. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Ecology Center Update:** Director Hammond left at 11:35 am. Side gate for building will have a temporary blockage, We need to inventory tools and label them. Additional Tools may be available for fire prevention purposes. Mono/Inyo RCD has them and rents them out such as weed whackers. Director Casdorff will try to fix our signs outside before sale.
 - b) **Cerro Coso College MOU:** Not finalized yet.
 - c) **TRCS Nursery:** Have to repot existing last year plants. Will do Friday before sale.
 - d) **PCI:** Payment Card Industry Compliance. This is for anyone that accepts credit cards. New laws. Director Hammond made a motion to adopt PCI Compliance Data Security Standards for any person that accepts credit cards for the TRCD as amended by the treasurer. Director Casdorff second. All ayes
 - e) **Plant Sale:** Ms. Wood did an Event on facebook. Everything is going forward.
 - f) **Trees for Schools:** Director Hammond gave report that we are on for this year. School District will dig holes. Next year should do fall planting so not interfering with state testing at schools.
 - g) **Plant Sale:** Director Barraclough getting money box together min. \$300. Kern County Ag Commissioner will be contacted day of delivery for inspection. Milk weed nursery we should plant in our yard at TRCD.
 - h) **Weed Management Area Meeting:** Director Barraclough will bring Ms. Wood. She will also post on facebook if someone wants to help with this committee.
 - i) **NACD/NRCS Grants** Directors Barraclough and Casdorff will meet April 16th to do reports. 9:00 am.
 - j) **Waiver for Volunteers:** Director Barraclough made a motion to accept the waiver for our plant sale and other venues. Director Duggan second. All ayes.

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10. **Board Member Comment:** International Compost Awareness Week in May. Director Barraclough owns Kiss the Ground DVD. Dr. Fulks has equipment we can borrow. TRCD should show the movie on Saturday ayt 11th. Advertise at plant sale. Free admission. 7:30 pm. Dr Fulks has popcorn machine. Committee of Dr. Fulks, Director Barraclough and Ms. Wood.
11. **Adjourn:** Director Casdorff made motion to adjourn Director Duggan second. All ayes. Adjourned 12:10 pm