

SHASTA VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Siskiyou County, California

MINUTES

Summarized **MINUTES** from the Board of Directors' Regular monthly meeting of the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District, in Yreka, California, on Wednesday, March 20th, 2024.

This meeting was conducted as a live in-person meeting with remote access for those who wished to attend via Zoom. The location for the meeting was the Siskiyou Economic Development Council conference room, 1512 S. Oregon Street; Yreka, CA.

Directors Present: Jay Perkins, Mike Luiz, Ryan Walker, Bill Hirt

Directors Absent: Zach Salvestro

Associate Directors: None

Staff Present: Rod Dowse, Patty Grantham, Ayn Perry, Dan Blessing

Guests: Alisa Scholberg, contract bookkeeper, Jim Patterson, NRCS District Conservationist

Call to Order

After a quorum was established, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Chair Ryan Walker.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and adjusted by common consent. Three items were added.

<u>Introductions</u> None needed. <u>Public Comment:</u> None. <u>Presentations</u>; None

Approval of Minutes

Walker presented the Minutes for approval. *ACTION:* Approve Minutes for February 21st, 2024. *MOTION:* Perkins; *SECOND:* Luiz. *Approved by Voice Vote:* AYES: Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Hirt *Noes*: None *Abstentions*: None *Motion Approved*

Financial Report:

Scholberg presented the Financial Report for discussion and approval. She notes the new format and new dates for this report. The bank balance is \$382,316.60. Total assets are \$1,547,583.86, including accounts receivable of \$982,605.36. Total Liabilities are \$871,795.99, including Accounts Payable of \$850,259.66. *ACTION:* Approve Financial Report for February 2024. *MOTION:* Perkins, *SECOND:* Hirt, *Approved by Voice Vote:* AYES: Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, *Noes*: None *Abstentions*: None *Motion Carried.*

Ratify Payroll

Scholberg reviewed the payroll with the Board for February 2024 in the amount of \$31,428.06. **ACTION**: Approve Payroll. **MOTION**: Luiz, **SECOND**: Hirt, **Approved by Voice Vote**: **AYES**: Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, **NOES**: None; **ABSTENTIONS**: None. **Motion Approved**.

Approval of Bills

Scholberg presented the February bills for review and approval. Warrants for \$162,689.12, were submitted for approval. *ACTION:* Approve Bills for Payment. *MOTION:* Hirt, *SECOND*: Perkins, *Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:* Walker, Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, *NOES:* None; *ABSTENTIONS:* None. *Motion Approved.*

\$12,757.97
\$5,405.59
\$1,354.64
\$1,862.50
\$109.00
\$18.00
\$36.00
\$30.00
\$30.00
\$323.90
\$2,566.34
\$1,022.00

Grant Invoices:	\$149,931.15
Jefferson Resource	\$40,671.06
Jefferson Resource	\$604.36
Northern CA Resource Ctr	\$3,000.00
Quercus Consultants	\$3,080.00
UC Regents	\$10,000.00
34 North	\$82,456.00
PBM Trailers	\$8,787.69
Great Basin Seed	\$213.54
Floral Native Nursery	\$643.50
Siskiyou Farm Bureau	\$475.00

Budget Transfers: None

Approval of Donations Received: None

Correspondence: None

Business - Discussion and Possible Action

- **3.1 Officer Elections.** Dowse and the Board agreed by common consent to re-appoint Ryan Walker as Board Chair and Bill Hirt as Vice Chair for another term.
- **3.2** Walker presented on a motion "in principle" or form to assist the Siskiyou County Farm Bureau with their CDFW grant Agreement for stockwater systems implementation. MWCD will be the grant conduit and the point of contract for SVRCD will be Brandon Fawaz. *MOTION:* Hirt, *SECOND*: Perkins, *Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:* Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, *NOES:* None; *ABSTENTIONS:* Walker. *Motion Approved.*
- **3.3 Resolution 24-001:** Discussion and action on Resolution authorizing execution of Application and Agreement for Social Security for employees of the SVRCD who are members of the Calpers 457 Plan. Dowse led the

discussion. *MOTION to authorize:* Luiz, *SECOND*: Perkins, *Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:* Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, Walker *NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None. Motion Approved.*

- **3.4** Discussion and possible action on a request from The Watershed Center in Hayfork, CA for SVRCD to serve as a regional grant sponsor for a Forestry and Fuels program. Blessing explained that the request is for a fiscal agent for North Coast Regional Partnership (NCRP) for 3 years for a biomass study. **MOTION to assume regional sponsor role:** Hirt, **SECOND**: Perkins, **Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:** Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, Walker **NOES:** None; **ABSTENTIONS:** None. **Motion Approved.**
- **3.5** Discussion and possible action Re SVRCD serving as the lead agency for CEQA for Jefferson Resource Company and Siskiyou Firesafe Council. Dowse continued a discussion from February on the need for lead agency (CEQA and NEPA) assistance for some nonprofit organizations that we work with or NGOs. SVRCD can be a lead agency as a special district. *MOTION:* Luiz, *SECOND*: Hirt, *Approved by Voice Vote: AYES:* Perkins, Luiz, Hirt, Walker *NOES:* None; *ABSTENTIONS:* None. *Motion Approved.*

Staff and Project Reports

Blessing reported on projects and funding. The miller Mt. pre-bid walk through is scheduled for March 19th. Forestry staff is taking NEPA training. The Dunsmuir Firesafe grant includes 400 homes in the Dunsmuir canyon which are considered very prone to fire impacts. The Craggy Project includes 500 acres of post McKinney Fire clean up.

Grantham reported on her Siskiyou Prescribed Burn Association (PBA) work so far. She is becoming familiar with all the projects, doing outreach and catching up on some paperwork that was lagging.

Other Agency/Group Reports:

Patterson gave a very brief NRCS report.

Closed Session: None

Meeting Adjourned -

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm by Chairman Walker.

Next Meeting: April 17th, 2024.

Future Agenda Items:

Annual Monitoring Report 2023

Long Range Plan

Board Retreat/BBQ

Invite Crystal Robinson or Morgan Knechtle from CDFW to a meeting

Minutes submitted by Ayn Perry on 4/7/2024

Minutes approved as typed as corrected.		
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