



TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2024 * 5:30 PM

Board Members Present: (In Person) Mike Rourke, Kent Collard, John Ritz, Mary Ellen Grigsby

Board Members Absent: Josh Brown

Associate Board Members Present: None

District Staff: Kelly Sheen, Joan Caldwell, Marla Walters

Other Agency Staff:

Guests: None

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:36 PM by M. Rourke.

2.0 Discuss/Take Action on Approval of Agenda

MSC – K. Collard/J. Ritz to approve the Agenda.

The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes

3.1 Discuss and Approve Minutes of the February 28, 2024 Meeting

MSC – K. Collard/M. Grigsby to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2024 Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Financial Reports

4.1 Discuss Updated January Monthly Financial Report

J. Caldwell reported that January is still in the negative for \$16,000 for the month. However, there is more invoicing to do. CAL FIRE is done through February.



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4.2 Discuss February Monthly Financial Report

J. Caldwell reported that CalTrans invoices still need to be done. Also, the crews are almost all back to work, minus Botany and the new Forestry Techs.

4.3 Discuss/Approve List of Warrants for February 2024

M. Grigsby questioned the Costco purchases. J. Caldwell explained the situation with our new Costco Citi Card, the loss of our debit card, and the anticipated use of a Chase Business card. We do have a CalCard, but the limit is only \$10K and there are no benefits to using it.

MSC: M. Grigsby/J. Ritz to approve the February 2024 warrants in the amount of \$217,594.34.

The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Projects Reports

Discussion was held about the Odd Fellows' Camp road problems. C. Tarwater, Roads Manager, has been trying unsuccessfully to find funding but the TCRCD did donate some materials and labor for emergency work.

6.0 NCRS Report

C. Cole was not in attendance due to a family emergency.

7.0. Trinity Collaborative Report

K. Sheen reported that the Recreation subcommittee of the Collaborative met on March 8. There was an Open House regarding the Minersville Boat ramp, held in Trinity Center that was well-attended. Also new to the discussion was an announcement that the owners of Cedar Stock will not be opening the marina in Trinity Center this season. The Forest Service will be meeting with them to discuss that.

The full Collaborative also met, on March 15. More discussion was held regarding the Wildfire Alert cameras. T. Jones brought up a five-year plan for discussion. Lastly, the April field tour has not yet been scheduled.

8.0 Discuss/Take Action on the Notice of Exemption Under Statutory Exemption Class 4, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (Trinity Knolls Fuels Reduction Project)



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Brief discussion took place about the project, which will be for the Trinity Center VFD. M. Grigsby moved that the Board adopt the staff recommendation on the Notice of Exemption. J. Ritz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

9.0 Discuss/Take Action on the Notice of Exemption Under Statutory Exemption Class 4, Section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land (Middle Trinity Fuels Reduction Phase I, Lewiston Area)

Discussion took place about the project. K. Sheen described that the fuels treatment will be similar to Browns Mountain. M. Rourke noted it would be nice to have before and after photos, using a drone, to show the community.

M. Grigsby moved that the Board adopt the staff recommendation on the Notice of Exemption. J. Ritz seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

10.0 Discuss/Take Action on Voting for CARCD Board Officers

K. Collard shared that he had attended the Zoom meeting, which ended up without a quorum; no vote was taken. A discussion of the candidates took place. After discussion, K. Collard moved that the TCRCD board vote for Peter Braudrick and Harold Singer. M. Grigsby seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

11.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

No reports.

12.0 District Manager's Report

K. Sheen reported the following:

- Regarding the question raised at the last meeting about Fish and Wildlife removing brown brook trout: this has been confirmed; the intent is to remove them from 70 different lakes throughout the Trinity Alps, where they have decimated amphibians and invertebrates. Brook trout are non-native to the lakes in the area.
- TCRCD board meeting notices now appear on the Journal's government calendar listing.
- The Botany department had two candidates and will be making a job offer to one of them soon.



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- The State Coastal Conservancy has a block grant opportunity in the amount of \$6 million. We are working on the proposal, in which several North Coast RCD's would participate. It is due April 1. It would provide excellent Match for federal projects.
- The RAC awards have been funded and letters are going out to applicants.
- We will likely receive more requests to be CEQA lead.
- The WRTC NFWF request was reduced.
- Sheen finished a financial plan for Collaborative Facilitation which will be in the approximate amount of \$136,000.
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13.0 Closed Session: Government Code § 54957(b): District Manager's Report

No closed session.

14.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM by M. Rourke.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of April, 2024. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2024, were duly adopted by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

(Secretary Signature)