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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE RCD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 1:00 pm**

**NRCS Escondido Office: 900 CANTERBURY PLACE, STE. 320, ESCONDIDO, CA 92025**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Don Butz, Marilyn Huntamer, Jim Thompson, Alexander Balkin, Cody Petterson  
**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Jordan Gascon  
**VACANCIES:** One  
**ASSOC. DIRECTORS PRESENT:** None  
**ASSOC. DIRECTORS ABSENT:** DK Nasland, Jo MacKenzie  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** RCD Staff: Ann Baldrige & Chris Foran; Mel Lions from Wild Willow Farm; Raul Alvarado and Christian Larson from NRCS; Steve Boehmer from McDougal, Love, Boehmer, Foley, Lyon & Canlas; Baron Willis, LAFCO Candidate (arrived late)

**1. CALL TO ORDER, DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM, INTRODUCTIONS**

The Board meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

**2. ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (GOV. CODE 54954.2 (B))**

None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Public may comment on agenda items when they are discussed. Speakers are asked to limit comments to three minutes (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)).

Baron T. Willis, recently elected Regular LAFCO Special District Member, arrived late and briefly addressed the Board.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4-1** Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2019.

**4-2** Note and file monthly Treasurer’s Reports for March 2019.

**4-3** Approve monthly expenses for March and April 2019.

Motion/Second (Balkin/Gascon) to approve consent calendar. Passed Unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Balkin, and Petterson. Absent: Gascon.

**5. STAFF AND OTHER REPORTS**

**5-1** Executive Director – Sheryl Landrum (report attached).

**5-2** Grant Status Spreadsheets (attached).

**6. OTHER AGENCY, DIRECTOR, ASSOC DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE, AND ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**6-1** CARCD Report: Next meeting is in May. Sheryl elected to CARCD Board. Working on Division 9 rewrite to expand the language beyond “Dust Bowl” emphasis to all areas of resource conservation.

**6-2** Director/Assoc. Director/and Other Activity Reports: No reports

**6-3** NRCS Report – Raul Alvarado discussed district visit from Christine Chavez, representing USDA Public Affairs Outreach, and Cesar Chavez’ granddaughter. He introduced the new forester, Christian Larson, who is available to help with new grants. He also discussed the need for a full time farm services person in San Diego, the National Air Quality Initiative (NAQI), and Conservation Stewardship (CSP) Program.

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**7. BOARD ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 7-1 Wild Willow:** Discuss/Approve partnership agreement with Wild Willow.  
Motion/Second (Huntamer/Thompson) to approve partnership agreement – with insurance details added – and authorize Sheryl Landrum to sign agreement on behalf of RCD.  
Passed Unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Balkin, and Petterson. Absent: Gascon.
- 7-2 Solid Ground Consulting:** Discuss/Approve hiring Solid Ground Consulting for some organizational structuring consulting.  
Motion/Second (Balkin/Petterson) to authorize up to \$7,500 plus travel costs for Solid Ground Consulting for organizational consulting. Passed Unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Balkin, and Petterson. Absent: Gascon.
- 7-3 Upper San Luis Rey:** Discuss/Approve MOU with Upper San Luis Rey for fire prevention activities.  
Motion/Second (Huntamer/Thompson) to approve MOU with Upper San Luis Rey. Passed Unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Balkin, and Petterson. Absent: Gascon.
- 7-4 Purchase of BS Walk-behind Tractor and Implements:** Discuss/Approve the purchase of a tractor for the TRV.  
Motion/Second (Huntamer/Balkin) to continue discussion at June Board meeting with specific pricing on exact model/attachments. Passed Unanimously: Butz, Huntamer, Thompson, Balkin, and Petterson. Absent: Gascon.
- 7-5 Scholarship:** Review Senior Awards Night calendar and have Board members sign up to present scholarships to winners.  
Board reviewed schedule and signed up for all but one awards night. RCD Staff to fill in.

**8. Closed Session:**

**8-1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957**

Title: Executive Director.

Direction given, no action taken.

*The above matters described on the agenda may be held in closed session in a conference with counsel under the provisions of Government Code Section stated above. If closed sessions are held, a report of actions subject to disclosure will be made by the District's Counsel upon return to open session respectively.*

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10. ADJOURNMENT & AGENDA SETTING**

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm. June meeting to be held at Nasland Engineering, 4740 Ruffner Street, San Diego CA 92111

Respectfully submitted,



Sheryl Landrum