Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions**

   The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Director Lanman. Directors Lariz and Leikam were also present.

2. **Review and Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

   *Motion: Approve the agenda as presented. (Lariz/Leikam; 3-0-0)*

   *Motion: Approve the minutes as presented. (Lariz/Leikam; 3-0-0)*

3. **Public Comment Period**

   Director Lariz encourage those in attendance to make a visit to Veggielution Community Farm.

4. **Review and Approval of Expenses**

   *Motion: Approve payment of expenses as presented. (Lariz/Leikam; 3-0-0)*

5. **Agency Reports (NRCS, SCVWD)**

   Frank Maitski, Deputy Operating Officer for SCVWD, gave an update on SCVWD activities being conducted to respond to the ongoing drought. NRCS was unable to attend the meeting.

6. **Director Reports**

   Director Lariz updated the Board on his outreach to Veggielution Community Farms and ongoing issues relating to Permanente Creek.

   Director Leikam was contacted by a biologist from the Netherlands for photos of the gray fox for inclusion in an upcoming book on canids of the world.

   Director Lanman updated the board on progress updating the Guadalupe Creek Wikipedia page; his efforts to have USGS include the creeks on its maps; news regarding work by the Napa RCD relative to the genetics of the Napa Chinook; submittal of his 4th paper to the California Fish and Wildlife Board; and a paper he is about to finish demonstrating that wolves and coyotes are native to California.
7. **Staff Reports (moved to later in the agenda)**

*President Castillo entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and assumed the responsibilities of chairing the meeting.*

8. **Projects and Programs (discussed out of order to accommodate members of the public present for the discussions).**

   a. **2014 Urban Streams Restoration Program grant opportunity** – ED Moreno reviewed the staff report and recommended the Board start thinking of potential projects and partners so as to be prepared to submit a grant application when the final guidelines are released. The Directors are interested in a possible project.

   b. **Request for support for researchers’ field travel expenses related to an existing *Oncorhynchus Mykiss* PIT-tagging project on the Guadalupe River and Pond A8** – The Directors discussed the request for travel funding, but thought funding might have more of an impact if it were directed to installation of an additional antennae or purchase of one or more wands for volunteers to help with monitoring. Further discussion needed.

   c. **Request for support for Veggielution Community Farm programs.** – Mark Medeiros of Veggielution reported on the success of the hedgerow project, and answered questions regarding the need for additional operational support. ED Moreno reviewed her staff report and recommendation of support for the upcoming Bounty of Heart’s Delight Dinner.

   

   Motion: **Approve sponsorship of upcoming dinner in the amount of $2,500, and authorize ED to continue discussions regarding additional projects to help support the efforts of Veggielution.** *(Lanman/Lariz: 4-0-0)*

   d. **Collaboration with SAGE relative to the CDFA Specialty Crop Block Grant *Revitalizing Specialty Crop Agriculture in the Coyote Valley*** – ED Moreno reviewed the staff report, which gave background on a prior commitment to SAGE in the form of fee-for-service, as well as in-kind assistance. Because of the current transition with a new ED, it was recommended that Moreno meet with SAGE and Loma Prieta RCD (LPRCD) to see if the services could be provided by LPRCD, with facilitation by GCRCD.

   e. **Update on letter to CADFW regarding Stevens-Permanente Creek watershed.** – Carson Cox reviewed a draft letter; the Board recommended some changes and authorized him to send it.

   f. **Roundtable discussion regarding current project priorities, and potential new projects and partnerships.** – Susan Meyer, Executive Director for Loma Prieta RCD, was on hand to give an update on her district’s activities, and mentioned the possibility of the two districts entering into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow her to provide mobile irrigation lab services within the GCRCD boundaries. She and ED Moreno also updated the Board on the Livestock and Land program currently in place in various other RCDs.

   g. **To provide guidance and direction to the new ED, the Board discussed other potential projects and priorities for the District; discussion included the need for a wildlife crossing along Highway 101 in the Coyote Valley.** The Board decided it would be helpful to hold a field trip in that area. Director Lanman mentioned that he would be available to attend a day meeting if it was held the week of August 25, 2014. ED Moreno will coordinate the field trip.
9. **District Administration**
   a. Selection of new district logo. (Director Lariz abstained from participation in this discussion as a Board member due to a potential conflict of interest). - The Board reviewed the three options developed as potential logos. Discussion included the need to add an urban feature to the logo. Consensus of the Board was to pay the invoice to Not Just Fax for the preliminary work, and continue the item for further discussion.
   
   b. Board member coverage under the State Compensation Insurance Fund policy. – ED Moreno reviewed the staff report, and recommended the Board consider adding coverage for themselves, as they are occasionally in the field. ED Moreno will get a quote from SCIF to add the Board members.
   
   c. Proposed changes to telephone/DSL services. – Continued until the next meeting.

10. **Staff Reports (moved from earlier in the agenda)**
    a. Executive Director Stephanie Moreno reviewed a written report to the Board on her activities since she began her position on July 21, 2014.
    b. Carson Cox, River Right Consulting, provided a report to the Board on his activities during the last month.

11. **Adjournment until the next regular meeting of September 10, 2014.**