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Lorri Pride, President, Mike Landini, Vice President, Mike Yalow, Secretary/Treasurer
Bruce Roundy, Donnan Arbuckle, Jerry Ehorn, Jim Giachino

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Anjanette Shadley Martin, Chet Vogt, Danielle Spring Groteguth, Greg Massa, Jill Egly, Karalissa Cutler, Karissa Leonard,
Laura Powell, Peter Carley, Susan Steuben

Staff:

Kandi Manhart, District Manager, Claudia Street, Conservation Planner

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 21, 2008
Time: 8:00 a.m. to Noon (***OPEN HOUSE followed from Noon to 3:00 p.m.***)
Location: Willows USDA Service Center
132 North Enright Avenue, Suite C
Willows, CA 95988

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Mike Yalow, Bruce Roundy, Donnan Arbuckle, and Mike Landini.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Lorri Pride, Jim Giachino, and Jerry Ehorn.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT: Peter Carley and Chet Vogt.

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OTHERS PRESENT: Margie Graham, DWR; Jamison Watts, NCRLT; Bill Krueger and Betsy Karle, UCCE; Graham Matthews, GMA; Patti Turner, Colusa County RCD; Joe Green, River Partners, Supervisor; Rob Vlach, Lyle Thompson, Stacy Kavanaugh, and Dennis Nay, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Kandi Manhart, District Manager.

I. CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Landini at 8:05 a.m. He stated that President Pride was unable to attend the meeting due to prior obligations. Landini asked those present to introduce themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT (limit 5 minutes): None.

III. DISTRICT REPORTS

A. Directors and Associate-Directors

Roundy – He reported he would like Manhart to contact all FFA Advisors to schedule a meeting in August; the meeting's purpose is to discuss a field day for this fall.

Arbuckle – He reported he attended the Water Advisory Committee; they reported that groundwater measurements are lower than normal, however not as bad as expected due to the lack of rainfall the past two years. Arbuckle added he will be sitting on one of their committees to create guidelines for pumping operations; these guidelines will be beneficial so pumping will not affect neighbors. Arbuckle also noted the Ag Department is requesting information on current well problems (i.e. low water pressure, etc.); Manhart noted she has the press release with additional information.

Vogt – He reported he attended the California Rangeland Conservation Coalition (CRCC) last month; the hot topic was water quality. It was reported parva caused the contamination in vegetables; therefore, cattle were ruled out in contaminating the irrigation water. They also talked about Safe Harbor program opportunities through Fish and Wildlife Service and Fish and Game; program is available in Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, and Butte Counties. The program allows an inventory of endangered species to be taken, if the inventory is zero and development occurs to encourage the inventory to five, the removal of five endangered species is permitted. Vogt said the program is completely voluntary. Landini noted he asked Tracy Schohr, CRCC Director about RCD participation, but hasn't heard back from her.

Yalow – He reported the Central Sacramento Valley RC&D will be reimbursed for conducting California Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils business. Also, BBI is moving forward and will be performing site visits to similar bio-energy plants. He suggested the RCD follow-up with the landowners in Orland whose property burned on Stony Creek. Manhart noted her and Street will be meeting with Nancy Sailsbery, City Planner and will ask her for the landowners' information. Arbuckle suggested writing the County a letter also. Yalow discussed a report provided by the Chief of Cal Fire at a League of Cities meeting; the recent fire storm was caused by critical drought and a strange weather system that caused 6,000 to 8,000 lightning strikes throughout California. Over 700,000 acres had been burned. Vogt noted work performed in the Modock National Forest due to Bald Eagle habitat should be expanded; the forest is clean and beautiful with little understory.

Landini – He reported he attended the Farm Bureau's Open House; Congressman Herger, Assemblyman LaMalfa and the President of California Farm Bureau, Doug Mosebar was in attendance. He added he attended the Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program meeting and Manhart is doing a good job for them, they seem to be pleased; she was elected as Secretary for their Board. Discussion occurred on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program; Vogt encouraged the creation of management plans to be ahead of water quality regulation. Arbuckle said there were plenty of Best Management Practices in place prior to this program, but it didn't stop the program from coming.

B. District Manager

Manhart reported off her written report. She added that the NRCS STAC meeting is August 4 in Davis, there is an opportunity to attend Forestry Workshops, and a Request for Review was received for the Van Tol Brothers Dairy. She also asked to discuss the Stakeholder and Local Work Group meetings; discussion occurred. The Stakeholder Meeting will be held after the next Board Meeting (August 18) from Noon to 1:30 p.m.; lunch will be provided for attendees. The Local Work Group Meeting will be conducted

via email; notes from the Stakeholder Meeting will be presented and the agency representatives will be asked to fill out a survey to help prioritize the resource concerns.

C. Conservation Planner

Street reported off her written report.

IV. OFFICER ELECTIONS

A. Election of FY 2008/2009 Officers

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Landini led the discussion to elect new officers.

Landini was nominated for President by Yalow. No other nominations were presented. *Yalow moved to nominate Mike Landini as President of the Glenn County RCD for FY 2008/2009. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

Yalow was nominated for Vice President by Landini. No other nominations were presented. *Landini moved to nominate Mike Yalow as Vice President of the Glenn County RCD for FY 2008/2009. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

Manhart noted that according to Administrative Policies approved through Resolution 98-1, the Secretary and Treasurer are two distinct officer positions. She asked Tacy Currey, Executive Director, CARCD if it was common for RCD staff to hold the Secretary officer position; she replied yes. She asked the Board if they would like to separate the two this year, as last year Yalow held both officer positions. The consensus was yes and when creating new policies they would like that better defined.

Manhart was nominated for Secretary by Yalow. No other nominations were presented. *Yalow moved to nominate Kandi Manhart as Secretary of the Glenn County RCD for FY 2008/2009. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

Roundy was nominated for Treasurer by Arbuckle. No other nominations were presented. *Arbuckle moved to nominate Bruce Roundy as Treasurer of the Glenn County RCD for FY 2008/2009. Yalow seconded. Approved unanimously.*

Congratulations was provided to the new FY 2008/2009 officers.

V. MINUTES

A. Approve meeting minutes for June 16, 2008

Manhart presented the minutes. No comments were received. *Arbuckle moved to approve the meeting minutes for June 16, 2008 as presented. Yalow seconded. Approved unanimously.*

VI. FINANCES

A. Finance Committee Report

Yalow referred to Manhart to provide the report. Manhart reported that all accounts with the County were successfully reconciled. She continues to work with Bond Tax and Financial Services to make the changeover; everything is going as planned and Jim Bond will be attending our next monthly meeting to present July's Financial Reports. The County's stipend to the RCD is still in their budget; Manhart said Sandy Soeth, Assistant Clerk of the Board would notify her when it goes to hearing.

B. Approve monthly financial report and payment of claims

Manhart presented the Financial Report and Payment of Claims and Budget to Actual as of June 30, 2008 (see attachments). *Roundy moved to approve the Financial Report and Payment of Claims and Budget to Actual as of June 30, 2008 as presented. Arbuckle seconded. Approved unanimously.*

VII. COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES

A. Policies Committee

1. Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Review – Keep same or make changes?

Manhart reported this must occur every even year; after discussion with the Policies Committee, they suggested keeping it the same as it was recently reviewed in fall 2007. *Arbuckle moved to keep the same Conflict of Interest Code, Policy Number 1020. Yalow seconded. Approved unanimously.*

B. Update Committees and Representatives

Landini led the discussion. Manhart reminded the Board that all Standing Committees must follow the Brown Act. Changes are as noted: Change all Standing Committees to Ad Hoc Committees; Roundy will Chair the Financial/Budget Committee and Landini will be removed from Financial/Budget Committee; add Mike Landini and Jim Giachino to Policies Committee; Arbuckle will Chair the Annual B-B-Q Committee; Yalow will at as the Central Sacramento Valley RC&D representative. *Arbuckle moved to approve the Committees and Representatives list with noted changes above. Yalow seconded. Approved unanimously.*

C. Annual BB-Que – August 8th

Landini reported the Annual BB-Que is arriving quickly. Vogt suggested moving the BB-Que to spring might inhibit range landowners from participating; the same was said for orchardists and row crops if it were held in the fall. The consensus was there is know “really” good time of the year so we will just have to do what we can do. Manhart noted invitations have been sent to the attached list and to the entire Stony Creek Watershed list of landowners. Arbuckle presented Manhart with corrections. Manhart discussed the awards and need to choose recipients for the Conservationist of the Year and Partner of the Year awards; she suggested the Annual BB-Que Committee, however Arbuckle thought there was an Awards Committee. Since there is no formal Awards Committee per the Committee and Representative list, Arbuckle suggested the entire Board make the decision. Arbuckle nominated Rob Vlach, District Conservationist, NRCS, for Partner of the Year, for his efforts in working with the Board on the Lower Stony Creek Project and other various projects. The Board agreed he would be a great recipient. Arbuckle moved to approve Rob Vlach, District Conservationist, NRCS as our Partner of the Year. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously. Discussion occurred on the Conservationist of the Year award. Manhart presented nominations received from the public. *Landini moved to approve Greg Massa, Massa Organics as our Conservationist of the Year. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.* It was noted these awards do not have to be given if there is no deserving candidate.

VIII. ANNUAL REPORT & PLAN

A. Approve FY 2007/2008 Annual Report

Manhart presented the Annual Report. *Arbuckle moved to approve FY 2007/2008 Annual Report as presented. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

B. Adopt FY 2008/2009 Annual Plan

Landini presented the draft Annual Plan. Manhart noted the FY 2007/2008 Annual Plan was attached first to the meeting packet for Final Review and to provide any comments to her so she can incorporate them and place the document in the file cabinet. Due to sprinting and stapling issues there was confusion on the draft Annual Plan; therefore, the consensus was to incorporate all "thoughts for Annual Plan FY 2008-2009" noted at the end of the document and bring it back as an action item on August 18. Manhart will do so.

IX. LOWER STONY CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT

A. Demonstration Site – Presentation by River Partners

1. Authorization to make final payment to River Partners

Green presented via PowerPoint presentation; he offered copies of the Landowner's Manual which discusses the Arundo control methods of 1) Root Removal, 2) Cut Only, 3) Foliar Spray Only, 4) Cut and Spray (River Partners believes this is the best method), 5) Cut, Re-sprout, and Spray, 6) Cut, Dry, Burn, and Spray, and 7) Cut, Burn, and Spray. In addition, the bioengineering methods of Fascine Bundle, Brush Trench, and Pole Plantings. Green proceeded and said that Orland High School FFA assisted in the bioengineering methods on the Smith/Baker Ranch; area is irrigated, but recommends not irrigating on future projects. Arbuckle agreed River Partners did a good job killing the Arundo; however, encouraged the Board not to authorize final payment until corrections are made to their Final Quarterly Progress Report. For example, the report showed they stopped monitoring before the finished implementing. Discussion occurred. *Yalow moved to authorize final payment to River Partners for the Demonstration Site pending the Lower Stony Creek Committee accepting the revised Final Quarterly Progress Report. Roundy seconded. Approved unanimously.*

B. Preliminary Design for the Sawyer-Arbuckle/Baker Project Area – Presentation by Graham Matthews & Associates

1. Authorization to move forward on finalizing the design

Matthews began his presentation by recapping the Board of Directors authorized preliminary designs for this area last fall. His question was how does the project move forward to finalization. It was presented to the TAC and a few landowners who attended the TAC meeting. A few highlights from his PowerPoint presentation were: the preliminary design moves an estimated 400,000 cubic yards of soil, there is a fair amount of risk to re-aligning the creek due to unforeseen weather patterns, and the main purpose is to restore bank stability on sensitive areas. The price of moving soil is \$1-4 per cubic yard; therefore, he is planning on scaling back if authorized to move forward in finalizing the design. He noted the final design can be used for permitting and contractor implementation. Another important note was he suggested if soil is to be moved, trees should be planted. Manhart included that step 1 is to remove/spray the Arundo and Tamarix and secure funding for the re-alignment; step 2 is to perform re-alignment, step 3 is to re-vegetate with native plants. Street added there is potential funding through the Wildlife Conservation Board that would pay for the above steps. It was noted that in 1986 the Black Butte Dam released 25,000-30,000 cfs and the spillway was used in the spring. Discussion occurred in regards to presenting the presentation to all landowners within the area. Matthews met with some last

year with the more conceptual design; however, not all have seen these designs. No action was taken; however, there was consensus that these preliminary designs need to be presented to all landowners within the project area for their input prior to finalization. Street, Manhart, and Matthews will schedule appointments and gather all landowners input prior to August 18.

C. WHIP Application Update – Sawyer-Arbuckle/Baker Project Area

Vlach reported the application has not been funded; however, California NRCS is seeking additional funds for the program. He will keep Manhart informed of their progress.

X. POTENTIAL RCD PROJECTS

No discussion due to lack of time.

XI. PARTNER REPORTS (limit 5 minutes, unless previously scheduled)

Vlach – He reported California will be hiring three permanent Farm Bill assistants; therefore, the temporary assistant positions will disappear. The three permanent positions will be located in Tule Lake, Yreka, and Yuba City. The change will occur in October. He also reported that Ed Burton, State Conservationist, NRCS visited and toured Three Creeks Ranch (Chet Vogt) to view his range project.

Graham – She reported she attended because she is interested in the status of the Stony Creek Project and noted re-alignment permits usually take up to two years to obtain. Also, the Colusa Basin Watershed Assessment will be done within the next year.

Krueger – He reported the UCCE is lacking staff so they are doing the best they can with what they have. The Walnuts and Prunes have suffered from frost damage.

Karle – She reported three dairies have been identified as discharging; however, overall Glenn County has a high compliance rate. Dairies must have infrastructure in place by the 2008/2009 year.

Watts – He reported NCRLT continues to work on their programs; they are working with seven properties, two appraisals have been ordered. Approximately 2,600 acres are being looked at for conservation easements. Landini asked if 1031 exchanges are acceptable when utilizing the program; Watts answered yes.

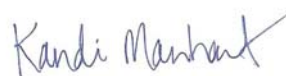
Landini noted that Rob Capriola who worked for California Waterfowl Association, and was stationed in the Willows Service Center under the MOU between CWA and RCD, no longer works for CWA. He accepted a position with a private company in the same field.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Landini moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Approved on August 18, 2008 by the Glenn County Resource Conservation District Board.

Attested by,



President

Secretary