



Napa County Resource Conservation District Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

MINUTES

When: Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge President	Rainer Hoenicke Vice President	Jon Kanagy Director	Jim Lincoln Director	Bill Pramuk Director	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director	Vacant Director
	Lucas Patzek Executive Director	Anna Mattinson District Secretary	Wendy Dau District Counsel	Tracy Schulze Auditor-Controller		

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:03 A.M. on Thursday, August 11, 2022 by President Bruce Barge. This meeting was conducted pursuant to California Government Code Section 54953 and Governor’s Executive Order N-25-20, in that directors participated only by electronic means, through either audio (i.e., teleconference) or video (videoconference), or both. All directors present indicated that they there were able to hear everything clearly over the tele/videoconference system.

- A. Roll call**
Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, Jim Lincoln, and Bill Pramuk. Associate Directors Matt Reid and Lauren Winczewski were present. RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Anna Mattinson, Frances Knapczyk, Ali Blodorn, Ashley Kvitek, and Ruby Stahel, and District Counsel Wendy Dau was present. NRCS staff present included Evelyn Denzin and Erika Valek.
- B. Approval of the agenda**
Approved the agenda for this meeting.
MOTION: Hoenicke; SECOND: Kanagy; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Lincoln, and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of meeting minutes**
Approved minutes from the July 14, 2022 regular meeting.
MOTION: Kanagy; SECOND: Hoenicke; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Lincoln, and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

D. Ratification of District bills

There were no bills to ratify.

E. Approval of District bills

Approved District bills in the amount of \$73,790.80 (\$45,830.15 regular June 2022 bills and \$27,960.65 regular July 2022 bills).

MOTION: Kanagy; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Lincoln, and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laurie Claudon speaking on behalf of Save Napa Valley Foundation wants to express support for the passing of Napa RCD’s climate resolution.

Jim Wilson wants to thank the Board of Directors for their work on the climate resolution, and thanks Bruce Barge for participating in the recent Climate Action Committee (CAC) meeting and offering Napa RCD expertise in supporting the CAC’s work.

3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Napa RCD’s Lucas Patzek and Ruby Stahel presented on developments at the Huichica Creek Vineyard.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved the consent calendar

MOTION: Kanagy; SECOND: Pramuk; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Lincoln, and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

A. Authorize Board President to execute Right of Entry Agreement with Napa Valley College.

B. Authorize Board President to execute Landowner Design Agreements with landowners Ethel Wild LLC and Patrick Kenealy.

C. Ratify Amendment No. 1 to Napa RCD Agreement No. 2020054.

D. Ratify agreement with anonymous foundation providing general operating support.

E. Ratify agreement with Napa County for the 2021 Noxious Weed Grant.

5 OLD BUSINESS

A. Governance Committee items.

President Bruce Barge provided an update about the director screening and appointment process, as well as the Program Advisory Committee work.

B. Presentation and possible action on Resolution No. 2022-03 committing to act on the climate emergency.

Approved Resolution No. 2022-03 committing to act on the climate emergency.

MOTION: Pramuk; SECOND: Lincoln; AYES: Barge, Hoenicke, Kanagy, Lincoln, and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Stranzl McCann; ABSTENSIONS: None. Motion carried.

C. Preview of the new Napa RCD website.

Napa RCD’s Ashley Kvittek and Frances Knapczyk provided a preview of the new and not yet public website for the Napa RCD. The Board of Directors commented that they would like to be able to review and provide some input before it goes public.

D. Update about the development of the Million Trees Napa program.

Executive Director Lucas Patzek discussed the genesis and next steps of the Millions Trees Napa program focused on improving the health and resilience of Napa County’s diverse forests through planting and stewardship.

6. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, AND DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District Conservationist) gave the following updates on NRCS projects and activities:

- Many forest management projects are moving forward.

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) gave the following updates on Napa RCD projects and activities:

- Fish passage barriers assessment and remediation: We’re working to bring together a coalition of state and federal agency as well as academic advisors to develop a vision and some specific goals for remediating manmade fish passage barriers and habitat in the Napa River watershed.
- Sign-on letter for local capacity building funds through DOC: The Governor has proposed a \$20 million investment in a “Climate Smart Land Management Program” at the DOC, and RCDs statewide have been advocating for prioritizing the capacity building needs of public sector conservation organizations – including RCDs – with this funding.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Barge adjourned this meeting at 9:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Mattinson

Anna Mattinson, District Secretary
(Zoom Recording)