



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge President	Rainer Hoenicke Vice President	Paul Asmuth Director	Jon Kanagy Director	Jim Lincoln Director	Bill Pramuk Director	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director
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Lucas Patzek Executive Director	Anna Mattinson District Secretary	Wendy Dau District Counsel	Tracy Schulze Auditor-Controller
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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, November 10, 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 Paul Asmuth, Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Jon Kanagy, Jim Lincoln, Bill Pramuk, and Gretchen Stranzl McCann. Associate Directors Bryan Avila, Joe Nordlinger, Bryan Parker, Cio Perez, Matt Reid, and Lauren Winczewski were present. RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Anna Mattinson, Ali Blodorn, Alex Wilbanks, and District Counsel Wendy Dau was present. NRCS staff present included Evelyn Denzin, Erika Valek, and Allen Curry.

B. Approval of the agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting with the revision that agenda item 6c be presented by Lucas Patzek and not Frances Knapczyk.

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

C. Approval of meeting minutes

Approved minutes from the October 13, 2022 regular meeting with the revision that Jim Lincoln be added as present to the roll call.

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

Approved minutes from the October 25, 2022 special meeting.

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

D. Ratification of District bills

Ratified regular bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$117,044.78.

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

E. Approval of District bills

Approved regular bills for October 2022 in the amount of \$180,721.24.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Wilson, Napa Climate NOW!, wanted to thank the Napa RCD for convening a workgroup to look at the reuse of woody debris. This ties to the County's climate goals, and Napa RCD's declaration of a climate emergency.

Allen Curry, USDA-NRCS, expressed his support for working in partnership with Napa RCD and is visiting the local office today.

3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Joseph Nordlinger, Vice President of Napa Firewise, presented on how the organization has been coordinating with others on fire fuel reduction and community education goals and activities, and opportunities for collaboration between Napa Firewise and Napa RCD.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved the consent calendar.

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

A. Authorize Executive Director to issue a letter of non-renewal for Agreement No. 2020-09.

5 OLD BUSINESS

A. Governance Committee items.

1. The Board of Directors moved to approve as follows:

- It supports the development of a joint proposal for a climate emergency resolution with the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) using Napa RCD's adopted resolution as a framework.
- It authorizes Director Hoenicke to work with CARCD to draft a joint proposal for presentation and vote at CARCD's Annual Meeting, and for consideration by Napa RCD's Board of Directors.

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

2. Director Barge explained the process and next steps for engagement with public leaders. We plan to do 4 interviews as pilots before the end of the year, and have identified interviewers and interviewees. Waiting until after the election results are in to schedule these interviews.

Lucas Patzek shared about the process for filling Director Kanagy's upcoming director vacancy. The public announcement will be released by the County on Monday, and Napa RCD will share the announcement with all cities and towns for public posting. Napa RCD will also share the announcement in its newsletter, website, and social media. Director Stranzl McCann would like to serve on the ad hoc interview committee, and suggests we leave the application process open until mid-January to provide adequate time for diverse applicants to apply. Director Barge suggests we aim for a director appointment recommendation at the February Board meeting.

6 NEW BUSINESS

A. Authorization to sign Resolution 2022-05 requesting the Napa County Board of Supervisors appoint Directors to the governing board of the District in lieu of election to fill three positions whose terms are expiring.

Approved Resolution 2022-05 requesting that the Napa County Board of Supervisors re-appoint three Directors – Bruce Barge, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Jim Lincoln – whose terms expire on November 25, 2022.

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

B. Presentation and discussion about the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) supporting the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NCGSA).

Miguel Garcia, Napa RCD's Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager, was appointed to the TAG and currently serves as its chair. He presented on what the TAG's role is in supporting the NCGSA in implementing the Napa Valley Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan, as well as current and upcoming TAG activities.

C. Discuss 2022 Give!Guide campaign and opportunities for Board support.

Napa RCD was selected one of the participating not-for-profit organizations in this year's [Napa Valley Give!Guide](#), a community fundraising initiative coordinated by Napa Valley CanDo. Lucas Patzek described how staff plans to promote the giving opportunity via social media, e-Newsletters, and use of incentives, as well as opportunities for the Board to support the campaign.

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REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, AND DIRECTORS' COMMENTS

Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District conservationist) provided the following update on current NRCS projects and activities:

- Looking forward to joining some Napa RCD staff and directors at the CARCD Conference in late November.
- NRCS is moving forward with office remodel.
- Got announcement for deadline for EQIP – Dec 9th – and this was advertised with lots of local organizations (e.g., NCFF, NVG, Farm Bureau). We will likely have a later RCPP deadline, which hasn't been determined or announced yet.
- Certified \$850,000 in incentives in Napa County, and most of this was for forest management. This included 350 acres of land that was treated.

Rainer Hoenicke (Napa RCD Director) provided the following update on current CARCD projects and activities:

- 1 more week to register for the CARCD Conference: there is an in-person one in Folsom, and a virtual one in early 2023. Board members should consider attending.
- Request for Lucas Patzek to update the Board on the presentations that Napa RCD staff will be giving at the CARCD Conference.

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) provided the following update on current Napa RCD projects and activities:

- Office remodel and lease: Napa RCD continues to coordinate with NRCS on the remodel plan for suite 500B. Napa RCD has taken over additional office space in suite 100B, and will need to execute a new lease agreement with the landlord soon.

- Million Trees Napa: The Vintner's Vintage Celebration fundraiser occurred last weekend, and Ali and Lucas attended the "Boots on the Ground" event at To Kalon to say a few words to inspire giving. Jon-Mark Chappellet, Advisory Committee Member, similarly attended the "Boots on the Ground" event to do the same.
- CARCD Conference: Lucas, Frances, and Ali are staff attending the conference along with Director Hoenicke. Ali is coordinating a conference session about forestry capacity-building.

8 ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Barge adjourned this meeting at 9:34 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Mattinson, District Secretary

(Zoom Recording)