



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

# MINUTES

**When:** Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

**Where:** Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge <b>President</b>	Rainer Hoenicke <b>Vice President</b>	Ashley Anderson Bennett <b>Director</b>	Jon Kanagy <b>Director</b>	Jim Lincoln <b>Director</b>	Bill Pramuk <b>Director</b>	Gretchen Stranzl McCann <b>Director</b>
	Lucas Patzek <b>Executive Director</b>	Anna Mattinson <b>District Secretary</b>	Shana Bagley <b>District Counsel</b>	Tracy Schulze <b>Auditor-Controller</b>		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

A regular meeting of the Napa County Resource Conservation District was called to order at 8:01 A.M. on Thursday, April 14, 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 Ashley Anderson Bennett, Bruce Barge, Jim Lincoln, and Bill Pramuk. RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Ashley Kvittek, and Frances Knapczyk, and District Counsel Shana Bagley was present.

#### B. Approval of the agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

#### C. Approval of meeting minutes

Approved minutes from the March 10, 2022 regular meeting.

MOTION: Lincoln; SECOND: Anderson Bennett; AYES: Anderson Bennett, Barge, Lincoln,

and Pramuk; NOES: None; ABSENT: Hoenicke, Kanagy; ABSTENSIONS: Stranzl McCann. Motion carried.

**D. Ratification of District bills**

Ratified bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$29,991.55.

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Lucas Patzek, Napa RCD’s Executive Director, presented on how the organization’s forest health program currently operates. Director comments were focused on the importance of managing growth now that many opportunities exist with scaled funding, and identifying ways to integrate directors into strategic thinking about program purpose and design.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the consent calendar.

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

**A. Ratify two Landowner Implementation & Incentive Payment Agreements for the North Bay Forest Improvement Program (NBFIP).**

**B. Ratify Agreement No. 2022-12 with Envy Wines LLC.**

**C. Ratify GrizzlyCorps Service Site Agreement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Governance Committee update.**

President Bruce Barge provided an update on the associate director recruitment and program advisory committee process. The Board requested to review the recommended associate director candidates and take action at the May meeting.

Community Engagement Project Manager Ashley Kvitek provided updates on the development of new collateral to use in outreach, including the new [Annual Report](#) and rack cards available in English and Spanish. She shared about the newly available hats and

magnets. She also provided an update on the website redesign timeline. Lastly, she invited the Board to participate in Napa RCD sponsored Earth Day activities occurring April 22-24.

**B. Huichica Creek Vineyard update.**

Executive Director Lucas Patzek shared that all vines and related infrastructure have been removed from 9.6 acres. The young chardonnay block and cider apples will continue to be managed. Cover crop seeding on the remaining acres will occur in the fall. Napa RCD will move forward with its Request for Ideas process to solicit partnership concepts from the community. At its May meeting the Board will be asked to take action to release the commitment to available fund balance of the \$100,000 committed to HCV improvements.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion about and potential action on AB 1902 "Resource conservation: resource conservation districts."**

Action to submit a letter of support for [AB 1902](#) in collaboration with CARCD.

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

**B. Discuss and select recipient(s) of Napa RCD's Scholarship for Emerging Environmental Leaders.**

Award 5 scholarship applicants with scholarships of \$1,000 each.

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

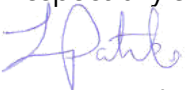
**7. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, AND DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments or updates.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lucas Patzek, Executive Director

(Zoom Recording)