



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

MINUTES

When: Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: NVTA Board Room at 625 Burnell St, Napa, CA, or
Tele/videoconference

Bruce Barge President	Rainer Hoenicke Vice President	Paul Asmuth Director	Jim Lincoln Director	Bill Pramuk Director	Gretchen Stranzl McCann Director	Karen Turjanis Director
		Lucas Patzek Executive Director	Corey Utsurogi 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 8:02 A.M. on Thursday, July 13, 2023 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Roll call

Directors present included Paul Asmuth, Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Jim Lincoln, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors present included Bryan Parker, Chris Carpenter, and Cio Perez. RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Frances Knapczyk, Ali Blodorn, Ashley Kvittek, Eric McKee, Danielle Ashton, and Gabe Seidman. Corey Utsurogi, Napa County Counsel, was present. Evelyn Denzin and Erika Valek from NRCS were present.

B. Approval of the agenda

Approved the agenda for this meeting with the amendment that Chris Cahill is ill and will reschedule his educational presentation for a future meeting.

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

C. Approval of meeting minutes

Approved minutes from the June 8, 2023 regular meeting.

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

D. Ratification of District bills

Ratified \$117,466.28 in District bills for June 2023 approved by the Executive Director.

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

E. Approval of District bills

Returned to approval of District bills at the end of the meeting after a technology issue was resolved in the meeting room.

Approved \$59,036.70 in District bills for June 2023.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Wilson thanked Bruce for his public comment at the Napa County Climate Action Committee (CAC) meeting and asked Napa RCD to continue to be present at CAC. Jim provided a legislative update about possible state resolution around climate restoration goals.

3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Presentation cancelled due to Chris Cahill falling ill.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved the consent calendar.

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

A. Ratify Napa Valley Transit Authority (NVTA) Agreement No. 23-C18.

B. Authorize Resolution No. 2023-03.

5. BUSINESS

A. Updates from the Community Engagement Program. *Frances Knapczyk, Ashley Kvitek, Eric McKee*

B. Updates on the Strategic Planning and JEDI Processes.

Bruce Barge provided updates on the activities, timeline, and consultant support for the new strategic planning process, and Lucas Patzek provided an update on

C. Updates from the ad hoc Fund Development Committee.

Bruce Barge provided an update on the recent meetings of the Fund Development Committee.

D. Action to authorize submittal of CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE).

Board of Directors authorized the submittal of a Notice of Exemption for the “Wantrup Preserve Habitat Enhancement Project”.

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

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

Lucas Patzek, Napa RCD’s Executive Director, gave the following updates:

- Will need to reschedule December Board meeting.
- CARCD Conference will take place December 13-16 in Sacramento.

Evelyn Denzin, Napa NRCS’ District Conservationist, gave the following updates.

- She will send updates ahead of time with the Board meeting packets.

Rainer Hoenicke, Napa RCD Director, gave the following updates:

- CARCD annual conference will be hybrid; single day registration is available.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Discussion and possible action to consider Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Gov. Code section 54957.

Title: Napa County Resource Conservation District Executive Director.

No reportable action was taken in closed session regarding this agenda item. Bruce Barge will meet with the Executive Director to summarize the outcomes from the performance evaluation.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Paul Asmuth left the meeting at 9:30 A.M. The Board of Directors adjourned this meeting at 9:40 A.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Patzek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large, stylized 'P'.

Lucas Patzek, Executive Director

(Zoom recording)