



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

**MINUTES**

**When:** Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.

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

Bruce Barge <b>President</b>	Rainer Hoenicke <b>Vice President</b>	Paul Asmuth <b>Director</b>	Jim Lincoln <b>Director</b>	Bill Pramuk <b>Director</b>	Gretchen Stranzl McCann <b>Director</b>	Karen Turjanis <b>Director</b>
		Lucas Patzek <b>Executive Director</b>	Corey Utsurogi <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 8:00 A.M. on Thursday, August 10, 2023 by President Bruce Barge.

**A. Roll call**

Directors present included Paul Asmuth, Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Jim Lincoln (arrived 8:05 A.M.), Gretchen Stranzl McCann, Bill Pramuk, and Karen Turjanis. Associate Directors present included Bryan Avila, Balkis Johnson, Joe Nordlinger, Bryan Parker, Cio Perez, Pierre Washington. RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Ali Blodorn, and Miguel Garcia. Wendy Dau, Napa County Counsel, was present, as was Denise Wiatre, BDO-FMA. Erika Valek and Chip Bouril from NRCS were present.

**B. Approval of the agenda**

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

**C. Approval of meeting minutes**

Approved minutes from the July 13, 2023 regular meeting.

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

**D. Ratification of District bills**

Ratified bills for July 2023 in the amount of \$96,663.29.

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

**E. Approval of District bills**

Approved the District bills for July 2023 in the amount of \$93,753.73.

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**3. EDUCATION PRESENTATION**

Miguel Garcia, Sustainable Agriculture Program Manager, presented on the Napa RCD's carbon farming programming, including: common practices included in plans, how the District supports farmers with planning and implementation, and how carbon farming impacts climate and regenerative agriculture.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved the consent calendar.

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

- A. Ratify agreement with Amy Stork Consulting LLC.**
- B. Ratify Agreement No. 2023015 with Dogwood Springs Forestry.**
- C. Authorize Executive Director to execute Amendment #1 to Napa County Agreement No. 200379B.**

**5. BUSINESS**

- A. Updates about the Request for Ideas (RFI) process for Huichica Creek Vineyard.**

The RFI review committee ranked the HANA Resources proposal highest, and will be going back to HANA Resources with some more questions.

**B. Updates from the ad hoc Governance Committee and possible action to dissolve.**

President Barge discussed the outcomes of the ad hoc Governance Committee.

Motion to dissolve the Governance Committee as its specific task has been completed.

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

**C. Updates on the Strategic Planning Process.**

President Barge shared the updated timeline and process for strategic planning.

**D. Updates about grant development activities.**

Executive Director Patzek shared about recent grant development activities: which grants have been applied to, which were funded and not funded, and our near-term plans to apply for additional grant funding.

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

Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) provided updates on current Napa RCD projects and activities and Erika Valek provided updates on current NRCS projects and activities.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Gretchen Stranzl McCann left the meeting at 9:00 A.M. The Board of Directors adjourned this meeting at 9:18 A.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Lucas Patzek, Executive Director

(Zoom recording)