



MINUTES

When: Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 8:00 A.M.

Where: JoAnn Busenbark Board Room, Napa Valley Transit Authority (NVTA), 625
Burnell St, Napa, CA

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 8:01 A.M. on Thursday, August 8, 2024 by President Bruce Barge.

A. Call to order and roll call.

Directors present included Bruce Barge, Rainer Hoenicke, Paul Asmuth, Jim Lincoln, Gretchen Stranzl McCann, and Karen Turjanis. Director Bill Pramuk was absent. Associate Directors Ernie Schlobohm, Joseph Nordlinger, Lucio Perez, and Matthew Reid were present. Napa RCD staff present included Lucas Patzek, Tatia Wieland, Ali Blodorn, Frances Knapczyk, and Martin Perales. District Counsel Corey Utsurogi was present. Evelyn Denzin and Chip Bouril from NRCS were present.

B. Approval of the agenda.

Approved the agenda for this meeting.

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

C. Approval of meeting minutes.

Approved minutes from the July 18, 2024 regular meeting.

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

D. Ratification of District bills.

Ratified bills approved by the Executive Director in the amount of \$49,135.40.

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

E. Approval of District bills.

Approved the District bills for July 2024 in the amount of \$63,096.49.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved consent calendar.

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

- A. Appoint Director Paul Asmuth to the standing Finance Committee and accept Director Jim Lincoln's resignation.
- B. Authorize Napa RCD's Executive Director or their designee as a representative of Napa RCD to conduct negotiations, execute, submit, and sign all documents related to NOAA Award No. NA24NMF463C0003.
- C. Authorize Napa RCD's Executive Director or their designee to negotiate and execute amendment to Lease Agreement with Theodore L Edwards LLC.

4. BUSINESS

A. **Action to adopt Resolution 2024-02 and appoint a voting representative and alternate voting representative.**

Authorized adoption of Resolution 2024-02 stating the intent of Napa RCD's Board of Directors to participate in the activities of the Sonoma-Napa Bi-County Special Districts Association, a local chapter of the California Special Districts Association (CSDA). Executive Director Lucas Patzek was named the District's voting representative and Director Gretchen Stranzl McCann was selected as the alternate voting representative.

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

- B. Updates on stream restoration and watershed health programming in Napa County:
 - a. Lucas Patzek (Executive Director, Napa RCD), Candace Reynolds (Senior Biologist/Restoration Ecologist, HANA Resources), and Mitchell Swanson (Senior Geomorphologist, Dudek) presented the Huichica Creek Vineyard-Wildland Interface Habitat Restoration Project. The discussion encompassed HCV property history, project timeline, scope, and funding.
 - b. Martin Perales (Environmental Scientist II, Napa RCD) presented the Napa River Watershed Fish Passage Restoration Project, and the five key projects selected for the NOAA Fisheries Grant.

- c. Frances Knapczyk (Program Director, Napa RCD) presented on the resumption of the Napa County Watershed Symposium, scheduled to take place on December 5th, 2024, in Napa.
- C. President Bruce Barge reported on the activities of the Funding & Visibility Committee.

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

- Evelyn Denzin (NRCS District Conservationist) reported on the August 1st Local Working Group Meeting and prescribed burn field tour that took place at the Pacific Union College Forest trailhead. The event provided an opportunity for NRCS to learn about community priorities.
- Lucas Patzek (Napa RCD Executive Director) previewed the design of the Strategic Plan. He also announced the hiring of Conservation Project Manager Lisa Michl.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 A.M.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board of Directors of the Napa County Resource Conservation District is September 12, 2024.