

MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT (MCRCD)
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Room at the Ag. Commissioner's Office 5009 Fairground Rd.
Mariposa, CA 95338

Directors present: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly and Lyle Turpin.

Directors absent: None.

Associate directors present: None.

Associate directors absent: None.

Staff present: Melinda Barrett, Vicky Cole.

Guests: Lexi Ballinger, FPAC – NRCS, on the phone.

Call to order: 2:02 PM by MCRCD President David Mecchi.

Public communication: None.

Minutes: (M) Lyle Turpin to approve April 2023 Minutes with the correction of 5 typos. (S) John Carrier. No discussion followed. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Correspondence: None.

Information Items and/or Special Guests: None.

Staff reports:

IRWMP: Verbal report submitted by Melinda.

MCRCD: Verbal report submitted by Vicky.

Directors Reports:

Lyle Turpin: Lyle mentioned that the snow still there. Also, suggested to go again to the BOS to request for financial help like we did last year. Melinda informed him that she did just the day before and she's confident that we're going to get another 70,000 this year.

John Carrier: John mentioned he has been busy cleaning up his property and burning pile's wood.

David Mecchi: David said he's been busy and also met with Lexi and Johnnie to introduce her as the new District Conservationist for Mariposa's office.

Wayne Kelly: Wayne talked about the Whispering Oak Project. He mentioned that they have several permits and CEQA is done too. He said that they are still working on the different challenges that come their way. Also Wayne wanted to talk to Melinda about the reports that have to be made. Jill Harry is very busy and she doesn't think she will have time to do them. Melinda told him that she plans to send him an invoice for the work she has done and that she believes that she will have an unused balance from the contract, she told him that she can use that money to make the reports.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Subcommittee Reports:

Personnel: None.

Finance: Pat and Vicky worked on a table that includes all the accounts with their respective balances. It also details loans made internally between accounts and updates balances after loans are paid off. This work was carried out in order to show the real numbers that MCRCD own, clean up the accounts before the end of the fiscal year and to justify the request for a salary increase.

Grants: Melinda mentioned that she will set an IRWMP meeting probably in June. For the new Monarch grant, she mentioned that the CEQA is done so we can start working. CCIs grants going well. We got OPR budget adjustment approved.

Forestry & Fuels Management: None.

Plant Sale: None.

Policy: None.

Financial Reports: See at Finance subcommittee.

Unfinished Business: None.

Action Items:

To Appoint Lyle Turpin as MCRCD Director: (M) John Carrier. (S) Wayne Kelly. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

To Appoint John Carrier as MCRCD Director: (m) Lyle Turpin. (S) Wayne Kelly. Ayes: David Mecchi, Lyle Turpin, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

To Approved the Minutes from September, 2022. (M) Wayne Kelly. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: John Carrier, Wayne Kelly, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

To Approved the Minutes from November, 2022. (M) Wayne Kelly. (S) John Carrier. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Wayne Kelly, Lyle Turpin. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

To Sponsor a kid for Range Camp. (M) John Carrier. (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: David Mecchi, John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, Wayne Kelly. Nays: None. Motion Approved.

Discussion: David submitted a quote of \$ 783. Each to replace/repair the MCRCD signs at the highways. He will also quote for the installation and he will ask to include the website information on the bottom of the sign.

Closed Session: The Board discussed and unanimously approved the increase in salaries for Melinda Barrett and Vicky Cole.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM. (M) John Carrier, (S) Lyle Turpin. Ayes: John Carrier, Lyle Turpin, Wayne Kelly, David Mecchi. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Submitted by: Vicky Cole

Date Approved: 06/07/2023

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MCRCD Mission Statement

The mission of the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District is to encourage and facilitate cooperative solutions to local resources conservation issues and projects. By providing leadership, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District works with all stakeholders to find solutions that conserve the basic natural resources of Mariposa County. To further this aim, the Mariposa County Resource Conservation District provides technical assistance to landowners, carries out informational activities, seeks and implements grants and other funding sources, and develops cooperative alliances with other agencies and community organizations.