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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – April 23, 2014

President Dennis Murphy called the meeting of the Sonoma Resource Conservation District Board of Directors to order at 3:02 pm at 1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F, Santa Rosa, CA.

Directors Present: Dennis Murphy, Vickie Mulas, Earle Cummings, Delmar Friedrichsen (in at 4:20), Garry Mahrt (in at 3:08), Ron Rolleri, Tom Scott, Steve Thomas

Associate Directors Present:

Directors Absent: Walt Ryan

RCD Staff Present: Kara Heckert, Valerie Minton, Jed Coffin

Others Present: Charlette Epifanio, NRCS District Conservationist; Deborah Schoenstein, Sonoma County Volunteer Center

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve agenda, minutes and bills for board approval. Rolleri moved, Mulas seconded. Passed, 6 ayes (Directors Mahrt, Friedrichsen and Ryan absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PARTNER REPORTS

A. NRCS

Charlette Epifanio discussed the Civil Rights responsibilities and expectations that USDA and NRCS has for working with partners, including the RCD. This satisfies the FY14 RCD Board Meeting responsibility of the Petaluma NRCS and a FY 14 Petaluma SC CR Compliance Review Required Action. Kara to look at our policy language in comparison to NRCS requirements and make recommendation to the board for changes, if necessary.

Charlette's last day as District Conservationist will be May 30th. This will conclude 31 years of public service, 27 with NRCS.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Acceptance of Financial Reports

Motion to accept financial reports. Rolleri moved, Thomas seconded. Passed, 7 ayes (Directors Friedrichsen and Ryan absent).

Financial report included a verbal report on the term of the RCDs new line of credit – changing the 90 day rest period to a 45 day rest period.

B. Appointment of board subcommittee to work with ED on Strategic Plan revision

No formal action. Directors Rolleri, Scott and Murphy will serve on the committee.

C. Review and Acceptance of Staff Activity Report

No formal action. Staff will provide clarification of acronyms with next contract timeline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (STANDING COMMITTEES)

A. Finance Committee (Garry, Walt, Dennis, Tom)

No report.

B. Board Development Committee (Earle, Delmar)

No report.

C. Fund Development Committee (Steve, Vickie, Ron)

No report.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

BORAD TRAINING WITH DEBORAH SCHOENSTEIN (VOLUNTEER CENTER)

Deborah Schoenstein provided training on board responsibilities.

Adjournment: 6:12 pm