



Minutes of the Board Meeting

Draft, minutes will be approved at July 23 board meeting

June 25, 2020

Meeting was held remotely via Zoom

- 1. Call to order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Board Chair Abelli-Amen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
Directors Present: John Nagle, Ron Rolleri, Dennis Murphy, Walt Ryan and Bruce Abelli-Amen
Directors Absent: Vickie Mulas and Jennifer Kuszmar
Associate Directors Present: Ariana Reguzzoni
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Kari Wester, Adrienne Pettit, Erica Mikesch, and Shannon Drew
Others Present: Drew Loganbill (NRCS), Chris Howington (NRCS), Jenna Merrilees (NRCS), Sebastian Tsocanos (NRCS), Beth Bruzzone (incoming Associate Director), Shanna Hobbs (DroneSeed company)
- 2. Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** None.
- 3. Consent Calendar:** Motion to approve consent calendar. M: Rolleri, 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
- 4. Public Comment:** None.
- 5. Information Items**
 - A. NRCS Report** Drew Loganbill gave an NRCS update, including update on RCPP applications. Three new NRCS employees introduced themselves: Sebastian Tsocanos, new Rangeland Management Specialist, and the two new soil conservationists Jenna Merrilees and Chris Howington.
 - B. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation Process.** Adrienne Pettit presented this item. Directors asked questions about the process.
 - C. Fiscal Year 20-21 Annual workplan.** Valerie Quinto presented the sections of the annual workplan. The board asked questions and discussed each section.
- 6. Action Items**

- A. Approval of Fiscal Year 20-21 Budget.** Adrienne Pettit presented on this item. Motion to approve M: Ryan 2nd: Rolleri. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
- B. Review of Investment Policy and approval of updated policy.** Adrienne Pettit presented on this item. The board asked questions and discussed. Motion to approve M: Murphy 2nd: Ryan. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
- C. Adoption of Resolution No. 1920-003 Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Department of Conservation for a Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program Riparian Corridor Restoration Grant.** Valerie Quinto presented this item. The board asked questions and discussed. Motion to adopt resolution M: Rolleri 2nd: Nagle. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
- D. Consider Appointing Beth Bruzzone as Associate Director.** The Board Development Committee presented Beth Bruzzone as a candidate for Associate Director. Beth introduced herself and answered questions about her qualifications. Motion to appoint Beth Bruzzone to Associate Director M: Ryan 2nd: Murphy. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

7. Update Items

- A. GSA Updates.** Board Chair Abelli-Amen and Director Nagle summarized some questions being discussed in the GSA meetings about topics including groundwater measuring equipment, subsidence, and recharge.
- B. Executive Committee.** Notes and updates from the June 16, 2020 meeting were presented, with the correction that the budget reviewed and recommended for adoption was for FY20-21, not 19-20 as written.
- C. Board Development Committee.** No meeting was held.
- D. Director Updates.** No updates.
- E. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates.** Executive Director Quinto provided updates on the upcoming return-to-office plan with precautions to prevent spread of COVID-19. Starting on July 1, employees that have been on the reduced 32-hr work week schedule will be allowed to resume 40-hour work weeks.

8. Future Agenda Items. Executive Director Quinto asked whether the board would like more informational presentations at board meetings coming directly from staff about the work the RCD is doing. Various directors indicated interest in these presentations and agreed that Zoom would be a good platform for this. Specific interest was expressed in hearing more about healthy soils work.

9. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 pm.