



Minutes of the Board Meeting

February 25, 2021 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

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 10:02 am.
Directors Present: John Nagle, Vickie Mulas, Ron Rolleri, Bruce Abelli-Amen, Jennifer Kuszmar, Ariana Reguzzoni
Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Beth Bruzzone, Earle Cummings
Staff Present: Valerie Quinto, Erica Mikesh, Adrienne Petit, Kari Wester, Kristopher Ballard
Others Present: Nick Goodman (NRCS)
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda:** Move action items 6A through 6D to before the NRCS Report.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of February Board meeting agenda, January Board meeting minutes, and December Monthly Transactions for Board Review (*Valerie Quinto, Adrienne Pettit*) Motion to approve consent calendar M: Rolleri, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 5 ayes, 1 abstention (Mulas).
4. **Public Comment:** Public comment was provided by SRCD staff member Erica Mikesh, who expressed a desire for SRCD to do more to connect with urban neighborhoods and emphasized a need to get parents involved in outside activities with their children. Director John Nagle suggested SRCD get involved with urban forest grants. Erika suggested Roseland Creek Community Park as a possible starting point.
5. **Information Items:**
 - A. **NRCS Report.** Nick Goodman provided an NRCS Report. NRCS has now funded eight applications for post-fire disaster assistance. NRCS is currently accepting applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program. NRCS has recently hired a forester, though no start date has been announced. NRCS has also hired a new intern who will be working from June through August.
6. **Action Items:**
 - A. **Acceptance of FY20-21 Q2 Financial Report.** Adrienne Pettit presented the report and answered questions. Motion to accept the report M: Nagle, 2nd: Mulas. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
 - B. **Acceptance of FY20-21 Q2 Investment Report.** Adrienne Pettit presented the report and answered questions. Motion to accept the report M: Rolleri, 2nd: Kuszmar. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
 - C. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-005 Authorizing Signatures on the Exchange Bank Accounts.** Adrienne Pettit presented the resolution and answered questions. Director Kuszmar will be added as a signer, and Director Ryan and Associate Director Murphy will be removed as signers. Motion to adopt the resolution M: Mulas, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 6 ayes.
 - D. **Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-006 Authorizing Signatures for fund 72403 with Sonoma County.** Adrienne Pettit presented the resolution and answered questions. Director Kuszmar will

be added as a signer, and Director Ryan and Associate Director Murphy will be removed as signers. Motion to adopt the resolution M: Mulas, 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 6 ayes.

7. Update Items:

- A. GSA Updates.** Director Nagle reported briefly on interactions with GSA staff regarding agricultural participation in groundwater data collection and farm planning.
 - B. Executive Committee** – No meeting was held.
 - C. Board Development Committee** – No meeting was held, the Committee corresponded regarding Director orientation materials.
 - D. Strategic Planning Committee** – *notes from February 11, 2021 meeting.* Executive Director Quinto announced that feedback regarding the Committee’s mission and vision should be submitted by the end of February, along with indication of interest in participating on theme committees to work on goals for the plan.
 - E. Technology Committee** – *notes from January 29, 2021 and February 11, 2021 meetings.* The committee is currently reviewing feedback from the recent SRCD Technology Plan survey. The next few committee meetings will be scheduled to discuss future recommendations.
 - F. Director Updates.** Director Rolleri reported that he had spoken with a representative of the Gualala River Watershed Council regarding the grant proposal the RCD submitted. Executive Director Quinto said that the RCD has not yet been notified of whether the proposal is funded.
 - G. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates.** Executive Director Quinto congratulated Director Kuszmar on her four-year anniversary serving as a Director with SRCD.
- 8. Future Agenda Items:** Executive Director Quinto asked the Board if they have interest in hearing from any specific partners at future board meetings. Director Kuszmar would like to hear from Sonoma Water, Vice Chairman Nagle would like to hear from the Division of Water Rights, and Associate Director Bruzzone would like to hear from land trusts related to SRCD.
- 9. Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, Title: Executive Director** The Board went into closed session at 11:17 am.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

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Ron Rolleri, *Director*
Beth Bruzzone, *Associate Director*

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Earle Cummings, *Emeritus Director*

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RCD Staff:

Valerie Quinto, *Executive Director*

Christine Kuehn, *Education & Communications Manager*

Erica Mikesh, *Partner Engineer*

Keith Abeles, *Soil & Water Specialist*

Kevin Cullinen, *Project Manager*

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Jacob McDaniel, *GrizzlyCorps Fellow*

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