



Board Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2023

10:45am

In-person at

1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

and via Zoom.

1. **Call to Order, Determination of a Quorum, Introductions:** Vice Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen determined the quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:50am. He also requests that voting Directors respond to future agenda/packet emails indicating whether they will be attending an upcoming Board meeting.
Directors Present: Bruce Abelli-Amen, Beth Bruzzone, Vickie Mulas, Ariana Reguzzoni, and Ron Rolleri.
Directors Absent: Isaac Jenkins and John Nagle.
Associate & Emeritus Directors Present: Denny Murphy, Chris Peterson, and Steven Worrell.
Staff Present: Che Casul, Kari Johnson, Christine Kuehn, and Erin Rickard.
Others Present: None.
2. **Additions/Changes to the Agenda (Gov. Code 54954.2 (B)):** None.
3. **Consent Calendar:** Approval of June Board Meeting Agenda and May Board Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve: Rolleri, 2nd: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Bruzzone, Mulas, Reguzzoni, and Rolleri.
Noes: None.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Information Items**
 - A. **NRCS Report:** None.
6. **Action Items**
 - A. **Monthly Financials and Approval of FY23-24 Budget:** Erin Rickard presented this item in two parts; first reviewing monthly financials - highlighting total expenses and accounts receivable unbilled amounts - then detailing specific portions and projections of the FY23-24 budget, including possible mid-year adjustment. The Board asked questions and discussed. Motion to approve: Mulas, 2nd: Bruzzone. Motion passed, 5 ayes.
Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Bruzzone, Mulas, Reguzzoni, and Rolleri.
Noes: None.
 - B. **Discussion and Approval of Finance Committee:** Erin Rickard presented this item, recommending that Sonoma RCD strategize investments, with transitions proposed

requiring input from the Board. Creation of a Finance Committee would replace what was historically a duty assigned to the Executive Committee. It was requested that the current investment report be relayed to the Board and recommended that a CPA be recruited to join the Board.

No vote was taken; Vice Chair Bruce Abelli-Amen created the Finance Committee consisting of Directors Beth Bruzzone, Ariana Reguzzoni, and Steven Worrell, as well as Che Casul and Erin Rickard.

- C. Selection and Approval of Auditor:** Erin Rickard presented this item. Of the final two firms' proposals, Nigro & Nigro is most highly recommended due to their expertise in auditing other resource conservation districts. The Board asked questions and discussed. Motion to accept the proposal from Nigro & Nigro: Mulas. 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Bruzzone, Mulas, Reguzzoni, and Rolleri.

Noes: None.

- D. Approval of a Change in Timeframe for Regular Board Meetings:** The Board considered individual Board members' time constraints and decided on an earlier start time for future regular Board meetings. Motion to approve a new timeframe of 10:30am-1:30pm: Bruzzone. 2nd: Reguzzoni. Motion passed, 5 ayes.

Ayes: Abelli-Amen, Bruzzone, Mulas, Reguzzoni, and Rolleri.

Noes: None.

7. Update Items

A. GSA Updates: None.

B. Executive Committee: *no meeting was held*

C. Director Updates: Directors provided updates on the process of finalizing the Local Coastal Plan, including input and assistance from Sonoma RCD's partner organizations, the status of the Russian River Water Forum, as well as the potential in exploring an administrative partnership between Sonoma RCD and Conservation Works.

D. Executive Director & Other Staff Updates: Che Casul reminded Board members to reach out to him to coordinate individual meetings.

- 8. Future Agenda Items:** An organizational JEDI Statement to be brought back to the Board during the July 27th Board meeting.

- 9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:12pm.