



PUBLIC NOTICE
Special Board Meeting of the:
Honey Lake Valley Resource Conservation District
170 Russell Ave. Suite C
Susanville, CA 96130
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Attachments available 02/20/2024 at www.honeylakevalleyrcd.us ■

Date: Thursday, February 22nd, 2024

Location: 170 Russell Ave., Suite C, Susanville CA 96130

MEETING MINUTES

votes taken via role call

NOTE: THE HONEY LAKE VALLEY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT MAY ADVISE ACTION ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS SHOWN BELOW.

NOTE: IF YOU NEED A DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR ACCOMMODATION, INCLUDING AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES, TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE AT LEAST A DAY BEFORE THE MEETING.

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Board member Jesse Claypool called the meeting to order at 3:31PM, and a quorum was noted.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board member Wayne Langston made a motion to approve the agenda with changes to move items under VI: Items for Board Discussion and/or Action - Watermaster to before V: Items for Board Discussion and/or Action - RCD. Board member Will Johnson seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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III. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

Per RCD Board Policy No. 5030.4.1, during this portion of the meeting, any member of the

public is permitted to make a brief statement, express his/her viewpoint, or ask a question regarding matters related to the District. Five (5) minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty (20) minutes to each subject matter.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS –

- a. Correspondence
- b. Meeting Minutes – 12/07/2023, 1/12/2024
- c. Financial Reports
- d. Agreements/Contracts

Board Member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the consent items, Board member Wayne Langston seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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V. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – WATERMASTER

- a. Old Channel Project Update.

Ben Volk and Jimmy Hou from J-U-B Engineering Inc. gave an update on the project's status, complications, and successes.

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VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION AND/OR DISCUSSION – RCD

- A. Consideration and discussion of HLV RCD's Strategic Plan and mission updates.

Held. Board had a consensus to the presented changes and potential partner input.

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- B. Mid-Year Budget Review (attachment)

Held.

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- C. Consideration and approval of 2024 Audit Management Letter. (attachment)

Board member Will Johnson made a motion to approve the 2024 Audit Management Letter, Board Member Laurie Tippin seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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- D. Consideration and discussion of a side-by-side trailer purchase for the RCD.

Held. Determination made that the Watermaster Service has been using the RCD's trailer and will need to purchase their own.

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- E. Consideration and approval of draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District Hazard Tree Management project.

Dies due to lack of motion.

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F. Consideration and discussion of a vehicle maintenance / service provider agreement.
Held.

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G. Consideration and approval of partnership with Lassen Fire Safe Council and Lassen Land and Trails Trust to host a showing of Elemental with PBA outreach and funding.
Held. Board direction to staff to move forward with outreach using PBA funds.

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H. Consideration and discussion of native seed planting and/or cooperative agreement for herbicide treatment along Old Channel.
Held. Board direction to staff to move forward with cooperative efforts for the reseeding / spraying of the Old Channel.

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I. Consideration and approval of entering a partnership (Stewardship, Good Neighbor, or Participating) agreement with Lassen National Forest.
Board member Will Johnson made a motion to approve entering into an agreement with Lassen National Forest. Board member Laurie Tippin seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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J. Consideration and approval for HLVRCD to apply for NACD Technical Assistance 2023 Grant in partnership with Point Blue Conservation Science.
Board member Laurie Tippin made a motion to approve the RCD to apply for future TA grants. Board member Will Johnson seconded, and the motion passed. All.

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VII. REPORTS

- a. District Manager Report – Stuemky/Siemer (attachment)
Kelsey gave a report on all current grant projects.
- b. NRCS Agency Report – Stephens
Anne Stephens from NRCS gave an update on EQIP funds and current contracts.
- c. SWAT - Hanson
NONE
- d. Watermaster / WAC Report – Siemer/Langston
Kelsey and Wayne gave an update on the SRWMSA and the WAC's upcoming meeting
- e. Modoc Regional RCD/CARCD Report – Hanson
NONE
- f. Fire Safe Council Report – Johnson

Will reported that he went to the most recent Fire Safe Council meeting and gave updates on that.

g. Post-Fire Recovery Report – Wooster

Catherine reported that we have successfully planned to spray 75ac this spring to be planted in the fall, and spray 56ac this fall to be planted next spring. She also reported that she applied for 2.5 million dollars in Cal Fire Funding to continue her work.

h. IRWMP Report – Claypool

NONE

i. NRCS Partnership Report – Hanson

NONE

j. Unagendized reports by board members

NONE

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION - 7:29PM

a. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code Section 54957)
Title: District Manager

Held. No reportable action.

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IX. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION- 8:41PM

The Board reports no reportable action from Closed Session.

X. ADJOURNMENT- 8:41PM

The next Honey Lake Valley RCD meeting will be **March 28th, 2024, at 3:30 PM.**
The location is the USDA Service Center, 170 Russell Avenue, Suite C, Susanville, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelsey Siemer
District Manager

APPROVED: _____



Jesse Claypool, RCD Board
Chairperson

DATE: 2/22/2024