



TRINITY COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 28, 2025 * 4:00 PM

Board Members Present: (In Person) Kent Collard, Josh Brown, Mary Ellen Grigsby, Ren Winter

Board Members Absent: John Ritz

District Staff: Kelly Sheen, Kayla Meyer, Joan Caldwell, Marla Walters, Skylar Fisher, Emily Drain

Other Agency Staff: None

Guests: None

1.0 Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM by Chairman Collard.

2.0 Discuss/Take Action on Approval of Agenda

MSC/Grigsby/Winter to approve agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Discuss and Approve Meeting Minutes

3.1 Discuss and Approve Minutes of December 18, 2024 Regular Meeting

MSC/Grigsby/Brown to approve minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Financial Reports

4.1 Discuss Updated November Monthly Financial Report

J. Caldwell noted a profit so far of \$141,000 for FY 25. Invoices are still getting caught up.

4.2 Discuss December Monthly Financial Report

J. Caldwell noted an initial loss of \$281K but due to more invoicing, the District is still in the black, which is encouraging this early in the year.

4.3 Discuss/Approve List of Warrants for December 2024

Caldwell noted that the FSC project was able to pay for two rooms for the CARCD conference.

MSC/J. Brown/J. Grigsby to approve the December 2024 warrants in the amount of \$500,060.71. The motion passed unanimously.



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5.0 Projects Report

The report was reviewed and discussed.

Introductions

A brief break was taken for introduction of new staff. S. Fisher (Fire Safe Council) introduced Emily Drain, the department's Project Coordinator.

6.0 NRCS Report

C. Cole of NRCS was absent but submitted the following report:

"NRCS is moving forward with applications received for our EQIP program. Planning will continue on those applications and they will be ranked against other like projects. Our EQIP applications for specific IRA practices close on Friday. There is uncertainty about some of our funding and how that will all play out but instructions thus far are continuing as usual and guidance will be forthcoming. We are still accepting applications for our Conservation Stewardship program designed for folks who've already gone through EQIP or for folks who are actively stewarding their land. Anyone interested can call our office or email me for more details. We've received more interest in this program than usual so hopefully, some of that interest leads to more CSP contracts for our office. In terms of last night's Executive order M-25-13 (grant funding), we are awaiting guidance and will notify of any necessary steps that may be required once guidance is received."

7.0 Education and Outreach Report

K. Meyer had the following updates:

- Birding Day – Saturday, February 15, 11 – 1, Ewing Reservoir
- Birding Day – Saturday, February 16, 11 – 1, Trinity River Hatchery
- February 26 – Science on Tap (*Fine Sediment in the Trinity River*), Trinity River Brewing Co.
- March 1 – Salmon Mardi Gras, Deck, Up North Confectionary
- March 1 – TRRP Open House and Photo Contest
- Invasive Weed Pull – March 15 or 29 (date/location tba)
- March 22 – Science on Tap (*Remote Storm Incubation*), Trinity River Brewing Co.
- April 8 - STEM Expo, Trinity Preparatory Academy
- April 12 - Plant and Seed Exchange, YFR
- April 15 – May 15 – Wildflower Scavenger Hunt

ADM Meyer urged everyone to complete the Trinity River Survey. Ed and Outreach is also gearing up for Summer Day Camp. K. Meyer has submitted several grant requests and is working on more. Two counselor positions have already been funded. Lastly, the YFR Board would like to see a permaculture series.



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8.0 Trinity Collaborative Report

K. Sheen reported that both the Rec Committee and Collaborative had met in January. Subjects covered were Wildfire cameras, NRA transfer, Stuart's Fork Day Use, Minersville Boat Ramp, North Lake Trails, Campgrounds, charter and by-laws, and the Trinity Alps access roads. The next field trip will likely be in April. A meeting will take place with the Forest Service for a Program of Work discussion.

9.0 Board Reports/Correspondence

M. Grigsby suggested the Operating Plan be placed on the February agenda, as well as the DM's six-month evaluation.

R. Winter announced that the Fuel Break Workgroup of the Collaborative is re-writing the original "white paper" regarding prescriptions.

K. Collard announced that September 9 – 12 will be the annual Environmental Camp at Bar 717. Also, the comment period for the Hyampom project ends next Friday.

10.0 Assistant District Manager's Report

K. Meyer announced the new policies are almost ready for Board review. A date of March 12 at 4:00 p.m. was set for a Special Board meeting. Copies of the draft policies will be distributed prior.

As a member of the CARCD JEDI group, Meyer has been busy with meetings and problem-solving sessions due to recent DEI announcements from the new presidential administration.

11.0 District Manager's Report

K. Sheen stated that at the February meeting, the board will need to review and approve the Second Quarterly budget revision.

There is an opening for CARCD North Coast Area president seat, if any TCRCD Board members are interested in representing the region on the CARCD Board of Directors. There will be a meeting on March 26. K. Collard, M. Grigsby, and K. Meyer stated that they would like to attend.

K. Sheen reported on the recent freeze on federal funding under the new presidential administration. Some of our projects will be affected. He does not know what the extent of the freeze will be, as there is much uncertainty at present. It could possibly impact our staff levels. However, more information is needed.



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12.0 Closed Session: Government Code § 54957(): District Manager's Report

No closed session.

13.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Approved and adopted this ____ day of February 2025. I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Minutes of the Meeting of January 29, 2025, were duly adopted by the following vote of the Board of Directors.

(Secretary Signature)