

**Nevada County Resource Conservation District
2020-2021 Approved Budget**

INCOME

4000	Tax Revenue	\$255,000.00
4301	Interest	\$6,400.00
4310	Wildlife Project Fund Income (nesting boxes)	\$0.00
4311	Workshop/Seminar Income	\$0.00
4620	Other Income (AITC, Farm Day, Donations)	\$0.00
4800	Merchandise Cost of Goods Sold (Sales)	\$0.00
0000	Unspent Funds from Previous Year (Carryover)	\$52,971.42
<i>Total Estimated Income</i>		\$314,371.42

EXPENSE

5101	Salaries - gross	\$125,000.00
5103	Employer Payroll Tax Matching	\$9,361.00
5104	Employee Group Insurance	\$32,619.36
5105	Workmans Comp Insurance	\$1,100.00
5106	Employer CalPERS Matching	\$15,871.87
5107	Retirement Administration Fees	\$3,050.00
5190	Advertising	\$1,000.00
5201	Agricultural Supplies	\$100.00
5202	Educational Materials	\$100.00
5203	Communications	\$750.00
5204	Donations/Contributions	\$250.00
5207	Insurance & Bonds	\$6,509.57
5209	Auto & Equipment Maintenance	\$0.00
5212	Memberships	\$1,100.00
5212.5	Promotional Items	\$500.00
5213	Min-Till Drill Maintenance/Expense	\$2,000.00
5214	Office Expenses	\$3,000.00
5215	Professional Services	\$18,600.00
5216	<u>SPECIAL EVENTS & PROJECTS</u>	
5216.1	<i>Farm Day</i>	\$2,200.00
5216.3	<i>Farm Bureau</i>	\$2,500.00
5216.4	<i>Film Projects</i>	\$0.00
5216.6	<i>Project Expenses (Miscellaneous)</i>	\$23,000.00
5216.8	<i>Special Events (Miscellaneous)</i>	\$1,000.00
5216.9	<i>Conservation Dinner</i>	\$3,000.00
5216.10	<i>Fair</i>	\$0.00
5216.11	<i>Speak-Off, Range Camp, SFREC kid events</i>	\$1,000.00
5216.12	<i>Scholarships</i>	\$4,000.00
5218	Public & Legal	\$500.00
5222	Travel/Training	\$0.00
5223	Travel/Conference	\$0.00
5224	Travel/General	\$250.00
5315	Taxes & Assessments	\$6,000.00
5320	Wildlife Project Fund	\$600.00
5330	Seminars/Workshops/Meetings	\$500.00
5335	Special Event Advertising	\$2,000.00
5403	Office Equipment/Maintenance	\$7,000.00
<i>Total Estimated Expense</i>		\$274,461.80
Total Estimated Net Income		\$39,909.62



BOARD MINUTES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District
Board of Directors - Regular Meeting
113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945
Tuesday July 14, 2020 at 6:03 pm

1. **Meeting called to order:** at 6:03 pm by Dave Barhydt
Directors present: Dave Barhydt, Patti Kiehl, Linda Miller
Not Present: Jim Drew, Robert Ingram
Staff present: Anne Solik, Sabrina Nicholson, Pamela Hertzler
2. **Introductions:** No introductions were made.
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Linda Miller moved to approve the Amended Consent Agenda. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 3-0.*
4. **Public Comment (Speakers are limited to 3 minutes):** No public comments.
5. **Correspondence/Articles:** Newspaper articles were e-mailed to the Board, hard copies of New Business Items A-C were mailed. Board members asked to have packets mailed earlier.
6. **President's Report:** Supervisor Susan Hoek spoke with County Counsel regarding Dave Barhydt's continued role as the operator and maintenance technician for our Minimum-Till Drill. Since the Drill requires more money to transport, operate, maintain, and insure than the operator makes from rentals each year, as long as no one from the public submits a complaint, she recommended that we continue with business as usual. Dave said he would continue for the time being.

Sierra Harvest and Firesafe Council are offering 25-yards of wood-chip mulch per person for free.

Dave called for awareness of the upcoming Prop 15 (formerly Prop 13) tax reassessment referendum. The proposal would tax commercial and industrial properties based on market value, rather than their purchase price plus the lesser of inflation or 2 percent. This could hurt farmers and ranchers and small business owners since improvements will be reassessed every year. Even most counties are opposed because there are simply not enough rural tax assessors in the country.

Dave also announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fairgrounds are not in very good shape financially and that by next spring the community may have to come together to save it. He would like the board to consider projects to help support the Fairgrounds.
7. **Education/Outreach/Scholarship Committee:** The ad-hoc weed booklet committee met and discussed content and formatting issues in the final stages of the booklet. Patti

Kiehl reported that the Invasive Weed booklet is a "work in progress". She delivered samples of two plants we are adding to the booklet to Annaliese Miller for illustration. Annaliese will collect her own sample of Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*). Sabrina reported that she spoke with Chris de Nijs (Nevada County Ag Commissioner) and in order for the County to pay their share of the booklet, the RCD will need to pay for all costs then invoice the County for the \$10,000 that the County was awarded through a grant.

In terms of outreach, Patti mentioned that perhaps we could extend an invitation to one of the prescribed burn professionals who were interviewed in a recent article of the magazine "California Agriculture" when discussing prescribed burn projects.

8. **NCRCD Activity Report:** A full written report was presented in the Board packet. Sabrina Nicholson reported that our Google listing generated 11 calls, 7 office visits, and 500 on-line visits generated from the Google search engine in the last month.

Sabrina presented a press release reporting on Rem Scherzinger's new position with the Truckee Donner PUD; information from the Nevada County Planning Department on the Idaho Maryland Mine property project; and the Personeni Ranch's Williamson Act contract amendment establishing the entire 522-acre ranch as an Agricultural Preserve.

After our visit with Truckee Vice Mayor Anna Klovstad, Patti Kiehl contacted Derrick Larson with University of Nevada Reno to discuss his role in diving to clean-up invasive species at Lake Tahoe and gathering data for research. He lives in Truckee and she wanted to know why these same activities weren't performed at Donner Lake. His response was that he wasn't sure, but it probably came down to lack of funding dollars and lack of research dollars. Board discussed ways to offer opportunities to extend outreach and education in the Truckee area. Options for other ways to provide services to the northern and eastern ends of our district were discussed. They included partnering with Truckee Donner Land Trust to help preserve and protect their scenic, historical, and recreational lands; filming our seminars with the new video camera and make them available from the RCD website; and partnering with the nursery in Truckee for a Plant and Seedling Giveaway possibly next spring. Dave stated that he would prefer to move slowly with any financial help.

9. **NRCS Activity Report:** Pamela Hertzler reminded us they are down two staff members now that Marcoantonio Salazar and Josue Gandia-Rivera have moved on to other offices. So even though they are short-handed they were able to fund 48 contracts in this second batching period. They enjoyed working with their intern, but he will be leaving to go back to school at the end of the month. They do expect to have a Point Blue person placed here soon, as well as two other openings to be filled sometime in the future.

10. **Old Business:** No Old business

11. **New Business:**

- A. **Board discussion/possible action to purchase trailer for Minimum-Till Drill.**
Dave Barhydt has been looking at trailers at our local retailers. He found two trailers that would fit the Min-Till Drill. Both trailers are available at our local Tractor Supply store and come with ramps. The trailer with the open mesh floor costs \$750 and the one with a wood floor (which also comes with a jack) is \$850. There was discussion

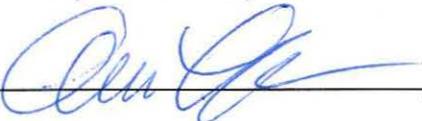
concerning the cost to register the trailer, sales tax and registration, and any accessories needed. It was agreed that \$1,200 would cover the cost of the trailer and associated necessary equipment and registration. *Linda Miller moved to approve purchasing the \$850 trailer, a winch, pay sales tax, and registration fees total not to exceed \$1,200. Second by Patti Kiehl. Approved 3-0.*

- B. **Board discussion/possible action on donating to Virtual Livestock Auction:** Sabrina presented the costs associated with printed materials needed to advertise for the virtual junior livestock auction. The money could come from our unused Farm Day budgeted funds. Board discussed covering most of the costs for advertising. *Patti Kiehl moved to approve donating \$1,000 to cover postage and printing of advertising flyers and mailers for the Virtual Junior Livestock Auction. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0.*
- C. **Board discussion/possible action to purchase an animal from the Virtual Livestock Auction:** Board discussion and decision not to purchase an animal from the auction.
- D. **Board discussion/possible action to amend NCRCD's Conflict of Interest Code:** Board decided to postpone signatures until the September Board meeting.
- E. **Board discussion/possible action regarding signing a new Memorandum of Agreement with the NRCS:** Pamela Hertzler discussed the history of MOAs between RCDs and NRCS. She presented an edited version of the new MOA that removed all partnership references to CARCD. The MOA references the RCD putting together a Local Working Group (LWG) to find out what RCDs want to see in NRCS's programs. It was mutually agreed upon to postpone signing the MOA until the October meeting.
- F. **Board discussion/final approval of 2020/2021 budget:** Sabrina discussed options to balance the final budget by including a new line item code to show carryover of unspent funds from the previous year. Board agreed to add a new code. *Patti Kiehl moved to approve the amended budget including a new carryover category. Second by Linda Miller. Approved 3-0.*

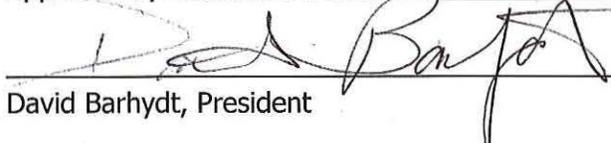
12. **Announcements:** No Board meeting in August. Next board meeting – September 8, 2020.

Regular board meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Solik July 15, 2020.



Approved by Board of Directors on *9-8-2020*



David Barhydt, President