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Pam Nelson
3/13/09*

Minutes:

Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District

Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 12, 2009, 2:30 pm

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: none

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA : Dir. Nelson, motion, Dir. Whittington, second, 5-0, approved

1.0 Call to Order and Self-Introductions: 2:42pm

Directors Nelson, Long, Wheeler and Whittington present, Fox, absent
Associate Directors Rahn and Matriasciano, present, Kochersberger, absent
NRCS, Bob Hewitt
Accountant: Elizabeth Nigro
Counsel: Ray Johnson

2.0 Minutes of Aug.7 and Jan. 8, 2009: Motion, Dir. Long, second, Dir. Whittington to approve Jan.8, 2009 minutes, 5-0, approved

3.0 Public Comments: 3 minute limit: none

4.0 Presentations: Swearing in of Directors:

Pam Nelson and Matt Rahn were reappointed and appointed, respectively, by the Board of Supervisors. Rahn fills the vacancy created by Charolette Fox's Director's position opening and her non-application.

5.0 Nominations and voting for officers:

President: Dir. Wheeler nominated Dir. Nelson
Dir. Nelson nominated Dir. Long
Vote: Nelson, 1-4, Long, 4-1.

Dir. Vicki Long is the new President

Vice President: Dir. Long nominated Dir. Rahn

Vote: 5-0, **Dir. Matt Rahn is the new Vice President**

Secretary: Dir. Long nominated Dir. Nelson

Vote: 5-0, **Dir. Pam Nelson is the new Secretary**

Treasurer: Dir. Long nominated Dir. Whittington

Vote: 4- 1 abstain (Dir. Wheeler)

Dir. Terry Whittington is the new Treasurer

6.0 Financial report: Elizabeth Nigro, quarterly. She explained that as our accountant she does quarterly reports, receives our check request forms and attached invoices and completes our annual State Controller's Report. A discussion on Agenda item 11.1 began with the items of concern that Dir. Wheeler addressed with a distributed hard copy for all. Elizabeth and the Directors agreed that numbers 1 through 6 were not a problem since check request forms are signed and approved at the Board meetings. This form and attached backup material is delivered to her office before she writes a check. Number 7, separation of duties, could be better, but works for now.

7.0 Correspondence:

- Dir. Wheeler: Letter from SDRMA, our insurance company, saying we could get a 15% discount for employee coverage.
- Dir. Nelson: general announcement/ advertising material
- Dir. Long: GIVE workshop on green energy in March

8.0 Action Items - Approval requires a majority vote of directors.

8.1 Pay bills:

- \$99 annual fee for website hosting (our site, emarcd.i8.org) Dir. Rahn will look into SDSU's web hosting system and report back next meeting.

8.2 New letterhead from CARCD for our District. Motion, Dir. Nelson, Second, Dir. Whittington, approved, 5-0. Dir. Wheeler asked that Dir. Nelson find out if we are subject to any CARCD rules if we use the logo.

8.3 New meeting time. Dir. Nelson motioned for second Friday of month at 2pm, Dir. Rahn, seconded. Discussion resulted in amending to 1:30pm, approved, 5-0.

9.0 Reports

9.1 Agency: Bob Hewitt, NRCS:

NRCS audit completed, projects: 1) drainage plan for B&B at Rancho California Rd and Anza Rd., 2) animal waste management plan for Moark chicken ranch NE of Vail Lake off of Sage Rd., 3) Frank Chan's avocado farm—installation of new drain lines that replace those burned in the Sta. Rosa fire., 3) Sta. Rosa, Cahuilla and Ramona indian reservation grazing plans, 4) finishing up tree removal. 560,000 trees have been removed from San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego counties.

9.2 Dir. Whittington: Temecula City is going forward with the proposed annexation of the property south of town that includes the Liberty Quarry project. The City of Murrieta is backing them.

Dir. Wheeler: The Feb. 4th Fire Summit was a success with about 100 people attending.

Dir. Long: see written report

Dir. Rahn: none

Dir. Nelson: see written report. Reported that Associate Dir.

Kockersberger is working with Dr. Walsh at Camp Pendleton to figure out a volunteer program in our District.

9.3 Associate Director: Matrasciano, none, Kochersberger, see above

9.4 Firesafe Council: meeting on the 16th with the La Cresta HOA

9.5 Counsel: Johnson and Sedlack, Ray Johnson:

Rural Community United's attempt to sue the county over the illegal operation of Shamrock Batch Plant failed in court (Judge Trask). The Judge allowed it to be grandfathered in.

Tract #29010: He is waiting to see if EMARCD's appeal will stand

9.6 Committee (mitigation, watershed, office, regulatory review): none

10.0 Old Business:

10.1 CSDA dues: \$490, put on hold

11.0 New Business:

11.1 Evaluation and discussion of financial system (Dir. Wheeler): see Item 6.0.

11.2 Discuss hiring a manager: Dir. Long reported that there is about \$50,000 left from the benefactor's donation that could be used for a manager. She proposed that she and Dir. Nelson come up with a job description for next meeting. There will be ongoing funding available from the education contract from Co. Flood Control. Dir. Wheeler mentioned not to forget the 30% increase in expenditures for the benefits, etc.

11.3 2009 Annual Newsletter: Dir. Nelson thought she should put something together like last year's.

11.4 Communication with DA (Dir. Long): There will be free training on the Brown Act and Ethics available with ex-DA , Grover Trask, as the presenter. Dir. Long mentioned she had called to verify that Closed Sessions cannot be taped unless agreed upon by all. It is generally a bad idea.

Closed Session: none

Adjournment: 4:37pm