

4/10/09
Dan Nelson

Minutes:

**Elsinore-Murrieta-Anza Resource Conservation District
Regular Meeting**

Friday, March 13, 2009, 1:30 pm

Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve Visitor Center

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: none

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: Dir. Nelson, motion, second, Dir. Rahn, 3-0, Dir. Wheeler, abstained.

1.0 Call to Order and Self-Introductions: President Long called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

Attendees:

Directors: Vicki Long, Pam Nelson, Bob Wheeler, Matt Rahn, absent: Terry Whittington

Associate Directors: Jon Kochersberger, Dan Matriasciano

Counsel: Ray Johnson

Public: Scott Thomas (Stetson Engineers), Linda Ridenour, Lee Reeder (SAWA)

2.0 Minutes of February 12, 2009: Motion to approve, Dir. Nelson, second Dir. Rahn, approved, 3-0, dir. Wheeler, abstained.

3.0 Public Comments: Linda Ridenour asked if Gunderson Pond, Lake Elsinore, is being mitigated by the EMARCD.

Director Long responded that it is mitigated through State and Water Districts.

Linda mentioned that Alberhill is facing transmission line intrusion and she will be following this.

4.0 Presentations: Scott Thomas of Stetson Engineers presented a Scope of Work for an EMARCD Watershed program. It would be based on the 2005 Santa Margarita River Watershed Plan and incorporate concepts and projects from the Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (IRWMP). The EMARCD would continue its work in the upper watershed and bring in "lower" stakeholders for specific projects. Scott will keep looking for grants to support this effort.

Discussion included that this is a good time to try to start a program, during the poor economy. Dir. Rahn said he would look into the methods of the San Diego River conservancy in respect to management and funding since they are so successful.

Please see report provided by Scott.

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

8.1 Pay bills:

- Dir. Wheeler motioned to approve webhosting for \$9/year available through Lee Reeder. Seconded by Dir. Nelson. Approved 4-0.

- Anza Earth Festival restricted fund account (\$100) to be used for the upcoming event on May 9th. Motion, Dir. Nelson, second, Dir. Rahn, approved, 4-0.

8.2 New EMARCD office to be funded by SAWA. The office will include working space for SAWA staff. Dir. Long said there is a suitable office available in Wildomar at Palomar and Baxter, in Falcon Square. It is 562-sq. feet and will allow for 2 desks. Lee Reeder, director of SAWA, said that

they provide housing for the participating RCDs and it is in their best interest that the RCDs succeed. Dir. Long will negotiate and sign a contract for this new EMARCD office.

Dir. Nelson made a motion to approve the acceptance of funding from SAWA for the EMARCD office space, Dir. Rahn, seconded. Approved, 4-0.

8.3 Money left over from the "benefactor's" funds of last year can be used for a District Manager. Dir. Long presented a job description patterned after one for the IE RCD.

Dir. Wheeler motioned that the Board accept this draft of the job description and employee contract and authorize Dir. Long to make it public with a closing date of April 30th and salary range of \$26 to \$30 per hour.

Dir. Nelson seconded and it was approved, 4-0.

8.4 Dir. Rahn will work on formalizing the EMARCD and SMER partnership in the form of a MOU. Dir. Wheeler made a motion for Dir. Rahn to draft the MOU and Dir. Nelson seconded. Approved, 4-0.

8.5 Dir. Rahn told of the SDSU March Month Open House. It will be at SMER on March 28th. Dir. Long asked what was needed of the Board and how we sponsor the event. Dir. Rahn said to attend and possibly volunteer. Dir. Nelson motioned that EMARCD be a joint sponsor and Dir. Wheeler seconded; approved 3-0, Dir. Rahn abstained.

9.0 Reports

9.1 Agency : Bob Hewitt, NRCS absent

9.2 Director: written report submitted by Dir. Nelson

9.3 Associate Director: Dan M. 1) CA St. Parks are demanding access to local and mitigated properties for OHV use, 2) landowners that are using OHVs are causing erosion problems, 3) the Fire safe council is concerned about some of the fire prevention techniques and their impact on the environment.

9.4 Firesafe Council:(see above)

9.5 Counsel: Johnson and Sedlack, Ray Johnson, no report

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 Regional RCD meeting, April 9th

11.2 Fill out Form 700 and bring to next meeting (use website, Fair Political practices commission)

11.3 2009 Annual Newsletter: Dir. Long brought in samples and one created from the info supplied by Dir. Nelson, but with photos and other ideas. She will continue to work on it.

11.4 Dir. Long, President, new contact for meeting agenda items

Adjournment: Dir. Rahn motioned, Dir. Long seconded, approved 4-0 to adjourn at 3:32pm.