

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 20, 2014  
Location: RCD Office**

Directors present: Barbara Kossy, Dave Holland, Jim Reynolds  
Staff present: RCD – Kellyx Nelson, Renee Moldovan, Chelsea Moller  
NRCS – Jim Howard  
Guests: Victor Rabinovich

**1 Call to Order**

- Holland called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

**2 Introduction of Guests and Staff**

- Everyone present had been previously acquainted.

**3 Public Comment**

- Kossy reported on her attendance at Cal-IPC Weed Awareness Day at State Capitol to support AB 2402 to fund Weed Management Areas in California. The bill would provide 2.5 million.
- Kossy reported that Canada College invited RCD to participate in Earth Day celebration.

**4 Approval of Agenda**

- Reynolds moved to approve the agenda, Kossy seconded, approved unanimously.

**5 Consent Agenda**

5.1 February 20, 2014 Draft Regular Meeting Minutes

5.2 January 2014 Draft Financial Statement

5.3 February 2014 Draft Financial Statement

- Reynolds moved to approve the consent agenda, Kossy seconded, approved unanimously.

**6 Discussion Items**

**6.1 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning**

- Kossy spoke with San Mateo County Fair representatives about a banner, display ad, and RCD recognition at the 4H auction.
- Holland and Nelson developed language for proclamation from State legislature for the Mel Mello Farm Day luncheon. Nicole Fernandez from Jerry Hill's office will present it. Nelson will recognize any former directors that are there and introduce the Ag Ombudsman.

- The County Board of Supervisors will recognize the RCD's anniversary this fall.
- **ACTION:** Nelson will bring a list of former directors to the next meeting to see who is interested in serving on a party planning committee.

## **6.2 Statewide Perspective – Kellyx Nelson**

- Nelson distributed a letter that Kossy drafted to send the State Assembly Committee on Agriculture in support of AB 2402. No directors requested changes to the letter, so Kossy will send the letter as is (ATTACHMENT A).
  - **ACTION:** Moller will add letterhead & mail Kossy's letter in support of AB 2402
- Small scale restoration projects may soon have administrative approval for 1600 permits. This means that if a project meets certain criteria, they would automatically be approved for a 1600 permit. Between that and the new federal consistency determination for programmatic biological opinions for salmon projects through NOAA, this could help us get restoration projects done more quickly and cost-effectively.
- Nelson presented with Paul Ringgold (Peninsula Open Space Trust [POST]) to the CA Association of Land Trusts. They plan to do their presentation for POST's Board and the RCD's Board and may also present at the national Land Trust Alliance.

## **6.3 Executive Director Report – Kellyx Nelson**

- Nelson provided updates on RCD projects (ATTACHMENT B).
- **ACTION:** Nelson will follow up with Kossy to determine how she can be involved with the Good Earth Project

## **7 Action Items**

### **7.1 Reschedule April 2014 Board Meeting**

- Due to schedule conflicts, the Regular April meeting needs to be rescheduled or cancelled. There may be a special meeting in April to consider approval of a pending grading permit exemption.
- Reynolds moved to cancel and potentially hold a special meeting, Kossy seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **7.2 Request Board Approval of Updated Procurement Policy**

- Nelson proposed an updated Procurement Policy (ATTACHMENT C) in line with previous discussions. The goal of this policy was to be transparent and accountable, while remaining nimble and effective.
- Kossy moved to approve the updated procurement policy, Reynolds seconded. The procurement policy was approved unanimously.

## **8 Announcement of Closed Session**

### **8.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

Property: Parcel in Pescadero owned by private landowner located within District boundaries

Agency negotiator: Ad hoc committee (Directors Holland, Kramer) and Executive Director

Other negotiating parties: No other negotiating parties

Under negotiation: Consideration to make an offer on a property

- The Board entered the closed session at 7:39 pm.

**9 Report on Closed Session**

- The Board approved making an offer on this property.

**10 Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.