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**WESTERN SHASTA RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 16, 2008 from 9:03a.m. – 11:13 a.m.
Western Shasta RCD, 6270 Parallel Road, Anderson, CA, 96007**

Board members present: Phil Schoefer (President), Tom Engstrom, Virgil Weld, Dave Drennan, Bob Moller, Bruce Wendt, Ed Stewart (Associate)

Others present: Mary Mitchell (RCD District Manager), Bob Bailey (NRCS), Keith Hamblin, and Priscilla Benson (Board Clerk).

Presenters: Francis Duchi, Ben Miles

Phil Schoefer, President, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Additions/Changes to Agenda: Correct typographical error to agenda. Resolution 08-98 should read Resolution 08-09. (Board Clerk)

Public Comment: No comment.

Guest Speaker Ben Miles and Francis Duchi, Shasta Land Trust: Ben Miles, Land Projects Manager and Francis Duchi, Board Chair, introduced themselves and gave a PowerPoint presentation on work being done by the Shasta Land Trust. The three categories of goals and objectives presented were: 1) Open Space, 2) Preserving our Working Landscape, and 3) Provide opportunity for the public to experience their natural environment. Recent successes on conservation easements include:

- Fenwood Ranch , completed 2002
- Fall River Valley on River Ranch, completed 2004
- Hathaway Ranch, completed 2006
- Swicegood Ranch, donated 2006
- Ishi Wilderness Project, purchased in 2007 and will be donated to the Forest Service

Their four areas of focus are Cow/Bear Watershed, Fall River Valley, Cottonwood Creek Watershed, and the Battle Creek Watershed. The Shasta Land Trust is searching for ways to preserve land and get the public involved. Ben announced the next Shasta Land Trust event will take place on August 2 & 3 on the Hathaway Ranch.

Minutes:

By motion made, seconded (Weld/Wendt), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors

approved the June 18, 2008 regular board meeting minutes.

Correspondence Review: Correspondence was reviewed by directors. The Board unanimously agreed to limit the content of correspondence reporting to items of significant importance to the district. No actions were taken on correspondence received.

Financial Committee Report by Dave Drennan and Tom Engstrom:

A report of WSRCD finances was given by directors Engstrom and Drennan.

(see Financial Minutes 7-16-08)

Action items:

Director Engstrom recommended the WSRCD defer payment from the Shasta Conservation Fund until they are in a better cash situation. By motion made, seconded (Engstrom/Wendt), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors agreed to defer billing \$3,050.80 owed by the Shasta Conservation Fund for six months and then review in January 2009.

Financial and Accounting Policies and Procedures: This item was deferred and moved to the August Board Agenda.

Risk Assessment: The final draft of the Risk Assessment will be presented at the August Board meeting.

PERS presentation: The Personnel Committee met to discuss the PERS retirement program and requested feedback from additional directors. After discussion, by motion made, seconded (Weld/Wendt), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors agreed to spend \$700 for the PERS assessment.

Director Engstrom recommended approval of the financials.

By motion made, seconded (Weld/Moller), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the June financials.

Personnel Committee report: District Manager Mary Mitchell reported that the committee met to discuss policies, review wage table adjustments, vacation policy and comp time. The next report will be given at the September Board meeting.

District Manager's Report

Mary Mitchell gave a brief update regarding recent activities and issues, including:

- Brief account of grants submitted.
- Brief update on Ranch property.

Resolution 08-09: By motion made, seconded (Weld/Drennan), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved the execution of contracts with the California Department of Conservation.

Project Manager's Report

Jack Bramhall gave a brief update regarding recent activities and issues, including:

- Forest Service support in Junction City on the Iron Fire.
- Temporary Entry Permits sent to landowners within the Zogg Mine/Kanaka Ridge and the

East Fork Road Fuelbreaks.

- The Shasta Regional Community Foundation funded a dump trailer to use on various projects.
- A call was received from Cal-Fire requesting information and photos to be used for the governor's visit.

Project Manager's Report

- Gail Grifantini gave a brief update of the bid opening for the Jules Brenner Mitigation Project. The apparent low bid was Sunrise Excavating at \$18,235.00

NRCS Update

Bob Bailey, NRCS District Conservationist, Redding Field Office spoke briefly on the following topics:

- A map of fires from the Shu Lightning Complex was displayed and discussed from a rehabilitation standpoint.
- Ed Burton's itinerary for a tour in Shasta County on Friday.
- Distribution of flyer for UC Cooperative Extension 2008 Forestry Workshops.
- Farm Bill – receiving supplemental 2008 appropriation for 2 projects in Whitmore and Montgomery Creek.
- Salvage logging as a way to pay for fire cleanup.

New Business

- Phil Schoefer requested permission to attend the CSDA Annual Conference on September 22-25 in Irvine, CA. By motion made, seconded (Weld/Wendt), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved Phil Schoefer to attend the CSDA Annual Conference.
- Phil Schoefer and Dave Drennan requested permission to attend the Ore-Cal RC&D meeting in Tulelake on July 28, 2007. By motion made, seconded (Weld/Engstrom), and unanimously carried, the Board of Directors approved Phil Schoefer and Dave Drennan to attend the Ore-Cal RC&D meeting.

Old Business

- Mary Mitchell gave an update on the grazing lease being prepared by Fish & Game.
- Phil Schoefer announced that the Stewardship Council postponed the McArthur Swamp meeting to August 15. He will report at the August Board Meeting.

Planning Referrals

One planning referral was received. Tom Engstrom noted that comments previously submitted for the Culp Environmental study were incorporated.

Next Meeting Date: August 20, 2008.

Agenda Item(s) for Next Meeting:

Nuclear Energy

The Board would like to plan a board meeting at the Gaia Hotel.

Adjourn:
MSA Weld/Moller to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Benson, Clerk of the Board
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District