



# Tehachapi Resource Conservation District

Conserving and Enhancing Our Natural Resources and Environment

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## BOARD MEETING

### Minutes for Meeting of January 12, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** At 10:08 am by President Barraclough
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Directors Barraclough, Casdorff and Hammond. Absent: Director Duggan. NRCS: Paul Nguyen Public: Jessica Encisco, Cody Cain, Rebecca Grant, Chris Blood and Denise Miller
3. **Public Comment:** Chris Blood said he would like to volunteer for any trail work we may do.
4. **Minutes:** Director Hammond made motion to approve Dec. 6 and 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Director Barraclough second. All ayes.
5. **Financial Report and Audit:** Director Barraclough printed Dec. 2022 finance report. She spoke with Balancing Act regarding paragraph in financial statements. They said it is generic accounting wordage. Director Hammond made a motion to accept financial statement for December 2022. Director Casdorff second. All ayes. Director Barraclough presented check books for review as well as talked about Kern Fund with \$21,658. Main Balance of TRCD checking is \$4,259 and Grant Balance is \$18,960. Director Casdorff made a motion to approved revised budget 2022/23 presented at last meeting. Director Hammond second. All ayes.
6. **NRCS Report:** Paul Nguyen asked for minor change on minutes from Dec. 8, 2022. Director Casdorff made a motion to reapprove minutes as amended. Director Barraclough second. All ayes. New soil conservationist is John Lyu. He will start in Feb. 2023. NRCS is helping with Emergency Watershed Protection Program. They match 25% of costs.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a) TA 2019 grant. Director Casdorff gave an update of the final report to NACD.
  - b) Building update: Heater repair scheduled for mid Feb. with Airtight air and heat. Hole in roof is leaking with al the rain. Director Hammond said he had a contractor to work on it. Also discussed cutting the rods by old tank area. Contractor will cut one to determine price.
  - c) Director Requirements: Director Casdorff gave update on ethics training and form 700. Director Barraclough added volunteer sign sheet. Directors to include all hours given to working for RCD.
  - d) Earthday/Anniversary celebration: Director Hammond talked to City of Tehachapi about closing off portion of street. He wants to do sponsorships. Director Hammond made a motion to authorize plant sale /earthday committee to accept monetary sponsorships and donations for earthday event 2023. Director Barraclough second. All ayes. Jessica Encisco volunteered to be committee meeting coordinator. TRCD looking into putting up our American flag.
  - e) Grant Update: Director Barraclough explained we have enough money left in TA2021 for half time rest of 2023 employee. NRCS/Paul Nguyen encouraged us to look for a new employee. He can help train. The board postponed remainder of discussion. Board will schedule a special meeting Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.
  - f) By laws committee: postpone until next meeting
8. **Board Member Comment:** None
9. **Next meeting:** special meeting Jan. 26, 2023

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