

Excelsior/Kings River RCD

DIRECTORS:

Michael Miya, President
Ed Esajian, Treasurer
Tony Azevedo, Director
Tony DeGroot, Director
Paul Newton, Director
Nathan Heeringa, Associate Director



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Agenda

Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 1:30PM

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- I. Call to order
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Flag Salute
- II. Public Comment
- III. Meeting Minutes
 - a. May regular meeting minutes – ACTION
 - b. May special meeting minutes - ACTION
- IV. Current Grant(s)
 - a. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
 - b. CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (CAPGP)
 - c. NRCS capacity grant
- V. Pending Grants
 - a. State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant Pilot
 - b. Healthy Soils Program
 - c. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program (WETA)
- VI. Adjournment

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 21, 2023
1:30 PM

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Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
May 17, 2023
1:30PM

1. **Call to Order:** 1:33 PM
 - a. Roll Call: Tony Azevedo, Tony DeGroot, Ed Esajian, Micahel Miya, Paul Newton, Nathan Heeringa
 - b. Guests Present: Ian Vietti (Zoom), Blair Bain, NRCS, Johnny Gailey, Dusty Ference
2. **Public Comments:** Blair Bain spoke on current NRCS opprotunities
3. **Meeting Minutes:**
 - a. A motion was made by Paul Newton, seconded by Tony Azevedo, and passed without opposition approving the April meeting minutes as presented
 - b.
4. **Monthly Treasurer Report:**
 - a. A motion was made by Paul Newton, seconded by Tony Azevedo and passed without opposition accepting the Treasurer's report as presented and approving the invoices as presented
5. **Current Grant(s)**
 - a. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
 - i. Ference reported there has been no movement on the contract
 - b. CDFA Conservation Agriculture Planning Grant Program (GAPGP)
 - i. EKRCD and Sierra RCD continue communicating on the grant. A contract is not expected before June 2023
 - c. NRCS capacity grant
 - i. Ference provided a report on the first grower relief workshop
6. **Pending Grants**
 - a. State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program Block Grant Pilot
 - i. Vietti is working to complete EKRCD application
 - b. Healthy Soils
 - i. Vietti is working to complete EKRCD application
 - c. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program (WETA)
 - i. Vietti presented a list of questions to the board that contribute to the application
7. **New Business**
 - a. NRCS Regional Conservation Partnership Program
 - i. Esajian and Ference reported on their meeting with NRCS
 - b. Authority and/or title of D. Ference
 - i. A motion was made by Tony Azevedo, seconded by Paul Newton, and pass without opposition appointing D. Ference as the General Manager of the EKRCD
 - ii. A motion was made by Tony Azevedo, seconded by Paul Newton, and passed without opposition authorizing the General Manager to sign and approve contracts and payment authorizations on behalf of EKRCD, excluding payments made to KCFB.
 - c. SGMA
 - i. Discussion item
8. **Adjournment:** 3:15 pm

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Special Board Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 2023
1:30PM

1. **Call to Order:** 3:36 PM
 - a. Roll Call: Tony DeGroot, Ed Esajian, Micahel Miya, Nathan Heeringa
 - b. Guests Present: Ian Vietti (Zoom), Dusty Ference
2. **Public Comments:** none
3. **Pending Grants**
 - a. CDFA Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program (WETA)
 - i. A motion was made by Tony DeGroot, seconded by Ed Esajian and passed without opposition approving the major components and minor modifications to the grant application presented by Bountiful Agricultural Planning LLC and authorizing the applications submission unless any Director provides negative feedback by close of business, Monday, June 5, 2023.
4. **Adjournment:** 5:02 pm