

I. Call to Order: President Neil Havlik called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

A. Directors Present: Neil Havlik, Jean-Pierre Wolff, Linda Chipping, Cheryl Lenhardt, Kathie Matsuyama, and Ella Honeycutt.

Directors Absent: None

Staff and Associates Present: Staff Members Deborah Barker, Kathy Evans, Della Barrett and Julie Thomas, and NRCS Representatives Margy Lindquist, Mark Barnett, and Cheryl Zelus.

II. Approval of Minutes for July 21, 2006. After noting two corrections to one part of the minutes: (Item VC, should read: "Deb discussed the Chorro Valley Fish Ladders grant" ... "Margaret Paul discussed the proposal review for the Pismo Creek CDFG Fish Ladder Grant." And VI B should read "While Deb is on vacation..." , on motion by Cheryl L and seconded by Jean Pierre, the minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Public Comment: Ella brought up and the Board discussed sponsoring a tour of the Haddock property in South County. As it has a Zone 11/A connection, a subcommittee of Kathie, Ella and Linda will pursue the matter. On a different subject, Neil asked to agendaize a discussion of the RCD making a contribution to San Luis Obispo's unmet need for funds for conserving the Brughelli Ranch property. The Board agreed to agendaize in September.

IV. Financial Report

- A. Warrant Orders to Be Approved for July/August 2006 expenses: Cheryl L moved to approve the warrant order list for July/August 2006 as submitted. Linda C seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- B. 6/30/06 Financial Statements & Board Secretary/Finance Manager Report: Kathy gave a report summarizing the July 31, 2006 financials statements.

V. Discussion and/or Board Action Items

- A. Conservationist of the Year Ella recommended that the award should go to the Arroyo Grande area's Temple of the People for their decision to keep it their land in organic agriculture, rather than sell it for development. Their 20 acres and is leased and farmed by Jerry Roots. Ella will bring background information for the Board's action at next meeting.
- B. Resolution 06-01: Freedom of Information Request Policy and Resolution: Deb presented Resolution 06-01 and its accompanying policy that she prepared for the Board in response to a request from the NRCS. The policy applies only to projects associated with the NRCS. It does not apply to the standard privileged areas such as personnel records, land transactions that are in process, and litigation. Cheryl L raised the issue that we need clarification on whether a similar policy is necessary for non-NRCS projects, since the RCD is quasi-government. The Board asked that the Resolution be reviewed by County Counsel. Deb asked that it be approved immediately, so something is in place for 319h. With the provision that after its review the County Council recommends nothing more than non-substantive changes, on a motion by Cheryl L, seconded by Kathie, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 06-01 and its associated Policy on Confidentiality for Interagency Documents Requests.
- C. Envirothon Workshop in October: Ella will contact Vivian regarding her availability to do the workshop and its preparation. Funding and staffing were discussed, and the Board agreed to go proceed.
- D. Arroyo Grande Watershed – Zone1/1A Julie reported
- a. Short & Long Term Maintenance – Julie met with the County, presented them with a list of the main items that need to be taken care of in the next few months.
 - b. Consideration of Administrative Services Proposal – The County staff wants a draft contract for long term maintenance from the RCD by the end of September for review and then approval by the Board of Supervisors by the end of December. Julie was concerned about having time to write a draft contract, so both Cheryl L and Linda C. will contribute technical assistance. As is common with contracts, the specific tasks of the work to be done will be agreed to later, with input from the advisory committee and others.
 - c. City of Arroyo Grande proposed MOU for Board review and approval – Linda C and Julie passed out the draft "Arroyo Grande Watershed and Creek Memorandum Of Understanding" prepared by the City of Arroyo Grande and a list of "Specific Tasks for Each Entity" that she had distilled from the MOU. Her "Specific Tasks" list includes her proposed rewording for the RCD's specific tasks. Board members and staff made suggestions for additional revisions. The Board agreed to take no formal action at this time, but to pursue language revisions and have it brought back for formal action at a later meeting.
- E. SWRCB Grant Proposals Update, AG Creek and Project Clearwater – Julie and Deb discussed status of the Consolidated Grant Applications.
- F. Update on Morro Bay Project Clearwater NEP Contract – Deb explained that we are operating under the old contract, as the NEP is currently short of staff and has not had time to work on a new contract
- G. Strategic Planning Process Update, Individual Reports – Individuals gave their reports. To be continued at the next meeting.

- H. Future Board Meeting Dates - September 15, 2006 and October 20, 2006 (both at Coop. Extension at 12:30.), were ok with Board Members.
- I. Board Elections for November 2006, Directors intending to renew and possible new Board Members – Kathy referred to the report in the packet that shows the dates that current members' terms will expire. All three current members with expiring terms stated that they will renew: Jean Pierre, Neil, and Kathie. There is currently one vacancy. We need one proposed new Board Member for the September meeting, at which time the existing Board will "elect" someone. The Board membership will then be forwarded to the SLO County Board of Supervisors for their approval as a Consent Agenda item.

VI. Report Items

- A. Edna Valley/Pismo Creek Watershed Group– Jean-Pierre Wolff had been on vacation at the time of the meeting, but Julie had attended, so she gave a brief report. A preliminary draft of the watershed plan had been distributed.
- B. Watershed Coordinator Report – Deborah Barker discussed her report and updates. (a) Regarding Warden Creek, she had received a copy of plans and permit applications submitted to County Planning by the landowner's representative. She passed them to appropriate RCD and NRCS staff for their review. She also received a letter from Mr. Lee's attorney, Ty Green, which had been sent in response to the RCD's demand letter. Deb will meet with Planning, then with County Counsel (the RCD's attorney) during the week of 9/4-9/8, and then will meet with Ty Green the following week. Deb will check on what legal deadlines may be in effect for the RCD's response. (b) The final SUSCON contract has been received. (c) The RCD has tentatively agreed to oversee a contract for the trimming of some Eucalyptus trees on property owned by the California Coastal Conservancy. Total amount of grant is \$12,500, with the RCD receiving a small percentage for administration. (d) The RCD has been asked by the NEP's Volunteer Monitoring Program to do cross sections of some of the creeks in the Morro Bay watershed. Cheryl L mentioned that cross sections can be a useful "photograph" of the creek bed at a point in time. Deb will get further information.
- C. South County Watershed Coordinator Report – Julie Thomas discussed her report. In addition, she reported the work had started on the vegetation maintenance in the Arroyo Grande channel. Also, Salmon Enhancement is coordinating a county-wide "Creek Clean Up Day" for September 30th. In the coming week, there will be an Arroyo Grande City Council discussion of Newsome Springs and its impact on the Cherry Creek development.
- D. Natural Resources Conservation Service –Margy Lindquist was on vacation.
- E. Project Clearwater Report – Cheryl Z distributed her report.
- F. Envirothon Report Vivian Krug was not present, so no formal report was given. The Board discussed funding.

VII. Meeting Updates

- A. Zone 9 Flood Control, LAFCO, CSDA, -Neil reported briefly, including mentioning the CSDA annual conference.
- B. Water Resources Advisory Committee- Linda C reported that WRAC is "on vacation" until September.
- D. Ag Task Force – Jean Pierre briefly reported that the GMO/GE issue will be discussed by the SLO Board of Supervisors.
- E. CARCD, NACD, RC&D – Kathie M reported that annual meetings are coming up.
- E. Ag Liason – Position available (no report)

VIII. Other Business

Cheryl Z discussed a fencing demonstration.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Della Barrett, Bookkeeper/Board Assistant

NOTE: Corrections to these minutes appear in the next month's minutes.