

**Glenn County Climate Smart Ag Committee**  
**A Standing Committee of Glenn County RCD**

*(formerly SOIL HEALTH in Glenn County Grower Led Technical Advisory Committee Meeting)*

**MINUTES by Lisa Diamond**

**Friday, February 2, 2024**

**1:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Glenn County Resource Conservation District**

**USDA Willows Service Center**

**132 N. Enright Avenue, Suite C**

**Willows, CA 95988**

**In attendance:**

Victor Silveira, Owner/Producer, Silveira Farms

Brint Foster, Certified Crop Advisor & Compost Solutions

Lisa Humphreys, Manager, Farm Bureau

Marcie Skelton, Ag Commissioner, Glenn County Ag Department (via Zoom)

Betsy Karle, UCCE-Glenn County

Lizzeth Mendoza, Climate Smart Ag & Community Education Specialist II, UCCE-Glenn County

Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer, Glenn County RCD

Lisa Diamond, Program Coordinator, Glenn County RCD

Kellie Wilson-Burt, Program Specialist, Glenn County RCD

Ritta Martin, CFO, Glenn County RCD

**1. Call to Order**

Kandi Manhart-Belding called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m.

**2. Welcome & Introductions**

Kandi Manhart-Belding welcomed attendees and introductions ensued.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**4. Update: CDFA's Healthy Soils – Block Grant Pilot Program – \$5 million**

**5. Update: CDFA's SWEEP – Block Grant Pilot Program – \$5 million**

Kandi Manhart-Belding gave a recap of the RCD's history obtaining the HSP and SWEEP grants.

**6. Standing Committee Appointed December 18, 2023 by Glenn County RCD**

**1. Number of seats on committee – Estimated Nine**

Discussion ensued on filling seats on committee.

1) Farmers / Ranchers (Mike V.)

2) Farmers / Ranchers (Victor S.-he will confirm participation by next meeting)

3) Farmers / Ranchers – Priority Population

4) USDA-NRCS (removed; unable to vote)

- 5) UCCE-Glenn County (Betsy K.)
- 6) Ag Commissioner (Marcie S.)
- 7) Farm Bureau (Lisa H.)
- 8) Certified Crop Advisor (Brint F.)
- 9) At-Large / Other
- 10) RCD Director (Mike Landini)

Highlights of the discussion included:

- 9 seats on the committee, at least 3 farmers
- Kristin Guy, USDA-NRCS will sit on the review committee as time permits but is unable to be a voting member.
- Perhaps engage a female producer on the committee, or small farmer/rancher.
- Potential candidates were suggested and will be reached. RCD will continue outreach for volunteers.

### **Technical Review Committee**

Discussion ensued. Technical review committee members may include: Betsy Karle, Curt Pierce, Kristin Guy, Becky Wheeler-Dykes, and Kevin Greer. Final reviewers will be discussed at the next meeting. Reviewers will score applicants on an individual basis, move to consensus, and present their findings to the committee for consideration. Glenn County RCD Board may take final action for approval of awardees.

#### **7. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to fill seats on the committee**

No action. Item tabled until next meeting.

#### **8. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to fill officer positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary**

No action. Item tabled until next meeting. Secretary position will be GCRC staff.

#### **9. Presentation of Wizehive Introduction Video**

Ritta Martin and Lisa Diamond shared a 3 minute introduction video of Wizehive, the application software company that produces, Zengine, which will collect applications, house and disburse the data on the applicants for the SWEEP block grant.

#### **10. ACTION: Discussion and possible action to recommend Request for SWEEP Grant Applications for adoption**

Kandi Manhart-Belding shared draft Request for Grant Applications document (RGA). Page by page committee reviewed draft RGA; there were no major modifications suggested. *Consensus was made to move forward with the noted changes and adopt Request for SWEEP Grant Applications.*

#### **11. Project Outreach**

Kandi Manhart-Belding discussed the plans for workshops. There is a plan for both a Spanish and English-speaking workshop held on February 15 and February 16, respectively.

**January 31, 2024 @ 7:00 AM – Nut Day – Silver Dollar Fair, Chico**

**February 15, 2024 @ 5:30 PM – Glenn County Farm Bureau (Español)**

**February 16, 2024 @ 9:00 AM – Programs 101 for Farmers & Ranchers –  
Glenn Success Square**

**12. Partner Reports**

None.

**13. Review, Next Steps, and Schedule Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for February 26, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

**14. Adjournment**

Kandi Manhart-Belding adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

**Approved on February 29, 2024 by the Glenn County Climate Smart Ag Committee**

Attested by,



**Lisa Humphreys, Chair**



**Kandi Manhart-Belding, Executive Officer  
Glenn County Resource Conservation District**

**Items Attached: NONE**