

MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
USDA Conference Room
Alturas, CA 96101
Minutes
March 21, 2023

Directors Present: Jess Dancer, Dick Mackey, Pearce Flournoy, Stacey Hafen, Erika Forest

Directors Absent: Chico Pedotti (Associate), Jason Diven

Staff Present: Lani Estill, Elyse Blaker,

Guests Present: Edgar Sanchez, Representing NRCS

Pearce called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The January 21, 2023 minutes were accepted as corrected. Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Erika Forest motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The March 21, 2023 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. Moved by Jason Diven, seconded by Erika Forest, motion carried.

Audit Report – Discussion about lack of action, and possibility of engaging a new auditor. Suggested using Singleton out of Susanville. Moved by Jess Dancer and second by Dick Mackey. 530-257-5368

Jess Dancer moved that we get a quote for a new auditor from Clay Singleton Amuman

Devil's Garden Account – Pay \$5,000 now and offer to pay the balance when we get our grant funding.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan – Review version submitted in Fall of 2022. Bring to a vote at the April Board Meeting.
- Budget & Work Plan – Staff is working on the Invoices, budgets, and work plans. Will have a great start by the next meeting.

New Business:

- Election of Officers: Erika Forest, Chairman, Jess Dancer, Vice-Chairman, Jason Diven, Secretary and Stacey Hafen, Treasurer -- Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Stacey Hafen. Motion carried.
- Authorized signers on the Bank Account ending 0136 and account ending 6632 at Plumas Bank will be Erika Forest, Jess Dancer, Jason Diven, Stacey Hafen and Richard Mackey. Moved by Dick Mackey and seconded by Stacey Hafen. Motion carried.
- MRCD will support the Modoc Fire Safe Council will be funding the SEQA for a fuels reduction project in Fort Bidwell. MRCD funding will come from the SNC954 grant as a sub-grant.
- Modoc Fair Booth – Yes, we want a 10x10.
- Ag Expo has been moved to the Modoc County Fairgrounds and Lorissa will share a booth with the Modoc Economic Development Council. The registration has been paid - \$75.00.

Director's Hours:

Jess Dancer	4	Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.)	0
Pearce Flournoy	4	Chico Pedotti (Assoc)	0
Erika Forrest	4	Richard Mackey	4
Stacey Hafen	7	Jason Diven	2

Reports:

Staff Report – Elyse reported that she finished up the Modoc Fire Safe Council Application, Wetland and Mountain Grant through Fish and Wildlife; CDFW ongoing – CARCD Equity grant – we are on the list of interested districts; Healthy Soils Grant incentive project through CDFFA. She went to the soil health academy last week in Chico. Chico State regenerative agriculture sponsored it. Each county may be required to have a composting facility. SNC invoicing is progressing.

Juniper Acres – Engineering cost is \$4,000. Grant is two years old.

NRCS: Edger Sanchez reported. Ranking for Nevada was extended for two months. California projects have been decided and planners are reaching out to landowners that their projects were funded.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report:

Coordinator Reports:

Items for next meeting – Surprise Valley Board Member, Nick Timms, Abbey Smith are possibilities.
Strategic Plan Approval

Closed Session – Met briefly to discuss Business Manager 6-month review and new wage rate.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Next meeting will be held April 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager
Stacey Hafen, Secretary/Treasurer