

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Conference Room., Alturas, CA 96101

Date: November 19, 2024

Attendance

1. Director's Present
 - a. Pearce Flournoy, Jess Dancer, Stacey Hafen, Shaelene Tims (left at 7:30pm)
2. Directors Absent
 - a. Erika Forrest, Jason Diven
3. Staff Present
 - a. Lani Cockrell, Lorissa Soriano, Michelle Radtke, Mike Colbert
4. Guests Present
 - a. Tiffany Martinez. Bryon Hadwick – Representing NRCS. Camille Swezy, Regine Miller, Christiana Darlington – Representing CalFrame. Hanna Chittenden, Will N, Sid Staunton, Mike Byrne – Representing Lava Beds/Butte Vally RCD

Agenda

5. Jess Dancer, Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm
 - a. A quorum was met.
6. Public Comment
 - a. None
7. Minutes
 - a. Tabled until January
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Tabled until January
9. Correspondence
 - a. Healthy Soil week 12/2 – 12/6. Beginners Farmers and Ranchers Dinner 12/13. CWPP Alturas 11/20, Adin 11/2, and Cedarville 12/2
10. Old Business:
 - a. Cal Frame attend via Zoom. They are meeting with surrounding RCDs for regional joint power to address biomass and forest action plans. The project aims to improve biomass residual markets. The team prepared several reports, including biomass market capacity assessment, a joint powers authorities overview report, and a funding mechanisms report. The JPA would oversee the programming to support non-industrial timberland owners. The team asked the Modoc RCD to be a member of the JPA.
 - b. Lava Beds/Butte Valley RCD attended via Zoom. The memorandum of understanding between the Modoc Resource Conservation District and the Lava Beds Butte Valley Resource Conservation District was presented. The board is waiting until January to vote on MOU.
 - c. Conflict of Interest Policy, Jess made motion, Shealene second and Stacey approved. No opposition. Jess signed. The board is required to fill out Form 700.
11. New Business
 - a. Tiffany Martinez expressed interest in being on board. Discussion will be on agenda for December.
 - b. Gooselake RCD expressed interest in merging with MRCD. Tabled until January meeting.

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12. Director's Hours

- a. Jess Dancer 4
- b. Pearce Flournoy 4
- c. Erika Forrest 0
- d. Stacey Hafen 8
- e. Shaelene Tims 6
- f. Jason Diven 0
- g. Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.) 0
- h. Chico Pedotti (Assoc.) 0

Reports

13. Staff Report

- a. Lani provided the project manager report for the board to review. See attached. Mike Colbert updated on the MRE project. The engineer wants two 60,000 gallons holding ponds. The ponds would be lined, auto fill and auto shut off valves. Wells would be drilled next to the ponds with a 15 gallon per minute pump rate. Requesting the county to provide funding for pumps and electricity. Michelle provided information on the upcoming Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

14. NRCS

- a. The application period has ended. They will end up with twice as much money than the last period. An engineer and range position are open. Field work will be completed before the snow.

15. Farm Advisor Office

- a. No Report.

16. Board reports

- a. No Report.

Items for the next meeting

17. Next meeting will be held on December 17th at the Modoc Conservation Resource Center office for open house. The board will meet at 4pm and the open house will be from 5-6pm. Staff update and budget for January.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Closed Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Radtke, Business Manager
Jason Diven, Secretary