

MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
USDA Conference Room
Alturas, CA 96101
Minutes
July 18, 2023

Directors Present: Erika Forest, Jess Dancer, Dick Mackey and Shaelene Tims

Directors Absent: Chico Pedotti (Associate), Pearce Flournoy, Stacey Hafen, Jason Diven

Staff Present: Lani Estill, Elyse Blaker, Ruben Martinez, Lorissa Soriano

Guests Present: Bryon Hadwick, Representing NRCS

Erika Forest called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The June 20, 2023 minutes were accepted as corrected. Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Jess Dancer; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The July 18, 2023 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Dick Mackey, motion carried.

Audit Report – Stacey contacted Clay Singleton out of Susanville. Their quote is \$32,500 for a 5 year audit. They do have the time to do it. The County wants an audit for 5 years which would cover FY 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023. Scheduled for August 1-4.

Devil's Garden Account – Pay \$5,000 now and offer to pay the balance when we get our grant funding. A check was written to Modoc Steel to pay their In-kind expenses.

Correspondence: Sign onto letter to Governor regarding goat herder wages – Stacey moved, Jess seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Budget & Work Plan – The Work Plan is finished, and the Board is considering it a Living Document. Budget was updated in Draft form. A final budget will be presented in August.
- Myles Flournoy – Water Improvements, Bryon & Elyse toured the site. Look at older projects for ideas on how to plan.
- Goose Lake RCD – still inactive, no action was taken.
- CDFA Healthy Soils Demonstration Project Field Day or Day in the District was discussed, and we will do something this fall.

New Business:

- Jared McGarva has a project South Side of West Valley – called “the Park.” Clear the Juniper and overgrowth for Fire Safety and Recreation. The general population is using the area more and visibility is diminished. Project is approximately 600 acres of BLM/County and private land. Mark Mahan is the landowner. The permit is Deep Canyon. Dick MacKey moved to support and sponsor the project and Jess Dancer seconded; motion carried.
- Richard asked to do permits for a NRCS project as a fee for service.

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	4	Jason Diven	4
Shaelene Tims	4		

Reports:

Staff Report – Elyse reported. 942 Grant was extended to 12/31/2023 – Michelle Ray may be a great person to do the GIS work for the county maps.

New computers are here, they have been distributed.

Cal-Fire Cal Pines project still needs CEQA, we were priced out of the market.

Juniper Acres – Richard and the Engineer went to look at the project and work is ongoing.

Dry Creek – Richard has been working on the project with Cal Deer Association.

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported. They are working on current projects. New applications are always accepted, ranking will be in March.

Coordinator Reports: Streamline website up and running on July 28.

Items for next meeting – Budget and Annual Plan of Work. Outreach photos from the Educational Sessions, Day in the District outreach day, CalFrame presentation.

Closed Session – None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Next meeting will be held August 15th, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary