

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Conference Room, Alturas, CA 96101

Date: September 17, 2024

Attendance

1. Director's Present
 - a. Pearce Flourney, Jess Dancer, Stacey Hafen, Erika Forest
2. Directors Absent
 - a. Jason Diven, Dick Mackey
3. Staff Present
 - a. Lani Cockrell
4. Guests Present
 - a. Bryon Hadwick and Edgar Sanchez representing NRCS, Singhet UC Extension

Agenda

5. Erika Forest, President called the meeting to order at 6:12pm
 - a. A quorum was met.
6. Public Comment
 - a. None
7. Minutes
 - a. August 20, 2024, Minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Jess Diven, seconded by Pearce Flourney and motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. September 17, 2024, Treasure's Report was presented by Lani Cockrell. Pearce moved to accept the Financial Report as presented for audit, Jess seconded, and motion carried.
9. Correspondence
 - a. Tribal Food Sovereignty Workshop in Alturas.
10. Old Business
 - a. Election – Pearce moved nominations be closed. Jess seconded, motion passed.
 - b. MOU with Lava Beds/Butte Valley RCD was presented. The Board recommended that the LBBVRCD Board member sign the agreement.
11. New Business
 - a. RFP for Engineering for Water Tank and Alternative Route out of the MRE. Kip Lybarger was chosen for the Water Tank. SHN Engineering got the alternative Route contract.
 - b. Conflict of Interest Policy – tabled
 - c. Personnel Update – Business Manager position has been filled. It will be a joint position with MFSC and MRCD. MFSC will pay MRCD and she will be a MRCD employee.
 - d. Edgar Sanchez presented a grant proposal funded by USDA Sheep Industry Improvement Program. AMS sheep and goat. Use grant funds to fund project to build a community portable sheep processing facility. Rent out to producers. Stacey agreed to help Edgar with the Grant application. Jess moved that we apply for the Grant, seconded by Stacey. Motion carried.
12. Director's Hours
 - a. Jess Dancer 6
 - b. Pearce Flourney 4

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- c. Erika Forrest 5
- d. Stacey Hafen 4
- e. Shaelene Tims 0
- f. Jason Diven 0
- g. Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.) 0
- h. Chico Pedotti (Assoc.) 0

Reports

13. Staff Report

- a. Lorissa reported on Grants and where we are in the process. See attached sheet.
- b. Reese reported on grants progress. See the attached form.

14. NRCS

- a. 12 more projects approved, and projects are continuing to be accepted. Up to 22 contracts now. All employee meeting in October. Two positions are open 1-engineer position in Tulelake. Range Con and Soil Con positions being flown for Alturas. BLM RAC and Experimental Stewardship tour 17th & 18th. Office closed Nov 6-8 for electrical upgrades and uninterrupted power supply for dispatch.

15. Farm Advisor Office

- a. Simer is interested in the SX Ranch riparian restoration project. NRCS and others are looking at ways to move it forward.

16. Board reports

- a. Stacey reported on our progress moving into the new office. A joint sign with the Modoc Fire Safe Council and the MRCD was proposed.

Items for the next meeting

- 17. Cal Frame update
- 18. Director involvement Conflict of Interest Policy
- 19. DVG Contract

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Closed Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary