

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Conference Room, Alturas, CA 96101

Date: June 18, 2024

Attendance

1. Director's Present
 - a. Pearce Flournoy, Stacey Hafen, Erika Forrest, Dick Mackey
2. Directors Absent
 - a. Jason Diven, Shaelene Tims, Jess Dancer
3. Staff Present
 - a. Lani Cockrell, Elyse Baker
4. Guests Present
 - a. Bryon Hadwick Representing NRCS.

Agenda

5. Erika Forest, Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm
 - a. A quorum was met.
6. Public Comment
 - a. None
7. Minutes
 - a. May 21, 2024, minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Stacey, seconded by Pearce and the motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. May 31, 2024, Treasurer's Report was presented by Lani Estill. Pearce Flournoy moved to accept the Financial Report as presented for audit, Dick MacKey seconded, and motion carried.
9. Correspondence
 - a. None.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Staffing Updates: Hired Mike Colbert as Project Director
 - b. BLM hired two summer interns
11. New Business
 - a. Pearce Flournoy moved to Approve Resolution 1-2024 Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election. Stacey Hafen seconded, and motion carried.
 - b. Reminded Directors to update their 700 Reports – All directors need to do online.
 - c. Lava Beds-Butte Valley RCD is asking about merging with Modoc RCD. Will Natividad called in to explain the capacity problem in the area. He needs staffing and funding. The Board is still together but not active. Discussion followed. Pearce moved that we draft and approve a MOU with Lava BedsButte Valley RCD to assist them with Capacity building. Motion seconded by Stacey Hafen – so moved.
 - d. New Agreement with NRCS – Use MRCD grant funding towards arch work that is backlogged with NRCS. New NRCS Agreement is another avenue for funding the position and Bryon Hadwick has positive feedback from his administration. Good fee for service opportunity for the MRCD.

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- e. We resolve to enter into an agreement with NRCS to enhance cultural resource capacity in the Modoc Plateau. Pearce moved and Stacey seconded to approve the resolution to enter into an agreement with NRCS to enhance the cultural resource capacity in the Modoc Plateau. Motion carried.
- f. New Agreement with BLM for 2025 – tabled for future meeting.

12. Director's Hours

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

Reports

13. Staff Report

- a. Elyse reported on Grants and where we are in the process. See attached sheet.

14. NRCS

- a. Bryon Hadwick reported. 2 Sage Grouse contracts were approved. Gena Ganuge, an assistant state conservationist for Area 1 was hired and will be serving our area.

15. Farm Advisor Office

- a. Tabled until January.

16. Board reports

- a. Tabled until January.

Items for the next meeting

- 17. Next meeting will be held on July 16, 2024

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

18. Closed Session

- a. Evaluations and wage adjustments were discussed and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary