

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Conference Room, Alturas, CA 96101

Date: August 20, 2024

Attendance

1. Director's Present
 - a. Pearce Fournoy, Jess Dancer, Erika Forrest, Shaelene Tims
2. Directors Absent
 - a. Jason Diven, Stacey Hafen, Jason Diven
3. Staff Present
 - a. Lani Cockrell, Lorissa Soriano
4. Guests Present
 - a. Bryon Hadwick Representing NRCS, Simmer UC Extension

Agenda

5. Erika Forrest, President called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm
 - a. A quorum was met.
6. Public Comment
 - a. None
7. Minutes
 - a. July 16, 2024, minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Pearce, seconded by Jess and the motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. July 31, 2024, Treasurer's Report was presented by Lani Cockrell. Jess Dancer moved to accept the Financial Report as presented for audit, Pearce seconded, and motion carried.
9. Correspondence
 - a. None.
10. Old Business
 - a. Election – Pearce moved nominations be closed, Jess seconded; motion passed.
 - b. MOU with Lava Beds/Butte Valley RCD is not completed. Elyse has been talking to their staff to determine how we can help.
11. New Business
 - a. Bailey Ranch watershed and streambank stabilization project. – Fred Bailey, Jason & Mindy Clendenen want to expand pond from $\frac{3}{4}$ acre to 3.5 acres. Solar pumps into pond when creek is dry. Will need some planning dollars and CEQA determination. NRCS would like to do a parallel project. Wildlife and aquatic habitat enhancement. Jess made a motion to sponsor the Bailey Ranch proposal, seconded by Shaelene.
 - b. RFP for Engineering for Water Tank and Alternative Route out of the MRE. Jess moved to make a subcommittee to pick the contractor and seconded by Pearce. Motion passed.
 - c. Conflict of Interest Policy – tabled
 - d. Personnel Update – Jess moved that we set up an Interview committee of Stacey, Lani and Lorissa for the business manager position. Seconded by Shae. Motion carries.

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- e. Elyse Blaker resigned effective August 30th.
- f. We need to do something to recognize Dick Mackey's tenure. Dinner at a Indian Restaurant in Reno and certificate.

12. Director's Hours

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

Reports

13. Staff Report

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

14. NRCS

- a. 2 more projects approved, and projects are continuing. Budget for next year will be doubled. Arch work is getting done. MRCD funding is helping. Two positions are open 1-engineer position in Tulelake. Range Con and Soil Con positions being flown for Alturas. Farm Advisor Office

15. Coordinator Reports

- a. Reese reported on grants progress. See the attached form. Working on a Native transitional youth internship program using the Good Neighbor authority program through the BLM. She is working with George – fuel specialist and Craig Drake. Our involvement will be funded with the SNC-966 grant. Our funds will help with training and funding. SIR – Susanville Indian Rancheria would administer the program.

16. Board reports

- a. Stacey reported about 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. Next meeting will be held on September 17, 2024

- a. Cal Frame update
- b. Director's involvement Conflict of Interest Policy

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Closed Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary