

## Board Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Conference Room, Alturas, CA 96101

Date: April 16, 2024

### Attendance

1. Director's Present
  - a. Pearce Flourney, Jess Dancer, Stacey Hafen, Erika Forrest, Jason Diven, Shaelene Tims, Richard Mackey
2. Directors Absent
  - a. Chico Pedotti (Associate)
3. Staff Present
  - a. Lani Estill, Elyse Baker
4. Guests Present
  - a. Bryon Hadwick Representing NRCS

### Agenda

5. Erika Forrest, President called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm
  - a. A quorum was met.
6. Public Comment
  - a. None
7. Minutes
  - a. February 20, 2024, Minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Pearce Flourney and the motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report
  - a. March 31, 2024, Treasure's Report was presented by Lani Cockrell. Jess Dancer moved to accept the Financial Report as presented for audit, seconded by Dick Mackey, and motion carried.
9. Audit Report
  - a. Singleton Auman is willing to prepare annual compiled financial statements for \$1,100/year. In addition, they will do a five-year audit for discounted prices. The Board directed staff to pursue this option.
10. Correspondence
  - a. SNC did an article on the Modoc RCD, it is on our website.
11. Old Business:
  - a. Office Space
    - i. The County has office space next to MFSC in the Water Master Building. \$300/month rent, \$100 Utilities. Draft agreement was presented, and indirect cost budget was reviewed. Jess Dancer made a motion to approve the office lease for one year to be extended to three years, and Stacey Hafen seconded, motion carried.
    - ii. Grants budget update was presented and reviewed. No action needed.
    - iii. Ethics Training. We missed the County sponsored training on April 10<sup>th</sup> and we need to find another source.
12. New Business
  - a. North Cal Neva Workforce Development Pipeline

### Modoc Resource Conservation District Board Meeting

- i. Stacey Hafen reported on the California Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils. California only has 5 remaining councils, and they started a new organization to replace the previous defunct organization. The focus of the new association is to assist NRCS and RCDs with hiring. They will be using an internship program to find people and assist with onboarding and possibly training. It is a work in progress and Stacey is serving on their Board.
- ii. Upcoming Events
  1. High Tunnels Users Group Meeting May 4<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm
  2. Ag in the Classroom May 20<sup>th</sup> at the JLS Showgrounds

### 13. Director's Hours

- a. Jess Dancer 4
- b. Pearce Flournoy 4
- c. Erika Forrest 5
- d. Stacey Hafen 8
- e. Shaelene Tims 4
- f. Jason Diven 0
- g. Richard Mackey 4
- h. Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.) 0
- i. Chico Pedotti (Assoc.) 0

### *Reports*

#### 14. Staff Report

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

#### 15. NRCS

- a. Bryon Hadwick reported some archeologists have had hired and range positions are open until filled. Safe Grouse projects are being initiated and may be flown. They have a forestry focus which is not Modoc counties strong point so the number of applications in our area will most likely be small.

#### 16. Farm Advisor Office

- a. Tabled until January.

#### 17. Board reports

- a. Tabled until January.

### *Items for the next meeting*

18. Next meeting will be held on May 21, 2024

### *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Closed Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Cockrell, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary