

Board Meeting Minutes

Location: USDA Conference Room, Alturas, CA 96101

Date: July 16, 2024

Attendance

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

Agenda

5. Erika Forrest, President called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm
 - a. A quorum was met.
6. Public Comment
 - a. None
7. Minutes
 - a. June 18, 2024, Minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Stacey, seconded by Pearce and the motion carried.
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. June 30, 2024, Treasure's Report was presented by Lani Cockrell. Pearce Flourney moved to accept the Financial Report as presented for audit, Jess Dancer seconded, and motion carried.
9. Correspondence
 - a. CARCD Convention is December 10-12 at the Doubletree Hilton
 - b. County alerted us to the need for a new Conflict of Interest Policy
 - c. Lomakatsi is asking for investment in their (Resource Conservation Project Plan) RCPP application. Deadline is past.
10. Old Business:
 - a. 2024 Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) – Form 700 linked and instructions provided to the Board.
 - b. Board Elections – Stacey, Jason, Shaelene and Dick need to pick up paperwork at the County.
 - c. MOU with Lave Beds/Butte Valley RCD is not completed. Elyse has been talking to their staff to determine how we can help.
11. New Business
 - a. The Board agreed to change the River Center Meetings to Quarterly unless there is business to conduct.
 - b. The Board agreed that in person meetings with a Zoom option are good alternative. Staff will get a Zoom account and screen for Board room.
12. Director's Hours
 - a. Jess Dancer 4
 - b. Pearce Flourney 4

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- c. Erika Forrest 4
- d. Stacey Hafen 10
- 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. Edgar reported archaeologists are coming up and they will be in the field with our staff.

15. Coordinator Report

- a. Reese reported on her progress and new projects. 966 deliverable is to work on new projects. She has been approached by a local rancher to do a watershed project on Bailey Ranch in partnership with NRCS.
- b. Working on a Native transitional youth internship program using the Good Neighbor authority program through the BLM. George, Fuel Specialist and Craig Drake. Would be funded with the SNC 966 grant. Our funds will help with training and funding. SIR would administer the program.

16. Farm Advisor Office

- a. None.

17. 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

18. Next meeting will be held on August 20, 2024

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

19. Closed Session

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager
Jason Diven, Secretary