

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
Marker Building
Alturas, CA 96101**

Minutes
January 18, 2022

Directors Present: Pearce Flournoy (Telephonic), Erika Forrest, Jess Dancer, Dick Mackey (Telephonic), Lorissa Soriano (Associate, Telephonic)

Directors Absent: Jason Diven, Stacey Hafen, Chico Pedotti (Associate)

Staff Present: Reina Baremore

Guests Present: Richard Westman, Bryon Hadwick, Ned Coe, Dave MacDougall

Erika Forest called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment:

Minutes: The November 16, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented. **Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Pearce Flournoy, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: The January 2022 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Pearce Flournoy, motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- An audit engagement letter has been received from Monica Derner. Board members discussed the issue of the new estimated fee which could be up to \$7,500. Reina reported that the initial audit fee was \$4,500 of which \$1,500 was paid for initial work done and the remaining \$3,000 was paid because the grant funds had to be paid out by the expiration date of the grant. This leaves a \$3,000 credit on our account. Fees will be discussed with Monica. Acceptance of the letter was tabled until meeting with Monica. Erika Forrest will be able to meet with Pearce and Monica regarding the fee issue.

New Business:

- Jess reported that Chico Pedotti is having congestive heart issues. Dick reported that his condition has improved.

Director's Hours:

Jess Dancer	4	Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.)	4
Pearce Flournoy	4	Chico Pedotti (Assoc)	0
Erika Forrest	4	Richard Mackey	4
Stacey Hafen	0	Jason Diven	0

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported that the first EQIP rankings will be completed within the next 2 months. only 2 batches this year. The Nevada deadline is past. Only 4-5 applications were received. Whitney Ponti is back at the NRCS office. Full-time farm bill assistant position may be available. Biologist position selection has been made with a start date in February. 100 statewide positions will be filled in CA. Also internship positions will be available.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report: Brian Hadwick reported that Stacey Hafen's condition is somewhat improved. She is still receiving treatments.

Coordinator Reports: Richard Westman reported that the DWR grant is out for public review. The Juniper Acres water system proposal was already approved. Grant guidelines for disadvantaged communities. Website management will be undertaken by Heidi Bethel. Funding for this has been provided by the AB2551 grant up to \$5,000. Fee amount quoted was \$4,500. SNC Fire Recovery and Forest Resilience and Shaded Roadside Fuel break in CalPines grants are in process. CalFire Fire Prevention funding is another grant for which we have applied. Two resolutions were presented for approval. Contractors are still working on SNC RFFCPP Early Action Funding grant of \$600,000 for project planning and capacity building. Juniper Acres Infrastructure Improvement Cooperative Agreement will also need a board resolution. NRCS Social Justice and Equality funding is available. CARCD would be able to apply if several RCDs participate. 15 RCDs participated and funding was received. \$25,000 per RCD will be available. Tribes and smaller agricultural operations will be approached. A contract with CARCD is pending. Lorissa expressed appreciation for assistance. Wildfire resilience resolution was approved. **Jess Dancer moved, Dick Mackey seconded, motion carried.** CalFire Prevention board resolution was approved. **Jess moved, Dick seconded, motion carried.** Juniper Acres board resolution was approved. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Pearce Flournoy, motion carried.** The board approved the engagement of Heidi Bethel's services for website maintenance. **Jess Dancer moved, Dick Mackey seconded, motion carried.**

Dave reported that phase two on Ball Mountain field project is in process. Documents to be signed this week. Fandango scoping project will also be connected. Additional staff has been hired in order to allow Dave to spend more time in our area.

Bryon reported on the Smart Water equipment acquisition planned by the Sheriff's Department. This will allow identification of stolen property with special technology.

Closed Session (As Needed):

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reina G. Baremore, Business Manager

Stacey Hafen, Secretary/Treasurer