

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
USDA Conference Room
Alturas, CA 96101
Minutes
September 17, 2024**

Directors Present: Pearce Flournoy, Jess Dancer, Erika Forrest, Stacey Hafen

Directors Absent: Dick Mackey, Jason Diven

Staff Present: Lani Estill

Guests Present: Edgar Sanchez & Bryon Hadwick, Representing NRCS, Singhet UC Extension

Erika Forrest, President called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The August 20, 2024 minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Jess, seconded by Pearce and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Sept 17, 2024, Treasurer's Report was presented by Lani Cockrell. Pearce moved to accept the Financial Report as presented for audit, Jess seconded, and motion carried.

Correspondence: Tribal Food Sovereignty Workshop in Alturas

Old Business:

- Election – Pearce moved nominations be closed, Jess seconded; motion passed.
- MOU with Lava Beds/Butte Valley RCD was presented. Board recommended that the LBBVRCD Board member sign the agreement.

New Business:

- RFP for Engineering for Water Tank and Alternative Route out of the MRE. Kip Lybarger was chosen for the Water Tank. SHN Engineering got the alternative Route contract.
- Conflict of Interest Policy – tabled
- Personnel Update – Business Manager position has been filled. It will be a joint position with MFSC and MRCD. MFSC will pay MRCD and she will be a MRCD employee.
- Edgar Sanchez presented a grant proposal funded by USDA Sheep Industry Improvement Program. AMS sheep and goat. Use grant funds to fund project to build a community portable sheep processing facility. Rent out to producers. Stacey agreed to help Edgar with the Grant application. Jess moved that we apply for the Grant, seconded by Stacey. Motion carried.

Director's Hours:

Jess Dancer	6	Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.)	0
Pearce Flournoy	4	Chico Pedotti (Assoc)	0
Erika Forrest	5	Richard Mackey	0
Stacey Hafen	4	Jason Diven	0
Shaelene Tims	0		

Reports:

Staff Report – Lorissa reported on Grants and where we are in the process. See attached sheet.

NRCS: 12 more projects approved, and projects are continuing to be accepted. Up to 22 contracts now. All employee meeting in October. Two positions are open 1-engineer position in Tulelake. Range Con and Soil Con positions being flown for Alturas. BLM RAC and Experimental Stewardship tour 17th & 18th. Office closed Nov 6-8 for electrical upgrades and uninterrupted power supply for dispatch.

Farm Advisor Office – Simer is interested in the SX Ranch riparian restoration project. NRCS and others are looking at ways to move it forward.

Coordinator Reports: Reese reported on grants progress. See attached form.

Board reports – 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 next meeting – Cal Frame update – Director involvement
Conflict of Interest Policy - DVG Contract

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

Closed Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary