

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

August 20, 2024

Directors Present: Pearce Flournoy, Jess Dancer, Erika Forrest, Shaelene Tims

Directors Absent: Dick Mackey, Stacey Hafen, Jason Diven

Staff Present: Lani Estill, Lorissa Soriano

Guests Present: Bryon Hadwick, Representing NRCS, Simmer UC Extension

Erika Forrest, President called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The July 16, 2024 minutes were accepted as presented. Moved by Pearce, seconded by Jess and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: 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.

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Election – Pearce moved nominations be closed, Jess seconded; motion passed.
- MOU with Lava Beds/Butte Valley RCD is not completed. Elyse has been talking to their staff to determine how we can help.

New Business:

- 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 pump to 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.
- 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.
- Conflict of Interest Policy – tabled
- 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.
- Elyse Blaker resigned effective August 30th.
- We need to do something to recognize Dick Mackey's tenure. Dinner at a Indian Restaurant in Reno and certificate.

Director's Hours:

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

Stacey Hafen
Shaelene Tims

5
4

Jason Diven

0

Reports:

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

NRCS: 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.

Coordinator Reports: Reese reported on grants progress. See 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.

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

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm

Closed Session: None

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary