

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
USDA Conference Room
Alturas, CA 96101
Minutes
January 17, 2023**

Directors Present: Jason Diven, Dick Mackey, Pearce Flournoy, Stacey Hafen (remote), Erika Forest

Directors Absent: Chico Pedotti (Associate), Jess Dancer

Staff Present: Lani Estill, Richard Westman

Guests Present: Edgar Sanchez, Representing NRCS, Elyse Blaker, James Reed

Pearce called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The December 20, 2022 minutes were accepted as presented. **Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Jason Diven motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: The December 30, 2022 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. **Moved by Jason Diven, seconded by Erika Forest, motion carried.**

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan – Adopt the version submitted to the Board in the Fall. Bring back at next meeting.
- Watershed Coordinator /Executive Director – Elyse Blaker – welcome and round table introductions/goals and inspirations. Elyse will start working on Feb. 1st.
- Office space and location where Elyse will be working was discussed and will be worked out. The need for NRCS office wireless that MRCD staff can use was discussed and it was agreed that we should purchase a router.

New Business:

- Budget & Work Plan – Was discussed and will be a priority for Executive director.
 - Surprise Valley Director's Seat – There is a vacancy on the Board for a Surprise Valley Director. A few names were mentioned.
 - Employment Manual needs updated.
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- Computers – Dick Mackey moved that we purchase one new computer and attempt to get the GIS capable computer funded by SNC grant, Erika Forest seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Director's Hours:

Jess Dancer	0	Lorissa Soriano (Assoc.)	0
Pearce Flournoy	4	Chico Pedotti (Assoc)	0
Erika Forrest	4	Richard Mackey	4
Stacey Hafen	4	Jason Diven	16

Reports:

Jason Diven attended a USWS Partners for Wildlife Conference and gave a ranchers perspective on programs and wildlife.

NRCS: Edger Sanchez reported. Funding deadline has passed but applications are accepted at any time.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report:

Coordinator Reports: Richard Westman reported on the Grants we have:

Dry Creek Ecological Planning - \$97,000 grant

WIP Capacity Building Grant - \$228,000 – Forest Health and Fire Safe Council – June 30, 2023 ending date – but may be extended.

AB2551 – Capacity Building Grant ends 10/31/2024

Early Action Grant –

Juniper Acres – Southfork Road - \$58,000 improve water system/storage

CDFA grant – Healthy Soils Grant – MRCD responsible for outreach.

CARCD Social Justice and Equity Grant - \$20,000

CalFire – approx.. \$380,000. Forest Health and Fire Safety – CalPines

Items for next meeting – Strategic Plan review and update

- Retirement requirements for 5 or more employee
- Election of Officers

Closed Session –As Needed

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Next meeting will be held Feb 21st, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Stacey Hafen, Secretary/Treasurer