

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
USDA Conference Room
Alturas, CA 96101
Minutes
May 16, 2023**

Directors Present: Jess Dancer, Pearce Flournoy, Stacey Hafen, and Jason Diven

Directors Absent: Chico Pedotti (Associate), Dick MacKey, Erika Forest

Staff Present: Lani Estill, Elyse Blaker,

Guests Present: Bryon Hadwick, Representing NRCS

Jess Dancer called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The April 18, 2023 minutes were accepted as corrected. Moved by Pearce Flournoy, seconded by Jason Diven; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The May 16, 2023 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. Moved by Jason Diven, seconded by Pearce Flournoy, motion carried.

Audit Report – Stacey contacted Clay Singleton out of Susanville. Their quote is \$32,500 for a 5 year audit. They do have the time to do it. The County wants an audit for 5 years which would cover FY 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, 2022-2023.

Devil's Garden Account – Pay \$5,000 now and offer to pay the balance when we get our grant funding. A check was written to Modoc Steel to pay their In-kind expenses.

Correspondence: We received an email from Ryan Reger from CARCD stating that they want to grant us the funding to partially pay for our Audit. They are offering approximately \$19,283.99 towards our audit expense. The trick is getting the funding out before June when their fiscal year ends. We are all hoping that funding materializes.

Old Business:

- Budget & Work Plan – The Work Plan is finished, and the Board is considering it a Living Document. They want it updated every 6 months. We will add the Budget to the document and present it in July.
- Board Appointment procedure was discussed. We advertise or post the vacancy, interested parties complete an application and the Board Appointment the. We inform the Registrar of Voters and the Modoc County Board of Supervisors makes the official appointment.
- Terms of Current Board Members are as follows:
- Shaelene Timms from Cedarville is interested in the open Surprise Valley Position on the Board an was given an application.
- CDFA Healthy Soils Block Grant. – Elyse would like to apply. It closes before the next meeting. Jason moved that we apply for the grant, motion was seconded by Pearce. Motion carries.
- Miles Flournoy projects from the last meeting were discussed. Elyse and Bryon will go look at the projects. Riff/Raff project at West Valley could be a fit for NRCS/RCD.

New Business:

- Jared McGarva has a project to take before the Board, but he was not able to make it to the meeting. The project was tabled until he could be here to explain the project proposal.
- CDFA Healthy Soils Demonstration Project Field Day or Day in the District was discussed. The goal is to fulfill the outreach requirements for the CDFA Healthy Soil grant and to do general outreach for the district. August or September dates were discussed. Sophie and Lynn could do a tour of their high tunnel and Jason Diven could show the compost application project. Sophie from Pt. Blue will be here August 28-31. Kabir, a NRCS Soil Scientist was suggested as a potential speaker.
- We will have a booth at the Sportsman's Expo June 24
- High School Associate Board Position was discussed. It could be in conjunction with the Internship program offered by the school. Bryon Hadwick and Elyse offered to talk to the school and try to see if it could work out.

Director's Hours:

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

Reports:

Staff Report – Please see attached.

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported. They have 22 Equip Projects approved and a few Sage Grouse and ESP Projects approved for a total of about 30 projects in our area. 70 projects were unfunded. There are a few open positions in the office. Bryon is waiting to hear if anyone applied for the one closed position. The Range Conservationist position is open.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report:

Coordinator Reports: See attached.

Items for next meeting – Goose Lake RCD; High School Intern/Associate Board Member

Closed Session – None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m. Next meeting will be held June 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager
Jason Diven, Secretary