

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
1032 N. East St. (U-Haul)
Alturas, CA 96101**

Minutes
September 21, 2021

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

Directors Absent: Jason Diven, Chico Pedotti (Associate)

Staff Present: Reina Baremore

Guests Present: Richard Westman, Bryon Hadwick

Pearce Flournoy called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment:

Minutes: The August 17, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Dick Mackey, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: The September 2021 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Erika Forrest, motion carried.**

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Richard Westman provided his written report which included the agenda items. The SNC Dry Creek project is behind schedule but is picking up. Richard and Lorissa have been assisting/working on coordinating the Fire Safe Council CalPines project completion. There will be a tour of the project area on Sept. 30.
- The Forest Service Master Stewardship Agreement will begin upon Board approval.
- The AB 2551 project is off to a slow start. Landowners with forest property will be contacted to participate in a forest health project.
- Juniper Acres DWR project of \$58,000 has completed its first project report.
- Briana Schnelle provide a verbal (telephonic) and written reports on the CDFA project in Surprise Valley. Project start was delayed until this spring. 120 producers need to be contacted by the Modoc Ag Expo in the spring of 2022. Mid-year report is due by Jan. 31, 2022. She suggested continuing calling/emailing regarding the outstanding invoice balance due.
- Copies of our MOU with Modoc Fire Safe Council were presented for signatures and were duly signed.
- Modoc County Fair display had photos of MFSC projects and handouts for the public. Two projects resulted from the booth display.
- Workspace and internet service in the Bank of America building was requested by our project coordinators at a cost of \$120 per month. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Dick Mackey, motion carried.**
- Pearce Flournoy suggested that the RCD pay \$200 for past use of La Joya's office. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Erika Forrest, motion carried.**

- Jess Dancer inquired about the status of the 5-year audit. Reina reported that there has been no action to date. She will contact the auditor again.

New Business:

- A request was presented for a contract with Ruben Martinez for part-time work at \$25/hr with funding from the SNC-WIP project. He will assist the project coordinators with other functions as well. Board approval of the contract agreement was made pending finalization of details. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Erika Forrest, motion carried.**
- Dick Mackey suggested discussing possibilities of increasing hours which have decreased for Whitney Ponti at NRCS. Her work hours are at 20 hours per week. Bryon suggested sending a letter the NRCS Area Conservationist and State Conservationist to request additional farm bill assistant hours.
- SNC has an Early Action Concept Funding Proposal for which a proposal was submitted with multiple participants. Funding is primarily directed toward capacity building.

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	4	Jason Diven	0

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported that this fiscal year’s obligations have been completed including 6 sage grouse projects. The front door at USDA offices is still locked. One person is allowed in at a time. Vaccinations may be required for all federal employees and probably any other employees occupying the building. Bryon is still waiting on responses for the Local Resources Concerns and Priorities forms which were previously completed by the board.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report:

Coordinator Reports: Richard Westman reported

Closed Session (As Needed):

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 1302 N. East St.

Respectfully submitted,

Reina G. Baremore, Business Manager
Stacey Hafen, Secretary/Treasurer