

**MODOC RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING
1302 N. East St. (La Joya U-Haul)
Alturas, CA 96101**

Minutes
June 15, 2021

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

Directors Absent: Jason Diven, Dick Mackey, Chico Pedotti (Associate),

Staff Present: Reina Baremore

Guests Present: Richard Westman, Bryon Hadwick (Telephonic)

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

Public Comment:

Minutes: The May 18, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented. **Moved by Jess Dancer, seconded by Erika Forrest, motion carried.**

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

Correspondence:

Old Business:

- Richard Westman, Lorissa Soriano and Reina Baremore participated in the Zoom Modoc Regional Plateau meeting. Lorissa reported that the CA Fire Safe Council letter of interest for fire mitigation was discussed at length. Each RCD shared ongoing projects.

New Business:

- Erika Forrest reported that Davis Creek residents have expressed an interest in obtaining pine trees from our tree sales events. Bryon Hadwick will check with the Forest Service to see if they might have extra seedlings available. Washoe Nursery may have some stock available in the fall or next spring.

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	4	Jason Diven	0

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported that the USDA office is now accepting clients by appointment only. Masks or social distancing are not required if people have been vaccinated. Masks are still required when staff is out in the field with clients. Another EQIP round was processed for 55-56 applications. More EQIP-CIC new program information will be available after next week's teleconferencing. Additional \$600,000 drought funding has been provided the Klamath Basin. Sage grouse funding for Nevada is still available. Goose Lake exemption from irrigated lands program is still in process. Whitney has only worked a few hours and will

submit a time sheet for RCD payroll processing when she has more hours. An entry level biology position is available in the Alturas office until it is filled.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report: Stacey Hafen reported that a signed agreement has been received. Stacey is working on draft agreements through the RC&D. Process should be on track in the process.

Coordinator Reports: Richard Westman reported on the Dry Creek grant which is progressing slowly. A meeting was held online with grant manager, Tuli Potts on June 9. Parts of the WIP grant are going well, some parts are slower. Richard and Lorissa Soriano have met with BLM & USFS regarding fuel reduction funding. Next meeting will be held in July. Honey Lake requested a meeting because it would like to get more involved in fuel reduction projects. SNC Workshop meeting is scheduled for June 18 for regional reporting. The Juniper Acres agreement with MFSC is still in process. A county crew is working on the CalPines fuel break. This crew is replacing the Devil's Garden crews which are no longer available. Newsletter coverage might be in the works. A \$450,000 grant proposal has been submitted through CalFire. Richard is hoping to use WIP funds to help MFSC with CalPines flagging work.

Closed Session (As Needed):

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Next scheduled meeting will be July 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at 1302 N. East St.

Respectfully submitted,

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