

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

Minutes
November 16, 2021

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

Directors Absent: Jess Dancer, Jason Diven, Chico Pedotti (Associate)

Staff Present: Reina Baremore

Guests Present: Richard Westman, Bryon Hadwick

Pearce Flournoy called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. A quorum was met.

Public Comment:

Minutes: The October 19, 2021 minutes were accepted as presented. **Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Erika Forrest, motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: The November 2021 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. **Moved by Erika Forrest, seconded by Dick Mackey, motion carried.**

Correspondence: Received a short written report on the CDFR Healthy Soils project from Briana.

Old Business:

- Dick Mackey requested reimbursement for his purchase of a pump for the District solar watering system. Also reimbursement for the electrician's examination of the old pump. There was also a battery for the solar fence purchased. Use of the system for five months at \$50 per month will be deducted from the total reimbursement. **Moved by Stacey Hafen, seconded by Erika Forrest, motion carried. One abstention, Dick Mackey.** Dick reported that the system was taken out for testing today on Archie Osborn's allotment.

New Business:

- Dick Mackey suggested that we have another Day in the District next spring since we haven't had one in several years. The rest of the board concurred unanimously with this. The fire hall in Likely was suggested for the event meal.
- Bryon Hadwick pointed out the possibility that the District should not be renting office space for our contractors. Richard pointed out that the space is basically a work station and that most of the contractor work is still done at home. Dick suggested that the rented space is to be used as the District office/meeting space. The issue will need to be explored further in order to make sure we are not out of compliance. Richard Westman pointed out that CEQA documents must be completed on line and that the submitting agency/person must be authorized which means this task needs to be performed on the District computer which is housed in this office. Heat is scheduled to be installed on Nov 23.
- Stacey reported that Marlene Hamilton will be retiring the end of the year. Stacey will be in charge of preparing an appreciation card.

- Reina Baremore reported that she and her husband decided to put their commercial building on the market this month and were greatly surprised that it sold immediately. This means that they will be vacating the building by December 10 and closing down the U-Haul Dealership. Therefore the premises will no longer be available for our board meetings.

Director’s Hours:

Jess Dancer	0	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 the year’s new NRCS schedule has been prepared. Multiple application periods will be available throughout the year. Two to three batches are anticipated this season. It may be possible to have our office space in the USDA building available again after the first of 2022.

Upper Pit River IRWM Report:

Coordinator Reports: Richard Westman shared a written report. (Included with minutes) A SNC RFFCP Early Action Funding proposal application requires a board resolution in order to move forward. Richard will prepare the resolution for signature. The board voted to approve preparation of this resolution. **Moved by Erika Forrest, seconded by Stacey Hafen, motion carried.** Jennifer Garduno will be hired to complete a 4-member part-time grant-writing team. Staff funding for this position is available for a couple of years through the WIP grant. An application for a DOC Working Lands Riparian Corridor Enhancement planning grant will also require a board resolution in order to move forward. Approval for preparation and submittal of this resolution was approved. **Moved by Dick Mackey, seconded by Stacey Hafen, motion carried.**

Closed Session (As Needed):

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The board unanimously decided to skip the December board meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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