

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

Directors Present: Dick Mackey, Stacey Hafen, Erika Forrest Jess Dancer and Jason Diven.

Directors Absent: Chico Pedotti (Associate) Pearce Flourney, Shaelene Tims.

Staff Present: Lani Estill, Elyse Blaker

Guests Present: Bryon Hadwick, Representing NRCS

Erika Forest, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm. A quorum was met.

Public Comment: None

Minutes: The September, 2023 minutes were accepted as corrected. Moved by Dick MacKey, seconded by Jess Dancer; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The October 17, 2023 Treasurer's Report was accepted for audit. Moved by Jason Diven, seconded by Dick Mackey, motion carried.

Audit Report – Waiting for report to be completed.

Correspondence:

CARCD Modoc Plateau Regional RCD Chair is stepping down and they need a new representative. No Board members present at the meeting are able to serve. We will ask other members and let them know.

Old Business:

- Budget & Work Plan – Tabled until next meeting.
- CDFA Field Day. Early November and use Marchy Barn to be partially inside. Agenda will include the CDFA-HSP and Fuel Breaks near Lake City. CDFA if we can sponsor a meal. May need to pay them with General funds money if grants won't cover it. Elyse is working with Bree and Jason.
- CARCD is offering legal services using Best, Best & Krieger attorneys at law. Modoc RCD will retain them and CARCD will be the first payer for small things. Modoc RCD is responsible however and will be the client of record. It looks like a good low cost law service for incidental matters. It is grant funded so it will be paid for until the grant runs out in 2024. Jess Dancer moved to accept the MOU and work with BBK for legal services. Seconded by Jason Diven and motion carried.
- Job Descriptions for Project Coordinator. One would be joint with NRCS and the other would be solely MRCD. NRCS will put in for a new agreement. Similar to a GS 7 or 9.
- Office Space: Nothing new to report. Talk to the County, they may have something.

New Business:

- Modoc Plateau Regional RCD Meeting – New Chairman was elected from Honey Lake RCD. Two additional committees need a representative from Modoc Plateau Regional one for Forestry and one for JEDI.

Director's Hours:

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

Reports:

Staff Report – None

NRCS: Bryon Hadwick reported. They are working on current projects. Next year 40% more funds. Staffing is an issue. New applications are always accepted due Nov. 3 for next batch, more batches to follow, and project ranking will be in March. May have a third batch this year with the additional funding. Heidi Ramsey will be moving on to the Nevada State Conservationist Position. Bryon will have a new supervisor once the position is filled.

Coordinator Reports: 966 grant spent \$3,000 of their funds earmarked for Honey Lake Valley, 954 grant waiting for the next portion of the funding for fuel break around Fort Bidwell. Social Justice grant – 2 plant kits for Schools – SV will be working on that. Cal-Fire CEQA was approved by the county. Collins Pine is asking for help on a project.

Items for next meeting – Budget and Annual Plan of Work. Employee Handbook meet at 5:00 to work on it.

Closed Session – None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting will be held November 28st, 2023 at 6:15 with a workday at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lani Estill, Business Manager

Jason Diven, Secretary