



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 23, 2024, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Big Sandy Rancheria Community Resource Center
33041 Auberry Road, Auberry CA 93602

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order** *President*
- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Director roll call
Pete Lassotovitch, Alan Fry, Joe Denham
- C. Introduction of guests (19 in person, 3 online (Jessie, Chelsea, Uyen))
Staff: Kelly Kucharski, John Heywood, Sokmarly In, Tanner Michaelson, Daisy Guzman, Megan Powers, Chelsea Hutchens, Jessie Kanter, Merribeth Martella, Gianna Garcia, Jesse Hernandez, Manuel Pavon
Guests: From Big Sandy Rancheria Tom Zizzo, Liz Hutchens, Leann Anguiano, Matthew Munos, Joel Marvin, Uyen Lien (NRCS), Bret Rush (County of Fresno)
- D. Core Values: Stewardship, Responsibility, Innovation *Manager*
- II. Approval of Minutes from August 2024 (A)**
Director Denham moved to pass the minutes, Director Fry seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and motion passed unanimously. (3-0-0) *President*
- III. Public Comment for any item not on the agenda (No action can be taken)**
No public comment
- IV. Partner Reports (I)**
- A. NRCS Report
Natural Resource Specialist Intern started with NRCS.
- V. SRCD Board Action Items and Discussion Topics: (I) Info / (A) Action**
- A. Financial Management *Controller*
- 1) Financial Reports: FY 24-25 Balance Sheet, FY 24-25 Budget to Actual, FY 24-25 Budget to Actual with Detail, FY 24-25 Profit and Loss **(I)**
Controller reviewed the financial reports and noted changes in Accounts Receivable and Deferred Revenues.
- B. Actions *Manager*
- 1) California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Notice of Exemptions for USDA USFS Community Wildfire Defense Grant and Wildlife Conservation Board Habitat Implementation at the Ruth McKenzie Preserve **(A)**
SRCD is looking for approval of Notice of Exemption filings. These projects include removal of invasive species and native planting.
Director Denham moved to approve the NOEs, Director Fry seconded the motion, all present voted in favor and motion pass unanimously. (3-0-0)
- C. Fresno County Tribal Biomass Utilization Campus Project *Development Advisor*
- 1) Partnership Presentation **(I)**
SRCD is a state agency presenting a vision for a Biomass Utilization Campus. The purpose of the presentation is collaboration with Big Sandy Rancheria on the processes and future plans. The Big Sandy Rancheria Tribble Council is in attendance to meet the SRCD Board Members in person. Presenting during the meeting is District Manager, Kelly Kucharski, and District Advisor John Heywood.
The presentation topics included conversations about Healthier Forests, Improved air quality, Local economic Development & Jobs, Productive Regenerative Agriculture and much more.
SRCD has a grant awarded that can fund Phase 1 of the Partnership with Big Sandy.
- 2) Tour **(I)**
The meeting was followed by a tour of Big Sandy properties as part of the collaboration.
- VI. Adjournment – Next Meeting: October 28th, 2024 – Clovis Veteran’s Memorial District & via MS Teams**
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