Pit Resource Conservation District Minutes for the meeting held 3/14/24

M.C.T.O. at 6:08 pm by Chairman Andy Albaugh. Board members present: Tim Babcock, Thad DeForest, Kolten Hawkins, and Alan Nelson. Staff present: Sharmie Stevenson.

M/S/C Tim/Alan to approve the minutes from the 1/11/24 meeting as read. Sharmie and Kolten gave an update on the State wildlife refuges and potential projects. There was discussion on who to move forward. Guzzlers and reservoirs were discussed as possible items to consider. There was discussion on incorporating sage grouse into the project. Kolten and Sharmie will work to identify an area and get back to BLM with a project area. There was discussion on the Myers flat meadow restoration and Kolten will talk to Linda about the how to contact the owners. Sharmie told the board about the new FS direction on old growth timber and that nothing over 80 years old can be harvested without regional approval. She also told the board that the carbon credits project is moving forward and Sarah is producing shape files. There was discussion on the FS stance on of using FS projects and receiving carbon credit, the FS has stated that, "they cannot politically support it." The RCD is planning to move forward with using carbon credits until such time as something official is given to the RCD. Sharmie reported that the silviculturist and the wildlife biologist have both transferred leaving the Modoc shorthanded. Sharmie gave a GSNR update and a CalFRAME update. She told the board that she had send a request to the Governor's office of planning and research to inquire on possible eminent domain for the Bieber mill site. She told the board that the State is pulling back some of the grant funds and there is uncertainty on where this will end up. Sharmie explained the grant status report and passed it around for review. She also told the board that she would like to move from Frontier to Starlink because of the continuous problems she has with Frontier. The board approved the request. She reported that the Interest on the Lassen County acct for the 4th Q of 2023 was \$85.16 with a fee of \$4.70 leaving a net of \$80.46.

Sharmie presented the payroll and bills and handed out reconciled bank statements, profit and loss, balance sheet, and transaction reports for the boards review. M/S/C Thad/Kolten to pay payroll and bills and accept the financial report as presented.

There was discussion on the office remodel and using indirect funds.

Kolten explained the Carbon C2 model that Dale McDougal is implementing in Dorris/Alturas/McCloud. There was discussion about how it might be beneficial for things like the school and BV Mkt.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm by Chairman Andy Albaugh.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharmie Stevenson, Executive Director