Pit Resource Conservation District

Minutes for the special meeting held 11/7/24

M.C.T.O. at 6:00 pm by Chairman Andy Albaugh. Board members present: Tim Babcock, Thad DeForest, Kolten Hawkins, and Alan Nelson. Staff Present: Sarah Oldson, Todd Sloat and Sharmie Stevenson. Guest Glen Zane.

Glen Zane gave a presentation and handout to the board explaining the current and future status of High Desert Lumber LLC. He told the board that there is currently a crew of 8-10 people employed. He told the board that there has been a substantial investment but that the mill has no debt. He explained in the dowel process and the dimension that will be created. There are two large grants that will complete the facility. He asked the board to consider a partnership with High Desert Lumber and suggested a 1/3 ownership. He spoke on the lease option with the City of Alturas and there was discussion on the option to purchase. The board asked questions pertaining to the primary product and how much volume would be needed to process annually which was determined to be 5 MBF. There was discussion on where the pine was being sold and it was explained that there are markets in Reno, Las Vegas, and Idaho for low value lumber for things like pallets. Glen told the board that they will be adding a kiln and he spoke about the mass timber application which is similar to glulam. Todd asked questions pertaining to the P3 model.

The board will discuss the proposition at the next regular meeting.

Meeting as adjourned at 8:15 pm by Chairman Andy Albaugh.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharmie Stevenson, Executive Director