



SEM CU Foundation
MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2018
Ranchos Pizza Factory
37101 Avenue 12, Madera, CA 93636

1. Attendance

A. Board Members Present:

Adam Lee
Jeff Evers
Jeff McGrath

Sarbjit Johal
Igal Treibatch

B. Others Present:

Tal Fogelman
Pamela Angulo

Al Solis
Anthony Forestiere

2. Proceedings

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at approximately 6:07pm by Sarbjit Johal.

II. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Sarbjit Johal asked if everyone reviewed the minutes from the March 19th, 2018 meeting.
- Motion made by Igal Treibatch to adopt the minutes from 3/19/2018. Seconded by Jeff Evers. All were in favor.

III. Public Comments

- Jeff Evers reported that the Liberty High School is pursuing the idea of replacing the stadium grass field.
 - Igal Treibatch asked if they were going to get some competing bids.
 - Jeff Evers said that he knew they had 2 proposals from the same contractors but he hadn't talked to the board yet. He wanted to talk to SEMCU beforehand to see what options are available.
 - Igal Treibatch made a motion to allow Anthony Forestiere to seek potential grants to find the money for artificial turf & athletic track. It was seconded by Sarbjit Johal. All were in favor.

IV. Officer Reports

- Sarbjit Johal, President
 - Sarbjit Johal reported that he will write the March article for the Ranchos Independent.
 - No other news to report.

- Jeff McGrath, Treasurer
 - Current SEMCU checking account balance is \$18,486.06.
 - Jeff McGrath reported from the Low Flow account we transfer money out to the Wash Machine Account for a total \$1,710.00.
 - Grant Account balance is \$ 175.64.
 - Igal Treibatch reported that he gave Anthony Forestiere the form that Owen Kubit wanted to submit for payment, he also asked to share the form with Jeff McGrath. (Both have different forms).
 - Jeff McGrath reported he had no recent bills and only 2 checks since the last meeting for a total \$823.94.

- Adam Lee, Secretary
 - No items to report

V. Discussion Items

- RWMG Report from Al Solis // March 12, 2018
 - CARCD is pursuing \$10 million dollars for 10 counties to assist landowners in removing dead and dying trees.
 - CalFire and the University of California Cooperative Extension will be holding a Reforestation Workshop March 16 in Mariposa.
 - 2-day Grant Writing Workshop on March 22 and 23 by The Sierra Nevada Conservancy.
 - California Tribal Water Summit is on April 4 and 5, 2018 in McClellan Park, CA.
 - The next Madera County Agriculture Roundtable was on March 16, which he attended. Some of the discussions items were:
 - The financial report/warrant in the RWMG is \$87,442.90.
 - There was a discussion about changing the Meeting Day, there will be no change.
 - There was a discussion about Disadvantage Community Involvement. MCFA is organized and the next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27. The San Joaquin Valley is not organized, and they have the Woodward & Currant as the consultants.
 - The Chowchilla sub-basin GPS Advisory Committee met on March 7.
 - Regarding the Implementation projects, the Department of Fish and Wildlife has provided the final signed agreement for the free sand removal.
 - The next RWMG meeting will take place on April 9th, 2018 in Madera.

- 2014 & 2016 DWR Grants
 - Anthony Forestiere reported he applied for the Cliff Bar Family Foundation Grant Program. Operation grants, average approximately \$10,000 each.
 - Igal Treibatch ask Al Solis about the Casinos Grants and if they still have some money to give away.
 - Al Solis reported each year they have an amount and Madera County made the process and the distribution.
 - Igal Treibatch recommended Al Solis get in touch to see if they have money for grants available.
 - Anthony Forestiere reported he will work to renew the application of the Water Bottle Grant. The funding will expire on June 30, 2018.

- Status of Dry Wells and Well Meters
 - Igal Treibatch reported that he is in contact with Trinity Fruits and Wonderful Company to get donations for the Dry Well Project. Last year Trinity Fruits donate \$10,000.00 and Wonderful Company \$5,000.00.

- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
 - There was a discussion for who could write the next few articles for the Ranchos Independent due by Friday, April 13th, 2018.
 - Igal Treibatch suggest Jeff Evers to write an article about the High School and Adam Lee to write an article, about what SEMCU is involved in and what SEMCU is trying to accomplish with the idea of educating the people in the Ranchos about what's coming up, remind them that we have water meters available & registration for the dry wells.

- Voting of Directors
 - Igal Treibatch presented the board of directors and reviewed the list with the members.
 - Igal Treibatch asked Adam Lee to renew the commitment, he responded he will not be able to attend the meetings anymore.
 - Sarbjit Johal was nominated as a president for another year.
 - Igal Treibatch made a motion to elect Sarbjit Johal as President. It was seconded. ASII were in favor.
 - There was a discussion about the urgency of getting more people involved in the community. All members agree to try to bring a friend or a neighbor to the next SEMCU meetings to see if they want to join in hopes of getting them involved in what SEMCU is doing.
 - Having no other volunteers, Igal Treibatch volunteered to be Secretary. Sarbjit Johal made a motion to elect Igal as Secretary for a period of 2 years. It was seconded by Jeff McGrath, all were in favor.

- Inactive Members: Valeria Adler, Seth Thomas and Adam Lee.

SEMCU Foundation Board of Directors Updated 3/19/2018

Jeff McGrath	Treasurer
Igal Treibatch	Secretary (2 year tem)
Sarbjit Johal	President (1 year tem)
Jeff Evers	Board Member
Verlaine Elinberg	Board Member

- Dishwater Rebates
 - There was a discussion regarding a proposal for adding dishwasher rebates to the 2016 grant, which had been previously distributed via email by Owen Kubit and was also provided in a hard copy to all the members.
 - Igal Treibatch read the proposal and reported that Owen Kubit present 3 combinations of washing machines and dishwasher that will work, and that he recommends alternative #3.
 - Sarbjit Johal mentioned the Riverstone Project, Igal Treibatch reported he will going to get in touch with the brokers/developers of the project to talk about the washing machines.
 - Sarbjit Johal made a motion to follow on the Alternative #3 to change the 2016 grants. Igal Treibatch seconded. All were in favor.
- Upcoming Events / Other Comments
 - Flatlander’s Parade
 - Jeff McGrath report the Barbershop has closed. Verlaine Elinberg has taken over responsibility for the mail boxes and address will change from 37167 Ave 12 to 37101 Ave 12.
 - Jeff McGrath reported this upcoming Thursday at 8:30 in the café there’s a meeting to what’s going on in the area.

VI. Next Meeting Date, Time and Location

- Sarbjit Johal reported the next board meeting will be on Monday, April 16th, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Ranchos Pizza Factory.

VII. Adjournment

- Jeff McGrath made a motion to adjourn and Igal Treibatch seconded. All were in favor.
- The meeting ended at approximately 7:03pm.