



SEMCU Foundation
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 16th, 2018, 6:00PM
Ranchos Pizza Factory
37184 Ave 12, Madera, CA

Attendance

Board Members

Jeff McGrath
Verlaine Elinburg
Igal Treibatch
Jeff Evers

Others Present

Jennifer Laughlin
Al Solis
Anthony Forestiere

- Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Jeff McGrath

Previous Meeting Minutes from 6/18/2018

- Corrections, Approval or Disposition – no changes
 - Igal made a motion to approve
 - Verlaine seconded
 - all in favor.

- Public Comments** - none

Officer Reports

- Sarbjit Johal, President, resigned so a new one needed to be elected
 - Igal made a motion to elect Jeff McGrath as acting President
 - Jeff Evers seconded the motion
 - All in favor
- Jeff McGrath, Treasurer - Monthly Financial Report
 - Checking Balance: \$3,620.41
 - Low Flow: (\$14.86)
 - Washing Machine: \$34.00 in account but check due out for deficit of (\$3,638.50)
 - Received a response regarding the \$5,000 tax penalty and it has been dismissed.

- Igal Treibatch, Secretary
 - Ventura TV – just met with the owner of Ventura TV in Fresno. They saw the SEMCU ad in the Ranchos Independent and wanted to partner with us. They will promote the grants in their ads and also collect paperwork at the time of sale. The Board needs to discuss whether this is OK. Everyone felt it was a good idea but had to be careful about the checks they do.
 - Will email for a vote.

☐ Discussion Items

- RWMG Report - Al Solis read from minutes of meeting on June 11th (full minutes available upon request)
 - 13 members in attendance
 - Last Madera Roundtable was June 15, which Al attended; there will not be any roundtable meetings in July and August
 - Conference on SGMA's next phase, Sustainable Groundwater Planning in Sacramento on July 26-27
 - Yosemite Peace Symposium – A Gathering of Peacemakers at the Tenaya Lodge on October 26-27 focuses on three areas including Environment, Youth and Dignity
 - Member interest news: The 59th Jamboree was held the weekend of July 7 and the 125th Birthday Float for Madera County was in the parade
 - Discussion on Prop 1 (Mountain Counties) – The Sierra Institute is hosting workshops. Madera County will be held Tue, Jul 24 9:00am - 3:30pm (Parts 1 & 2) and Wed, Jul 25 from 10:00am – 3:30pm (Part 3) in North Fork.
 - DWR has accepted the application for the San Joaquin River (Valley) Funding Area (last to be approved).
 - Grant update – Round I Arundo/Silt Removal Project – no progress yet as the County is waiting for the nesting period to end
 - Next meeting Monday, August 13 at Chowchilla City Hall at 1:30pm

- Grant Reports
 - Report from Owen Kubit - Jennifer read from Owen's email (nothing much to report)
 - Report from Anthony Forestiere
 - Valley Teen Ranch drinking water grant (submitted 6/29) approved; allows for \$45,000 over 4 years
 - He will attend North Fork meeting
 - Igal suggested he speak to Jannie
 - Igal requested a monthly list of grants applied for and their progress.

- Status of Dry Wells and Well Meters
 - Roger Horton contacted us through the semcu email asking about meters.
 - Board thinks the grant is over
 - Owen has an extension until 8/21/2018 but will have to check if that still covers funding for meter

- Post Office Box
 - Jeff McGrath is going to simply apply for a new address

- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
 - Jennifer will write something on the Water Bond prop. Cannot endorse, can only inform.

- Email to vote on soccer sponsorship/donation

Upcoming Events

- Fire Dept BBQ on August 18th
 - No requests for donations received
 - Get booth

Next Foundation Meeting – Monday, August 20th, 2018 at 6:00pm

Adjournment

- Igal made a motion to adjourn
- Verlaine seconded
- all in favor
- Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm