



**SEMCU Foundation Board
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, August 20th, 2024, at 6:00PM

VIRTUAL & PHONE MEETING and attended at the:
Ranchos County Library
37398 Berkshire Drive, Madera Ranchos Library

Called to Order – 6:00 pm by Dov

Roll Call

Board Members

- Dov Adler (in person)
- Igal Treibatch (in person)
- Verlaine Elinburg (in person)
- Robin Konegni (online)
- Al Solis (by phone)
- Anthony Forestiere (online)

Non-Board Attendees:

- Paul Negrete (online)
- Mike Schuster (online)

Previous Meeting Minutes

- No quorum for the 7/16 meeting, so it was not held.
- Motioned to approve the previous minutes (from 6/18) by Igal
- Seconded the motion by Anthony
- All were in favor of approval

Public Comments

- n/a

Officer Reports

- Verlaine Elinburg, Treasurer
 - Starting balance: \$802.16
 - +\$1000 by Igal Treibatch
 - \$600 – Independent newspaper monthly advertising – July
 - Ending balance: \$102.02
 - Donations needed to pay before paying the Flatlander’s recipients
- Al Solis by IRWGM Report
 - July 22nd meeting
 - 18 attendees

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- Financial Report – Started with \$24,560; ending: \$39,802
 - Water Tank project for 130,000 gallon holding tank @ Hidden Lakes
 - Funding for Sierra Highland project
 - Funding for San Joaquin Valley and the Chowchilla Nitrite Control program
 - Prop 1 Grant granted and proposal will be reported to Contra Costa Water District with the Administrator for the entire San Joaquin River Funding Area
 - Paperwork has been submitted by Contra Costa Water Dept. to DWR for review
 - Proposition #1 RWMG Implementing Funding for San Joaquin Valley counties of Parkwood – Construction was completed on the project.
 - City of Madera project – Meters are expected to come in soon to complete this month or so
 - City of Chowchilla report – Jason R said there are no critical updates in the last month
 - City of Chowchilla has a project under construction, estimated to be completed by Dec.
 - Sigma Implementation Grid – Gretchen H said the amendment for Project 3 is under review; Project 2 update is ongoing; Project 4 is complete; Project 5: no info
 - Drought working group – Dean H – Natural climate solutions and building water/watershed resiliency.
 - New members - Discussions with Yosemite Springs Park Utility District and Albizo Water District to see if they would join the group
 - Parkwood Project for Prop. 1 will be removed; Sierra Highlands project will be removed and replaced with a Hidden Lake project; grant for Projects 12 & 3 will be removed
 - Igal asked Al to find out the next opening of a grant for SEMCU' Project #98
- Igal Treibatch - Grant Reports from Grant Committee (see below in “New Business”)

☐ New Business Discussion Items

- Postponed discussing Flatlanders to early 2025, per Igal; Supervisor Jordan wants to be involved
- Interview of Paul Negrete for Grants Researcher at Grants Meeting (8/13) per Igal
 - Igal summarized discussion and agreement proposed on compensation from the management fees that are included in some of the grants
 - Paul can search for grants & write them
 - Anthony agreed to make monthly reports on the grants to the funding source and coordinate w/ Paul; Verlaine to assist.
 - Motion to hire Paul Negrete: by Igal
 - 2nd: Anthony
 - Vote: all in favor
- Monthly Article in Ranchos Independent
 - Current article (August) being written by: Igal introducing Paul
 - Next month's article (September) by: Anthony following up on his taxes
- Verlaine is no longer part of the Seniors' group as an individual but suggests to continue as a SEMCU representative (\$80 fee).

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- Motion: by Verlaine
 - 2nd: by Igal
 - Vote: all in favor
- ☐ **Next Foundation Meeting** – Tuesday, Sept. 17th, at 6 pm; Grants: Sept. 10th at 6 pm.
- ☐ **Adjournment** – Dov adjourned @ 6:26 pm