



**SEMFCU Foundation  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 6:05 pm  
In-Person at Madera County Library  
and Virtual Meeting and by phone**

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**Call to Order** – at 6:05 pm

**Roll Call**

Dov Adler (in person)  
Verlaine Elinburg (in person)  
Al Solis (by phone)  
Igal Treibatch (in person)  
Robin Konegni (online)  
Sarbjit Johal (online)  
Anthony Forestiere (online)  
Ben Rocca (online)  
Mike Schuster (online)  
Summer Skov (in person)  
Jim Williams (for Ellen) (in person)  
Eric Rosen (online)  
Ron Sekhon (in person)

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: to approve as-is by Igal
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Verlaine
  - Vote: Motion passes unanimously

**Public Comments** - None

**Officer Reports**

- Dov Adler, President – None
- Verlaine Elinburg, Treasurer – Following are her accounting since last meeting:
  - \$7705.86 **total beginning budget**
  - \$1458 expenses
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  - \$6247.86 **ending balance**

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  - Financial report Mo started and ended with 24560.50
  - 2024 Officer Election – Maddy McCauley as President & Phil Janzen as Vice Chairman
  - Accounting function – past handled by MID, asking for change - a lot of discussion on the item
  - Mowa will be working with Madera Co Farm – report next month
  - Resource Conservation District needs to be a part of org, don't have monetary sources to pay for dues, classified as DAS? Or not. Viewed as those types of functions without payment of dues
  - Jacob indicated item will be on agenda, issue was if group can meet virtually or in person – this will be discussed at Feb meeting
  - Chowchilla migrant - Chowchilla Mgmt. zone – encouraged people to be a part and will be given a grocery gift card or 50 if they agree to get wells tested, require CMD Chowchilla zone area is only eligible, listed in existing flyer – benefit for well testing one time gift card
  - IRWMG funding – Indian lakes 9 meters need to be installed
  - Parkwood 56 meters a week 13% for all of Parkwood
  - Parkwood water system is completely annexed into City of Madera system
  - No report on City of Chowchilla
  - Drought working group SB552 Mad Litigation prog fund up to 124000 program, reviewing app submitted for funding, March 8 discussion on zoom
  - IRWMG round 2 appl – funding warded MD578 Sierra Island Comm – going forward with water treatment system under this project
  - Need to add additional members to organization and looking at 2-3 potential members
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  - Future Agenda Item: late winter early spring – Collaboration of future projects Grant Reports from Grant Committee – Nothing new from board
  
- Introductions
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    - Long-time resident of Madera County
    - Offering help with SEMCU
    - Knows Verlaine personally
    - Just created new social website for Ranchos Madera
  - Eric Rosen (online), grant writer
    - Introduced to SEMCU by Dov
    - Grants received towards students wanting to become teachers after high school
    - Works for non-profit, Kings View, RSPs, RFAs
    - Grants from DWR, grants that had to do with electric power & water savings, etc.
    - Will need point-of-contact for SEMCU
    - Igal mentioned previous grants
  - Jim Williams in-person (for wife Ellen, President of Senior's Center)
    - Has lived in the Ranchos for 31 years
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- Invitation to new members to join the SEMCU Board and extend Board Positions as (4) terms end on April 18, 2024.
  - Discussed term extensions:
    - Verlaine (extended to 2027)
    - Sanjit (to 2026)
    - Igal (to 2027)
    - Robin (to 2026?, need to verify with her, as she left meeting early)
  - Anthony Forestiere - new (until 2026)
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  - Motion: by Igal to add new members and extend expiring memberships
    - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Verlaine
    - Vote: Motion passes unanimously
- Insurance quote from Barlocker previously distributed to the Board. Discuss and vote on binding this policy as soon as possible so the board is protected. Verlaine gave info.
- Upcoming Flatlander's Parade & Fair and Donor Solicitation Flyers - Igal has been in contact with Jordan Wamhoff and Mike Fursman VP of Chamber. Proposal from Mike of going around Track at High School. Igal suggests running parade along RD 36 start from north going south to end at Liberty HS parking lot, then enter into HS where they will hold fair in parking lot. Discuss and vote supporting 36 route to HS – start possibly 13¼ near Lifetree down to the HS. Start time 10am – ends when they get to HS. Fair until 2pm.
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