

MODOC COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ned Coe, Supervisor District I
Shane Starr, Supervisor District II
Kathie Rhoads, Supervisor District III
Casey Cockrell, Supervisor District IV
Geri Byrne, Supervisor District V



Geri Byrne
Chairperson

Chester Robertson
County Administrative Officer

Board of Supervisors Room
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REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
10:00 AM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Ned Coe	Supervisor District I	Present
Shane Starr	Supervisor District II	Present
Kathie Rhoads	Supervisor District III	Present
Casey Cockrell	Supervisor District IV	Present
Geri Byrne	Supervisor District V	Present
Chester Robertson	County Administrative Officer	Present
Tiffany Martinez	Clerk of the Board/Assistant County Administrative Officer	Present
Scott McLeran	Deputy County Counsel	Remote

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Prayer

Public Comment

This is the time set aside for citizens to address the Board on matters on the consent agenda and matters not otherwise on the agenda. Comments should be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. If your comment concerns an item shown on the agenda please address the Board after that item is open for public comment. By law, the Board cannot take action on matters that are not on the agenda. Unless otherwise announced, the Chair reserves the right to limit the duration of each speaker to three minutes. Speaker may not cede their time.

Agenda items with times listed will be considered at that time all other items will be considered as listed on the agenda or as deemed necessary by the Chair.

None.

Approval or Additions/Deletions to Agenda

The Chair of the Board requested to pull items 1.a. and 1.l. from the consent agenda.

The Chair of the Board announced item 1.a. would follow the consent agenda and item 1.l. would be placed as 7.d.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Correspondence

The Chair of the Board entered a letter from the Tulelake Irrigation District to the Honorable Jesse Gabriel regarding support for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget request for Resource Conservation District funding.

Department Head Reports

Road Commissioner, Mitch Crosby, reported on the progress of several projects throughout Modoc County. Road Commissioner Crosby reported on the following: 1) County Road 60 and 54 project; 2) Replacement of culverts throughout the township in Cedarville and paving project; 3) Newell Chip Seal project.

1. Consent Agenda Items

- 1.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a recurring grant agreement between the County of Modoc Air Pollution Control District and California Air Resources Board (CARB) for the Community Air Protection Program G25-CAPP-16 grant agreement, not to exceed \$26,105.00, effective May 1, 2026, through June 30, 2030.**

Item 1.a. was pulled from the consent agenda and placed as item 2.a.

Air Pollution Control Officer, Heather Kelly, provided a background on the proposed agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract No. 2026-75

- 1.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a recurring Cooperative Agreement between the County of Modoc Department of Agriculture and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), not to exceed \$59,999.43, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract No. 2026-76

- 1.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an agreement between the County of Modoc and California Hearing Officers, LLP for 5150 hearings, not to exceed \$27,000.00 per fiscal year, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract No. 2026-77

- 1.d. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) Dell Optiplex 7050 Small Form Factor BTX (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0473-001) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) UPS Power Module (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0637) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads

	III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.f. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) UPS Power Module (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0633) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.g. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) UPS Power Module (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0635) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.h. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) UPS Power Module (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0638) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.i. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) UPS Power Module (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0639) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District

	II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.j. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting authorization to remove one (1) UPS Power Module (Fixed Asset ID# 0115-0631) from the Public Health fixed asset inventory list and allow for disposal, effective May 12, 2026.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.k. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Francis "Friz" Barclay as a District III Board Member to the Library Advisory Board, effective May 12, 2026 through December 31, 2028.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.l. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting the appointment of Dillon Flournoy as a Commissioner to the Likely Fire District, effective May 12, 2026 through December 4, 2026.**

Item 1.l. was pulled from the consent agenda and placed as 7.d.

The Chair of the Board stated she supports the appointment of Mr. Flournoy, but reported that she pulled the item from the consent agenda to discuss the county process. The Chair of the Board requested that moving forward, the process from the County Clerk's office be updated to have the same standard as the Board of Supervisors' boards and commissions appointments, where interested parties are required to fill out an application. The Chair of the Board also reported that she would like to see the special districts listed on the website with the terms and vacancies of the members for public transparency.

Supervisor Coe reported that he agreed that an application or letter of intent should be required moving forward for appointments presented to the Board of Supervisors by the County Clerk's office.

Motion by Supervisor Coe, seconded by Supervisor Starr, to approve the appointment Dillion Flournoy as a Commissioner to the Likely Fire District, effective May 12, 2026 through December 4, 2026 and for the County Clerk to provide an application or letter of intent for all

future appointments presented to the Board of Supervisors as well as update the website to include the special districts listed on the website with the terms and vacancies of the members for public transparency.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 1.m. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of the March 24, 2026, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes.**

RESULT:	APPROVED BY CONSENT AGENDA [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Air Pollution Control District Items

3. Mental Health Items

- 3.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval to update the Mental Health allocation table to add one (1) Public Health Nurse PHN II at .35% allocation.**

Director of Health Services, Stacy Sphar, provided a background on the proposed allocation table change.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

4. Farm Advisor Items

- 4.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a Proclamation to declare 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.**

Farm Advisor, Laura Snell, provided a background on the proposed proclamation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 4.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting permission to set up a rangeland display in the rotunda of the County of Modoc Historic Courthouse during the week of May 12th-15th, 2026, or May 19th-22nd, 2026.**

Farm Advisor, Laura Snell, provided a background on the proposed request.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 4.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to Farm Advisor Fund 6210, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$600.00.**

Farm Advisor, Laura Snell, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

5. Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission Items

- 5.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to Fish, Game and Recreation Commission Fund 275, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$300.00.**

Farm Advisor, Laura Snell, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District

	III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

6. Administrative Services Items

- 6.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval of a budget modification for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to General Fund 001; Indigent Defense 2020, modifying expenditures in the amount of \$64,000.00.**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed budget modification.

A discussion was held, and several questions were asked of County Administrative Officer Robertson.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	Non

7. Board of Supervisors Items

- 7.a. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a support letter for Thompson Land Management LLC's grant application to CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy Business and Workforce Development Grant Program.**

Supervisor Coe provided a background on the proposed letter.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

- 7.b. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign an Interim Ground Lease Agreement between the County of Modoc and the Lake City Fire Protection District, not to exceed \$1.00 per year, effective upon acquisition of title to the premises and executed by both parties, and shall remain effective for five (5) years.**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a background on the proposed lease agreement.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
SECONDER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

Contract No. 2026-78

- 7.c. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Requesting approval and authorization for the Chair of the Board to sign a letter of support for the Innovation Partnership Fund (IPF-001): Rural Behavioral Health Action Collaborative (RBHAC).**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

8. Reports

- 8.a. **NO ACTION: Public Comment**

None.

- 8.b. **REPORT: Administrative Services Report**

County Administrative Officer, Chester Robertson, provided a report on the following: 1) Working on a financing agreement for a pension obligation bond for the safety unit; 2) Update on watermaster issues regarding the lack of water due to drought.

- 8.c. **REPORT: Department Head Reports**

None.

- 8.d. **REPORT: Board of Supervisors Reports**

Supervisor Cockrell reported on the following: 1) Attended the District 1 debate; 2) Attended the meet and greet for Judge, Randall Harr.

Supervisor Starr reported on the following: 1) Superior California Economic Development (SCED) Budget meeting; 2) Meeting with the owner of the High Desert Lumber to discuss economic development opportunities; 3) Meeting with Treasurer Von Radar and Supervisor Rhoads to discuss the County Investment Policy; 4) Meeting with Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition CEO and County Administrative Officer Robertson regarding the housing needs within the county; 5) Meeting with Interim Natural Resources Director, Sean Curtis, and Modoc National Forest Supervisor, Chris Bielecki, regarding the Forest Timber program.

Supervisor Rhoads reported on the following: 1) Attended the meet and greet for Judge, Randall Harr; 2) Meeting with Treasurer Von Radar and Supervisor Starr to discuss the County Investment Policy; 3) Reported on the tour of District III roads and noted that County Road 60 has received new culverts in several areas and has discussed the future road projects in this area with Deputy Road Commissioner, Bert Austin.

Supervisor Coe reported on the following: 1) Ethics training completed; 2) Modoc County Fish, Game, and Recreation Commission meeting; 3) Annual Meeting of the Western Interstate Region (WIR), where he reported he was elected as the Second Vice President of WIR.

Supervisor Byrne reported on the following: 1) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Board meeting; 2) Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) Board meeting; 3) Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA) Board meeting; 2) Attended the District 1 debate; 3) Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Ad Hoc Committee meeting; 4) Western Interstate Region (WIR) Conference.

The Chair of the Board read the closed session items into the record.

10:38 a.m. Motion to go into closed session.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell
SECONDER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

9. Closed Session

- 9.a. **CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: County Administrative Officer.**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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- 9.b. **CLOSED SESSION: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957): Title: Road Commissioner.**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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- 9.c. **CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6) — conference with labor negotiators, County Counsel, and Human Resources Director, to discuss Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Deputy Sheriffs Association (DSA).**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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- 9.d. **CLOSED SESSION: Labor Negotiations (Pursuant to CA Government Code 54957.6) — Conference with labor negotiators, County Counsel, and Human Resources Director, to discuss Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United Public Employees of California (UPEC), Local 792 - General Unit.**

RESULT:	DIRECTION GIVEN
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- 9.e. **CONSIDERATION/ACTION: Report at the conclusion of closed session any actions, if any, taken under Closed Session (Pursuant to Section 54957.1 of the CA Government Code).**

1:02 p.m. The Board reconvened with all members present and reported out of closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:03 p.m. to meet in regular session on May 26, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	District II Supervisor, Shane Starr
SECONDER:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe
AYES:	District I Supervisor, Ned Coe, District V Supervisor, Geri Byrne, District II Supervisor, Shane Starr, District IV Supervisor, Casey Cockrell, District III Supervisor, Kathie Rhoads
ABSTAIN:	None

GERI BYRNE
Chair of the Board

ATTEST:

BY: _____
TIFFANY MARTINEZ
Clerk of the Board