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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES
January 10, 2017
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville CA 95451
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 10:00 am

Directors and others present: Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon Jim Bridges, Harry Lyons, Bill Lincoln. Others present: Greg Dills, Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard, Merry Jo Velasquez
Directors absent: Judy Cox

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Lincoln introduced Merry Jo Velasquez, who may be interested in joining our Board

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Slips Trips and Falls” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the minutes of the December 13 2016 meeting** as corrected

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: Brandon

5. FINANCIAL REPORT. Our new bookkeeper Hazel Deaner will attend the February meeting to explain what everything means.

Motion: Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the November and December financial reports**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Lincoln moved and Lyons seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

We have received

1. three additional bills that will be approved at the February meeting
2. a statement from EDD to be sent to Hazel
3. a letter from IRS regarding West Lake: Dills will forward to Tracy Klein
4. a letter from SDRMA including Director and other info that needs to be updated. Brandon will get back to them
5. a sellers permit from BOE that has been posted in the office: Brandon will send to Dills who will print and post.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Associate Directors: nothing new
- 8.2 Cobb School Project - Dan Desmond: nothing new
- 8.3 Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing new
- 8.4 Field Days/Kids in the Creek: nothing new. Griswold will follow up after exam schedules have been determined, and try to set dates
- 8.5 March 16 Ag & Natural Resources Day. The registration form is due February 15. Dan Desmond has been our contact, with discussion of getting a Meisenbach intern to do a presentation

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen: Participated in monthly agency meetings and assisted with Firewise applications and renewals; is working with local, state and federal fire agencies on the update of the Lake County Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard: the first round of EQIP funding is closing on January 13, with about \$800,000 in requests, many still fire related. There have also been some applications for grants for beetle mortality. There will be another round in two months.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: completed CEQA and filed a Notice of Exemption with County Clerk on 12/13/2016. Filed NOE with the State Clearinghouse on 12/15/2016 for public review. BLM has completed the necessary NEPA documentation, currently under internal review.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: no activity. There may be Wildlife Conservation Board funding available for this project. Dills will follow up with Cal-IPC ED Doug Johnson
- 9.5 Chipper Program - Greg Dills. The Valley Fire program has concluded. Met with Russ Cremer, Greg Giusti and Kevin Cox on January 6 to identify for disposal dead and dying trees in the Clayton Fire area. Currently preparing a mailing list for rights of entry, with about 200 properties identified. LARCA is interested in doing a deciduous replanting project.
- 9.6 Indian Valley Project - Lincoln/Lyons nothing new. Will go out to the site with Paul Aigner after the storm.
- 9.7 Reforestation Committee
 1. Report on January 5 meeting: we're expecting seedling delivery into cold storage at Scully Packing the last week of January. Greg Giusti is recruiting HS students to help sort into piles for pickup by landowners, probably on January 28. We'll have the facility for six weeks. Tentative date for the Trailside Park replanting project February 18, will involve 500-1000 seedlings with Rotarians and students providing volunteer labor. Contract forester Mary Mayeda will supervise in collaboration with Lars Ewing from the county.

2. ACTION ITEM: contract with Scully Packing for cold storage. Linda will be our sole contact with Scully. Contract will start on January 23 because it takes a few days to get the warehouse down to optimal temperature. Weekend access costs an extra \$100. We will offer pickup access on Mon-Wed-Fri but only with 24 hours advance notice: at least one Director must be present when trees are picked up.

Motion: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the contract** and authorize the President to sign

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none

3. ACTION ITEM: approve payment of \$22,400 to El Dorado RCD for balance due on 2017 seedlings

Motion: Brandon moved and Lyons seconded to **approve the payment**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none

4. Some customers can't pay the balance due on their seedlings till they get reimbursement from NRCS. Woodard suggests that NRCS could assign a portion of their payment directly to us. We may want to require some of the amount due up front.

Motion: Lincoln moved and Lyons seconded to **delegate negotiation of the precise arrangement to the Reforestation Committee**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none

5. Discuss/approve order confirmation notice letters to 2018 customers: to save time, it was decided by consensus to delegate to the Reforestation Committee.

9.8 Update: special long-range planning meeting. Solid Ground Consulting is offering RCDs a capacity assessment and facilitated retreat that could be very helpful. Brandon will contact them to let them know we're interested and can meet their requirements. Bridges: expects more funding for the North Coast Joint Powers Agreement.

9.9 Update: recruitment of new Director to fill District Four opening. We will agendize a request to the BOS at the February meeting.

9.10 President/Director Reports: none

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Appoint finance committee

Motion: Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to appoint Griswold, Brandon and Lyons to the Finance Committee

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. On request we sent a letter of support for a grant application to conduct a cyanobacteria control experiment. They were also

looking for a fiscal sponsor, and the question arose whether we are entitled to act in that capacity. Yes, we are, but probably will not choose to do so in this case.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:27AM

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Cox

Abstained: none