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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
10AM January 12, 2021
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:06AM.

Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Randy Krag, William Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Shula Shoup, Merry Jo Velasquez

Directors absent: none

Others present: Greg Dills, Laurie Hutchison, Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

1.1 Consideration of extra Items not appearing on the posted agenda: none

1.2 Juntunen administered the oath of office to Krag as District 3 Director for a term ending July 1, 2024.

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: “Emergency Evacuation: Getting Out Alive” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF December 8, 2020 MEETING

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Krag

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

MOTION: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **accept the financial report**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Krag, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Krag, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: a round of applause for new Board member Krag

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons is about to approach the high schools and Woodland College advisors. \$1700 is still available in the Meisenbach account.

- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: if the Covid situation abates enough for the tour to be held the county Ag Department will be glad to collaborate
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: still too early to be sure, but it seems unlikely that the event can be held this year
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: same as Field Days
- 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: in progress. We will ask Tony Blyleven for a report next month
- 8.7 CWPP update (Lyons): Juntunen is working with Debra Somerfield. Lyons recently addressed Kelseyville Rotary about the update and the RCD role. Civic Spark Fellow Laurel Bard is working on documentation and GIS maps. Check the firesafelake.org website for ongoing information.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison emailed
- Promoted new county wide Fire Safe Lake website (www.firesafelake.org)
 - Public outreach via social media for updates and info on various local fires, Covid 19 and PSPS events in the area. Continuing work with local groups on different potential local events and opportunities adhering to Covid 19 restrictions.
 - Continued coordination with the RRA Standing Committee on CWPP update project.
 - Gathering and compiling information on local resources and contact info for Firewise communities.
 - Looking into grant opportunities for more local event/project funding.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. With Linda's assistance completed report on Tom Bendure's funding and submitted for reimbursement. First round of NRCS project funding at the beginning of March and again in June.
- 9.3 Civic Spark Fellow report - Laurel Bard (emailed)
- Creating detailed CWPP management units; sent first and second drafts of CWPP priorities map to Lyons & Juntunen. Creating spreadsheet of CWPP action items and community priorities
 - Attended meetings of MATH and Lucerne Area Town Hall
 - Following up with Calfire about VMP data and other large scale projects
- 9.4 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Monitored native grass seeding and replaced straw. Had hoped to begin planting willow cuttings this week but there has been very little rain and there isn't enough moisture in the soil for survival.
- 9.5 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Mapped from the confluence of Scotts Creek and Willow Creek upstream to Panther Creek and found GoatsRue in many locations. The section from the same starting point downstream for approximately 1 1/2 miles still remains to be surveyed.
MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to authorize the President to sign the MOU with the County for additional project funding that was approved at the December 8, 2020 meeting
 Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Krag, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez
 Noes: none
 Absent: none
 Abstained: none
- 9.6 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. The wind had blown over 200 tubes off the trees, which were retrieved and stored, and will be replaced in the spring. The well has been drilled but is not yet in service: it is only putting out 5 gallons/minutes instead of the 7 gallon minimum needed. It's usable but takes longer to fill tanks, and may not be sufficient for future needs. A booster pump may be needed. Subcommittee (Lyons, Lincoln, Krag) was appointed to assist Dills and meet with county.

9.7 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: Attended cultural resource meeting with CalTrans; they will conduct an archeological survey at Trailside Park before trees are planted. Middle Creek committee is now working with two separate real estate consulting firms to move on property purchases. The funding deadline is coming up in 2022 and it may not be possible to extend it. Only two purchases have been completed with more than 30 outstanding, . Poor performance being blamed on Covid. It might help to appeal to Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry.
- Lincoln: the Lake County Land Trust's recently acquired property south of Lakeport has great potential for wetland restoration, and funding for this purpose should be available. LCLT asks the RCD to look at feasibility. Woodard: NRCS has a wetlands program with easements also restoration-only contracts with 75 percent funding. She will consult with NRCS wetlands biologist; Lincoln and Velasquez will assist.
- Bridges: had planned to attend the North Coast Consortium meeting in December but it was cancelled because of the holiday
- Brandon: attended the Weed Management Area meeting on December 12 and reported on the Goats Rue project. Also in attendance was Lindsay Dailey, representing the recently formed "Tribal Eco-Restoration Alliance" (TERA), a joint project of the Scotts Valley Pomo and Robinson Rancheria that is training tribal members to work on stewardship projects; last year they got a PG&E grant for workforce development for forest ecorestoration. More info: <https://tribalecorestoration.org>

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:29AM

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Krag, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none