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MINUTES

January 9, 2018

889 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport CA 95451

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 10AM

Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Charlotte Griswold, Bill Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez, Ron Yoder

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard, Greg Dills, Tony Blyleven

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Communication Breakdown” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 12, 2017 MEETING and December 14, 2017 special meeting

Motion: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to add **approve the minutes of the December 12 and December 14, 2017 meetings**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

Motion: Yoder moved and Bridges seconded to **accept the financial report**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Lyons moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

It is unclear whether we should pay the CSDA membership bill: it's in the budget but for a lesser amount, and there's no record of payment last year. Deposits would be easier if we had a stamp: Yoder will get one.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none that needs action

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new
- 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons will talk to the colleges and high school 4H and FFA teachers. Unfortunately our existing funding is restricted to Middletown and Lower Lake.
- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing new
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: we need an organizer since Griswold won't be available this year. The Browning property has been sold: Woodard will ask Mike Browning who we should contact about holding the event there next spring.
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: USFS is budgeting for the event
- 8.6 Ag & Natural Resources Day on March 15. Consensus supporting the idea of collaborating with the Firesafe Council to staff a booth; Juntunen will talk to Laurie Hutchison. Although we don't want to give away seedlings at this event it would be good to hold a tree giveaway on Cobb, perhaps in collaboration with Rotary and the Master Gardeners.
- 8.7 Trout in the Classroom (Tony Blyleven). Demonstration of classroom fish tank: they are insulated and equipped with a special chiller to keep the water temperature between 50-60 degrees. Thirty eggs will be provided for each tank, about half of which can be expected to survive.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison, by email. Participated in monthly agency meetings. She is discussing grants and projects with various agencies, and assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies as well as assisting with the formation of new Firewise Communities.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Clients are doing site prep before planting this year's seedlings. Bridges will call the nursery in Placerville to ask when to expect delivery: we're hoping that seedlings can be delivered the last week of January. The first round of 2018 EQIP funding is next Friday and applications are coming in, some of them still fire-related. Tom Bendure's contract has been renewed and Woodard thinks she may be able to get approval to add additional hours.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills.
 - Submitted the RCD Resolution to accept the grant contract for the Eightmile Valley Project from the Water Board, and submitted invoice #17 to BLM for reimbursement. Because under the terms of the new grant the project will extend through 2020, we have been asked for a breakdown of the funds needed for each of the three years; he is working on this. A ten percent holdback is expected to commence in August 2019 and this money won't be released till the final report, anticipated in June 2020. We need to set aside \$73,000 in reserve to cover.
 - He participated in a phone meeting with Solid Ground director Jim Morris to discuss the formation of a Sacramento Valley Region Durable Collaboration group. A director needs to attend two two-day meetings and participate in eight 90 minute phone calls. We used to have very strong working relationships with several of the Sac Valley RCDs, which could be renewed by taking part -- it's not really a duplication of the effort invested in North Coast collaboration. Yoder indicated potential willingness to represent us.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. nothing new.
- 9.6 Indian Valley Project - William Lincoln, Harry Lyons. They want to start planting in January or February. The American Conservation Experience crew isn't available until February 19 so Lincoln is trying to recruit a vineyard crew to do it earlier, preferably beginning on January 20; scheduling is dependent on both the weather and Paul Aigner's availability.

9.5 Reforestation Project.

- Invoices have gone out to 2018 seedling purchasers. Woodard: Lageman is selling their property and is expected to cancel their order, but there are several other potential purchasers for those seedlings.
- We have had almost no sales of two year ponderosa, and will see if other RCDs in the region want to buy some @ 50 cents. Rotary and the County have expressed interest in doing another planting at Trailside Park, for which we would donate seedlings.
- Cold storage contract with collaborators sharing the space. CalFire will collect seedlings as needed, but we have to supervise other pickups. Consensus to hire Tom Bendure at his current rate to check seedlings and temperature a few times a week. Griswold will contact him.

9.6 DOC grant. The subcommittee had a phone conference with Allison Handler on January 8, and a draft report from the retreat has been distributed to everyone. Suggestions and corrections are invited.

9.7 President/Director Reports

- Yoder: met with Bridges and Juntunen to learn more about the reforestation project. Please redistribute the contact list, and also the seedling order database.
- Lyons: will attend a two-day workshop in Sacramento on OHV grants, signed up for RCD Director bootcamp in February, and is considering going to a lobbying workshop. Will give a presentation to Kelseyville Rotary on February 19.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 SDRMA Workers Comp policy

Motion: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **amend our SDRMA policy to cover Directors and other volunteers**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

10.2 Discuss/approve contract for internet security.

Motion: Lincoln moved and Yoder seconded to **authorize Dills to purchase an internet security contract at a cost of approximately \$35 annually.**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

10.3. Discuss/approve amending meal reimbursement clause in Financial Policies (Finance Committee) Tabled for discussion in February.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - none.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Lincoln moved and Yoder seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:33AM**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none