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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES
October 10, 2017
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

In the absence of President Charlotte Griswold Vice President Bill Lincoln called the meeting to order at 10:01AM.

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

Directors absent: Charlotte Griswold

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard, Greg Dills (by phone)

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Fire Safety” conducted by Lincoln

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF September 12, 2017 MEETING

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 meeting**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

Motion: Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to **accept the financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing action

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing new

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison (by email) Participated in monthly agency meetings; staffed FSC booth at Pear Festival; preparing to participate in the Heroes of Health and Safety Fair; discussing grants and projects with fire agencies; assisting with evaluation and determination of future projects. On Thursday the FSC is scheduled to discuss the new abatement ordinance but the meeting might have to be postponed because of ongoing Sulphur Fire and other regional wildfires.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Has been requested by the City of Clearlake to provide an engineer to evaluate the Sulphur Fire site. Tom Bendure's contract ended on September 30 and a new contract has not yet been approved by NRCS; she hopes the new agreement will be ready by the beginning of November, and that it will include additional money.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills
Due to BLM's difficulty securing construction funding, the State Water Board has asked the RCD to take over the project and grant contract. He is working with both BLM and the Water Board to prepare a new scope of work, budget and contract agreement for the RCD Board to consider. The process will take one or two months, and the changeover will require approvals by all three entities at that time. BLM has agreed to cover the staff time needed for preparation under the old contract. There was board consensus to authorize him to move ahead.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills
There is funding for one more monitoring/treatment visit to the infestation, which will take place in early November. Following the last site visit, the final report and invoice will be submitted. Follow up monitoring is essential to the success of the control effort, and there is no funding available in the IRWMP's small grant program. Suggestion was made to approach Rose Foundation (deadline February 1), which supported the Ravennagrass eradication program along Cache Creek.
- 9.5 Chipper Program - Greg Dills
The crew finished chipping the brush piles in Lower Lake in September. Unfortunately the California Disaster Relief Crew has been redirected to the flooding in Texas and will not be available until next spring, when the EDD crew will no longer be available. He spoke with LARCA about the situation and feels that hiring a tree service is the best solution to the problem. Some of the funding that LARCA has provided can be redirected to this purpose. Motion: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **authorize funding not to exceed \$4500 to fell the remaining 25 trees.**
Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez, Yoder
Noes: none
Absent: Griswold
Abstained: none
- 9.6 Indian Valley Project - William Lincoln, Harry Lyons. Waiting for rain to move forward.
- 9.7 Reforestation Project. We have had one purchaser for 2 year old ponderosa seedlings so far. Woodard will provide contact for Hawley Ranches who might want some. Brandon has been in communication with Rotary and the county about sponsoring another Trailside Park replanting project. The RCD would donate 2-3000 seedlings. Bridges will take over negotiations with the nursery. Juntunen has been talking to Scully Packing who have tentatively agreed to provide cold storage space as last year. We would share the space with CalFire again.

9.8 DOC grant - We are about to submit our first invoice which will reimburse the \$9000 we've paid Solid Ground so far, plus admin.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: the Middle Creek Coalition gave Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry a tour of the site on Sunday. She was very responsive and seems eager to help get state funding.
- Brandon: at the last Chi Council the USGS gave a preliminary report on the fish surveys they conducted last summer. A full public report will come later.
- Bridges: will attend the North Coast RCD meeting on November 6 in Ukiah.
- Lyons, Velasquez and Brandon will attend the CARCD conference in Sacramento in November.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Petty Cash Fund

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adopt a Resolution creating and funding a petty cash fund** and authorize the Vice President to sign.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

10.2 Appointments to LCRCDC committees Ron: personnel, reforestation

Motion: Lyons moved and Velasquez seconded to **appoint Yoder to the Personnel and Reforestation Committees**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board.

Dills: it turns out that public agencies are not eligible for Rose Foundation grassroots grants.

Perhaps we could partner with a non-profit such as the Sierra Club?

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:17AM**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none