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**Harry Lyons**  
President

MINUTES  
10AM October 12, 2021  
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.

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

Directors absent: Jim Bridges

Others present: Greg Dills, Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard, Laurel Bard, Laurie Hutchison, Kristina Linder

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Lyons introduced new Civic Spark Fellow Kristina Linder

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

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: Lincoln will report on alternatives to the pamphlets previously supplied by SDRMA during his Director's report

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Krag moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting** as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

MOTION: Krag moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021 special meeting** as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. In the future the whole board will receive the detailed monthly report provided by the county; Juntunen is meeting with the auditor on October 13.

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: nothing that needs attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

- 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: in January Lyons will send out letters to counselors and agriculture/environment instructors. There is \$1700 remaining in the account, enough to cover up to three scholarships.
- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: canceled
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: canceled
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: canceled
- 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Tony Blyleven sent an email report. He has recruited another teacher, which will make a total of eight in the coming year. Eggs expected in April. The new teacher will need a fish tank; we have dedicated funds to cover the expenses for this program.
- 8.7 CWPP update. Lyons: plan is proceeding, but photos are needed.

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

### 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison

- Organizing volunteers and preparing Wildfire Preparedness information & items to hand out at the Oct 16 Heroes of Health & Safety Fair, with continued focus on go-bags, evacuation lists and knowing your Evacuation Zone; coordinating with South Lake FSC to staff the table. Also preparing for the Oct 23 Upper Lake Fall Festival.
- Working with partners on a new grant opportunity for Evacuation Routes, outreach.
- Participating in TRES (prescribed burning) planning meetings for next year. Looking for opportunities for partnerships, funding resources, etc. for grants
- Continued coordination with the RRA, NCO, CLERC and other local partners on projects.
- Continuing to promote county wide Fire Safe Lake website ([www.firesafelake.org](http://www.firesafelake.org))
- Public outreach via social media for updates and info on various local fires, Covid 19 and events in the area.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. No report other than the new hire process moving along.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: No field activity this reporting period; BLM currently reviewing options to reinstate funding.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: no field activity; BLM still waiting for herbicide use permit confirmation. MOTION: Brandon moved and Krag seconded to **approve Resolution 2021-5 accepting and allocating unanticipated funding for Goats Rue eradication.**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. Middletown: Watering, weeding, and mulching is ongoing. Hwy 29: no activity.

9.6 Healthy Soils project - Greg Dills. No activity.

9.7 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project. Lincoln: the recently submitted biological study says water is penetrating the site well and does not recommend extensive breaches to the levee. Although hitch access is an issue a small breach would be sufficient to allow this. The study also located a small vernal pool that no one had known was there.

### 9.8 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: is working with BLM to get the \$2000 they owe for Eightmile Valley. We are entitled to send a delegate to the CARCD business meeting to be held virtually on Nov 10 and Nov 17; interested Directors should contact Lyons. There are no Resolutions under consideration this year. Middle Creek: he is arranging for Garamendi COS Iain Park to meet with the county committee. Escrow on two properties is nearly ready to close, and appraisals are in progress on another two. A re-survey of the 100-year flood line has revealed some properties that had not previously been included in the boundaries, and that will now need to be purchased and the residents relocated. State funding extension till June 2023 just about to be approved. New Civic Spark Fellow Kristina Linder talked about her background and project goals: she has a degree in environmental analysis and is looking forward to learning more about forestry and wildfire.

- Brandon: is working with the county to schedule our annual report to the BOS. Her Tuleyome Tale about the LCLT Wright Ranch project appeared in Lake County News and the Davis Enterprise.
- Velasquez: attended CARCD's report on the state budget. The state has discovered an additional budget surplus since the preliminary report, and massive amounts of money are available for projects. CARCD also has capacity building funding, and is looking for projects that can be completed in 3-5 years, including both planning and implementation. Until we are able to hire new staff the grants committee needs to address these opportunities.
- Lincoln: although SDRMA is no longer providing paper pamphlets, pdf versions of the training materials will soon be available. There is also a new opportunity to take a variety of classes from New Vector Solutions, but the discount offered is marginal.

#### 10. New Business

10.1 Consider change to monthly meeting date. After discussion the consensus was to continue meeting on second-Tuesdays.

10.2 Consider changes to Project Manager job description in the Employee Handbook and authorize hiring new employee. Several minor changes to the revised language were proposed; Lyons will distribute clean copies and reagenda at the November meeting.

#### 11. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

#### 12. ADJOURN

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:59AM**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none