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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
10AM October 8, 2019
FON3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

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

Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Harry Lyons, Shula Shoup, Merry Jo Velasquez, Ron Yoder

Directors absent: William Lincoln

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Terre Logsdon, Carolyn Ruttan

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: Ruttan asked that a letter of support for CLERC's fire prevention and forest health grant be added to the next agenda, and was told that Lyons has been authorized to approve support letters so an agenda item won't be needed.

3. SAFETY MEETING

"Fire Safety" conducted by Lyons.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the minutes of the September 10, September 20, and October 3, 2019** meetings as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: Yoder

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons will follow through with Carter Fisher and send him the \$500 approved at the September 10 meeting

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing new

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: nothing new

8.5 Kids in the Creek: nothing new

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Tony Blyleven hopes to attend the November meeting and to start assembling the new tanks during that month

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison not present.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard not present. She will meet tomorrow with Jen Shepherd from CARCD to talk about the forestry grant we may apply for jointly with Mendocino RCD. Lyons: we need more info from Woodard before moving forward.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Prior to equipment delivery he worked with BLM staff to clear the equipment parking area of weeds as a fire safety measure. MBC Construction began bringing equipment onto the site on September 24th and construction began on the 26th. RCD Directors, Scotts Valley tribal representatives, and Water Board and BLM staff toured the project site on October 3. Logsdon: tribal members say there are archeological sites in the valley. Dills: BLM archeologists investigated the area and found sites on surrounding hills; these were mapped, and the contractor was told which areas to avoid.
- MOTION: Shoup moved and Bridges seconded to **adopt Resolution 2019-3** accepting and allocating \$40,000 in unanticipated BLM funding for the Eightmile Valley project.
- Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez
- Noes: none
- Absent: Lincoln
- Abstained: none
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: The Agriculture Department provided clear plastic bags for plant removal the next time a crew can continue the survey down the Scotts Creek canyon. The first quarterly CDFA invoice will be mailed in October.
- 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills: this is for acorn planting on seven acres along the highway 53 corridor. Larry Ray was going to do the work but is swamped so Tom Bendure will take over.
- MOTION: Yoder moved and Brandon seconded to **approve contract with CalTrans** for the revegetation project along highway 53
- Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez
- Noes: none
- Absent: Lincoln
- Abstained: none
- 9.6 Biogasification Project - Greg Dills. Brandon agreed to cover these meetings but has not been getting notifications and can't attend the next one (Oct 9 at New Paradigm College). Ruttan will put her on the email announcement list. Mendo RCD contracted with All Power Labs to buy 10 "palletized" biogasifiers but has only been able to place two of them, at the Hopland lab. They were hoping we would be interested in acquiring some or all of the other eight. Although these units are somewhat portable they still have to connect with the grid or some other outlet for the energy produced. They can also be used to produce biochar but this product needs further processing (being placed in water with nutrients) to become a valuable soil amendment product. The nearest processing plant is in Oregon.
- 9.7 Reforestation Project nothing new.
- 9.8 Native Plant Project. We're having a sale at the Ag Center on Oct 19. LCN (and maybe Record-Bee) ran our PR and Master Gardeners ran a FB ad. All board members who are on FB are asked to like and share the announcement on the LCRCFB page. We're hoping to sell out at the Oct 19 sale but will hold a second sale on Oct 26 if necessary.
- 9.9 President/Director Reports
- Lyons: Blue Ribbon Committee met last week; they are preparing the first year report to the Governor and legislature. A series of research projects designed to help refine actions to improve the lake are under way, including modeling of the CL basin (including lake bottom) and possibly research on upland erosion. Lyons asked the committee to give an official stamp of approval for the Middle Creek project.
 - Velasquez: MCRC learned recently that there is no possibility of an extension on the \$15 million state grant to buy Middle Creek properties. DWR is working to update the property list based on information from Peter Windrem. The Land Trust is working with CalTrans to acquire blue and valley oak acreage for mitigation purposes and recently inspected two possible properties.

- Brandon: has recently been invited to join the steering committee of a stakeholder group led by Tuleyome which is working on a “Community Alternative Management Plan” for the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument. Also is meeting on Thursday with supervisors Crandell and Sabatier and NM manager Rebecca Wong to discuss next steps following Lucerne’s recent self-designation as a “gateway community”.
- Bridges: is going to the Forest Service nursery in Placerville on Oct 22, will get an update on this year’s seed collection activities.
- Yoder: is working with the North Coast collaborative on carbon farming network plans. Lucas Petzack asked him to complete a survey regarding priorities but without a consultation with a carbon technical expert we’re not in a position to participate effectively.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Terre Logsdon: the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians is applying for a two-year \$50,000 WaterSmart grant to form a Scotts Creek watershed group and identify projects in the watershed. The biggest issues are levee failures and flooding; the county is no longer maintaining the levees and the residents don’t want to assume that responsibility. The application is due November 13; CLERC may be able to help them write it. LCRCO is willing to send a support letter and partner in other ways but not to join in the application.

11.2 Terre Logsdon: Scotts Valley Pomo and the Lake County Dept of Water Resources are applying for a GHG reduction grant to plant tules in Tule Lake, would like the RCD to subcontract for the work. We do not have the staff capacity to do anything other than providing a support letter.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Juntunen announces that there’s now a box on the outside of the office door where mileage sheets and other paper work can be dropped off.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:45AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none