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Charlotte Griswold  
President

## MINUTES

November 12, 2015

15087 Spruce Grove Road, Middletown  
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 2:58pm

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon, Dan Desmond; also Linda Juntunen (by phone), Kate O'Donnell and Bill Lincoln

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Asbestos” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF October 8, 2015 MEETING

Motion: Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Make appointment to fill vacancy on East Lake RCD board of directors

Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **appoint Bill Lincoln to fill the vacancy** on the East Lake RCD BOD created by the resignation of Charlotte Ambrose.

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

Griswold administered the Oath of Office to Lincoln

5.2 Approve expenditure of \$161.99 for office desk (half of total)

Desmond moved and Brandon seconded to approve an expenditure of \$161.99 for a new office desk

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

5.3 Approve expenditure of \$63.26 for materials for new office (half of total)

Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to approve an expenditure of \$63.26 for materials for new office

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner  
Abstained: none

#### 5.4 Discuss/approve ELRCD participation in reforestation projects

(a) An extended discussion of a post-fire conifer reforestation project took place. ELRCD would contract with El Dorado RCD to plant seeds and grow 100,000 seedlings to plantable “plug” size at a total cost of \$39,322.80, with funds contributed by the Rotary and Wine Grape Commission recovery funds. EL would pick up the seedlings, care for them until planted in the fall of 2016, and make them available at cost to Lake County landowners impacted by any of the 2015 fires. If needed, we will make some available gratis. Desmond will work with teachers to involve students in the project. Juntunen offered to assume the initial clerical tasks as a volunteer, but there was consensus that we need to find funding for staff to support this project.

Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **move ahead with the conifer reforestation project** as outlined.

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

(b) EL RCD has been offered a donation of 955 buckeyes and assorted oaks in 1- and 5-gallon containers for fire recovery. We would need to pick them up soon, arrange to care for them till planting time next fall, and arrange distribution to landowners. Ideally it will be possible to involve the schools in caring for and planting at least some of these trees.

Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **move ahead with the hardwood reforestation project** as outlined

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

5.5 Desmond has been representing ELRCD on Valley Fire Long Term Recovery Committee but will be unable to continue in that role in 2016. Brandon volunteered to succeed him.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

### 6.1 Monthly Report

Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the financial report** as presented

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

## 7. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills.**

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

8. CORRESPONDENCE: none of importance

#### 9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 Consolidation of Districts - We still need a consolidated annual plan and budget and directors in Districts 4 and 5 in order to move ahead.

9.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors - West Lake Director Tony Blyleven has agreed to serve as an associate director in the consolidated district

##### 9.3 Placeholders

1. Cobb School Project - Desmond met with teacher Cindy Leonard and intern Jack Shrive, who has designed the garden and signage despite losing his home in the Valley Fire. The school and garden came through fine.
2. Meisenbach Scholarship - Desmond has identified another possible intern.
3. Use of Donation Money to Pay for Grant Writer: nothing to report
4. Cobb Forest Recovery Project: covered in new business item 5.4 (a) above

#### 10. REPORTS/UPDATES

10.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - no report

10.2 Misc. Projects - no report

10.3 NRCS Report - O'Donnell reported that she and District Conservationist Korinn Woodard have been meeting with many landowners to advise them on post-fire recovery. In most cases the best thing to do is wait to let the land recover on its own.

10.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project Report - no report

10.4 President/Director Reports - no reports

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

Brandon distributed printouts of "From Fire-kill to Fuelbreaks," a proposal developed by the Trinity County Collaborative to rehabilitate burned-over roadsides by removing fuel and establishing shaded fuelbreaks."

#### 12. ADJOURN

At 4:56pm Desmond moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none