



MINUTES  
10AM November 9, 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

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adopt Resolution 2021-6** finding that the ongoing Covid 19 justifies continuation of videoconference meetings in compliance with the Brown Act

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

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

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: on hold until new instructional materials are available

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Shoup seconded to **approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting** as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: nothing needing attention

## 8. ONGOING PROJECTS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new
  - 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons will contact the schools in January; funding is available for up to three scholarships
  - 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing to report
  - 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: Lincoln will reach out the schools and hope to schedule the event in 2022
  - 8.5 Kids in the Creek: Velasquez has been having trouble finding out who the target teachers are
  - 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: nothing new.
- 8.7 CWPP update. Juntunen reports that the draft is currently being formatted and should be finished by the December holiday; it will then be forwarded to the Fire Chiefs' Association.

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

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

- Attended Northshore Fall Festival. Partnered with Tammy Alakzay from NCO/ EPIC and Kristina Linder. Continued focus on education, go-bags, evacuation lists and home preparedness.
- Partnering with NCO/EPIC on a new outreach project that will include Americorps Volunteers going out into the community to reach homebound residents.
- Working with partners on a new grant opportunity for Evacuation Routes, outreach. NCO/EPIC was awarded a Coordinator Grant through CA Fire Safe Council and included a laptop computer for the FSC. We are still considering the best way to utilize the funds and structure the position.
- Attending various local group meetings and participating in TRES (prescribed burning) planning meetings for next year.s.
- Continued coordination with the RRA, NCO, CMAT, CLERC and other local partners on projects.
- Continuing to promote county wide Fire Safe Lake website ([www.firesafelake.org](http://www.firesafelake.org)) and conducting public outreach on social media
- Need to revamp the RCD contract with the county that currently includes several provisions (eg mileage payments & cost of living adjustments) that are ignored. The RRA wants to restructure the Fire Safe Council structure, possibly combine the two districts, and redefine the FS coordinator position. Consensus that it should continue to concentrate on outreach, education, and firewise communities.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard: first EQIP application deadline will be on Dec 10 with cutoff for a second round of funding in March or April. Other collaborative projects with neighboring RCDs have different timelines. Newly hired Soils Conservationist will start Nov 22. We need to renew our contracts with Napa RCD and CLERC; Woodard will follow up.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. It turns out that the only way for BLM to fund Larry Ray's revegetation work is to do so directly, rather than through the RCD; planting will begin this week

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded **adopt amended contract with Larry Ray Consulting** for revegetation services

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. No field activity; BLM still waiting for herbicide permit.

#### 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills

- Middletown: mulching is ongoing. Trees needing replacement because of squirrel and gopher depredation have been flagged and planting is expected to be complete this month
- Upper Lake Hwy 29: no activity

#### 9.6 Healthy Soils project - Greg Dills: no activity

9.7 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project. Velasquez: Steve Zalusky has presented a biological survey which is being tweaked a bit to include all native plants on the site. LCLT is working on a stewardship plan that will probably include levee breaches. They are investigating grant funding sources.

#### 9.8 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: contacted Tony Blyleven and told him to send a bill for new aquarium and other trout project costs. CLERC Civic Spark Fellow Kristina Linder will be working on CWPP outreach after Jan 1. Lucas Patzek from Napa RCD is arranging for one of their techs to give environmental talks to Lake County vineyard workers through the Winegrape Commission. Our joint NACD grants need to be renewed. Juntunen met with auditor Zach Pehling on Oct 13. The county Middle Creek committee met with Garamendi COS Iain Hart about getting Army Corps funding for the project: he says the first essential step is to acquire remaining properties.
- Shoup: attended the Sacramento Valley RCD meeting, where forestry projects, capacity building and the regional strategic plan were discussed; next conference will be in January. The group hopes to have an in person meeting in 2023: consensus that LCRCO is NOT in a position to host it.
- Brandon: gave annual report to the BOS on Oct 27; reception was positive.
- Velasquez: trying to get access to our CARCO account; advised to consult with ED Karen Buhr.

#### 10. New Business:

10.1 Adopt Memorandum of Understanding with the North Coast Resource Partnership: tabled until rewritten to address tribal concerns

#### 11. Old Business

11.1 Consider changes to job descriptions in the Employee Handbook and authorize hiring new Project Manager. We need to separate the job description from the advertisement for the position, and need to think about where to publicize. Personnel Committee will finalize the language and bring it back for approval in December.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

#### 12. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded **adjourn the meeting** at 11:39AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none