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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES

December 10, 2015

Perini Ranch, 12220 Perini Rd., Lower Lake, CA 95457

minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Paul Aigner, Victoria Brandon, Dan Desmond; also Korinn Woodard and Linda Juntunen (by phone),

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Four Generations” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF November 12 and November 23 MEETINGS

Motion: Brandon moved and Aigner seconded to **approve the minutes of the November 12 and November 23 meetings**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

Motion: Aigner moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the financial report as presented**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

5.2 \$25,000 sequestered funds

The Board concluded that the decision to sequester was not required by the county, but instead had been self-imposed many years ago pending final conclusion by the Army Corps of the Upper Putah Creek assessment project. Now that AC has signed off we can decide to unencumber the funds, and will place an item to that effect on the January 14, 2016 agenda. In the meantime Brandon will check with Scott DeLeon and Juntunen will check with Sandy Bachman, who was the EDRCD bookkeeper at the time.

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

none that needs a response

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Consolidation of Districts

Excellent candidates from District 4 & 5 are being recruited but are not yet confirmed. In the meantime Woodard reported that West Lake approved a resolution of consolidation with wording that would allow the original board to diverge from strict geographical balance. She will send the wording to the EL Directors and try to set up meeting between Brandon and potential consolidated board member David Weiss. Tracy Klein is working on the consolidated budget and Brandon is preparing a consolidated work plan. LAFCO needs to have all materials by the end of January in order to place the item on their March 16 agenda.

8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors – nothing new

8.3 Placeholders

1. Cobb School Project - nothing new

2. Meisenbach Scholarship: there do not appear to be any promising recipients this year, but we will continue to direct a portion of the funds to internships.

Motion: Aigner moved and Desmond seconded to **approve \$500 for Lower Lake High School intern Cody McNea**, who will maintain containerized oaks and buckeyes and (later) organize a student planting team, with the money to be paid at the conclusion of the work

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

3. Use of Donation Money to Pay for Grant Writer: nothing to report

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

She is busy attending meetings and working on grants

9.2 Misc. Projects - Linda Juntunen

Nothing to report

9.3 NRCS Report - Woodard reported that she is doing work for FEMA such as evaluating house sites to determine whether hazardous trees should be removed, etc. Salvage operations are beginning at Boggs Forest and projects are getting funded. With fire chief Jim Wright and UCCE advisor Greg Giusti she participated in a recovery workshop at Marymount on December that while not well attended offered a good presentation that was recorded by John Jensen for Lake County News.

9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project - nothing going on until spring

9.5 Reforestation projects. We need to find appropriate areas to distribute oaks and buckeyes that will be suitable for the species available and where landowners will be able to provide water and

otherwise maintain them -- we should send out a press release soon to let people know that the trees are available. Desmond and Bill Lincoln will go to Geyserville to get the rest of the hardwoods on December 16, and take them to Middletown and Upper Lake High Schools for interim care. Intern Cody McNea will coordinate this work but we need to connect him with responsible parties. Kate O'Donnell will reach out to fire victims in the Rocky Creek area, which offers suitable conditions for this assortment of trees

Juntunen repeated her offer to create inventory and distribution forms and care literature to accompany the trees; the accounting is Klein's responsibility, and will involve additional working hours for her.

9.6 President/Director Reports

Aigner: McLaughlin plans to conduct a volunteer tree-planting project early in January.

Brandon: is encouraging the Sierra Club and others to plan hikes on trails in fire-affected areas to see recovery proceed over time.

Desmond: we should do something specific to recognize Rotary's contributions, perhaps a specific group of trees in a prominent location to be called "Rotary Grove." He is having knee surgery on January 20, 2016 and will be out of commission for a couple of months.

10. NEW BUSINESS

none

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

Griswold said she dislikes night driving and hopes that we can switch to morning meetings. We will discuss at the January 14 meeting.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: at 5:05PM Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **adjourn the meeting.**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none