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Harry Lyons
President

AGENDA

10AM December 11, 2018

3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, William Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez, Ron Yoder

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Laurie Hutchison, Shula Shoup, Edward Simpkins (Hidden Valley Lake HOA General Manager), Frank Aebly (MNF Upper Lake District Ranger), Hinda Darner (MNF Upper Lake Fuels Battalion Chief)

1. INTRODUCTIONS: board, staff and guests introduced themselves

2. PUBLIC INPUT - Simpkins described firesafe measures adopted by HVL HOA after the Valley Fire. In collaboration with the South Lake Fire Protection District they have established a Firewise Community and begun fuel reduction, including a free chipping program, and established a \$1.3M budget to remove dead and dying trees. HVL has 6500 residents and 3300 properties. They have already received some smaller grants for these activities. Lyons: the RCD is open to partnering with them: at a minimum we can write letters of support for grant applications. Juntunen: HVL has been doing great firewise work for a long time.

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Before You Turn the Key” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded to **approve the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting** as presented

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Bridges

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the November 29, 2018 special meeting** as amended

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Lincoln, Yoder

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

5.1 October Report

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Yoder seconded to **accept the October financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5.2 November Report

MOTION: Yoder moved and Velasquez seconded to **accept the November financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE. Members of the North Coast RCD group are submitting an application for an Eel River Watershed Coordinator grant; Lake Pillsbury and its watershed (on the main stem of the Eel) are in Lake County so there was consensus that LCRCO should participate despite having almost no population in the watershed.

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors

MOTION: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint Shula Shoup to the District 2 vacancy on the LCRCO Board**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

Brandon will follow up with the BOS Clerk.

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship - nothing new to report: Lyons will reconnect with the teachers after the new semester starts in January

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour - nothing new: Brandon will reconnect with Katherine Van der Wall in January to explore the possibility of rescheduling this event from midsummer to springtime.

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: nothing new

8.5 Kids in the Creek: nothing new

9. (agenda item 11.1) Consider partnering with Mendocino RCD in a biogasifier project and approve next steps.

Aebly described the existing Mendocino RCD project: they have been awarded a \$2.7 CalFire California Climate Investments (CCI) Forest Health grant to purchase and operate 10 biochar gasifier units as part of the 2017 Redwood Fire recovery. A new grant extending operations to Lake County could be of great assistance in recovering from the Mendocino Complex fire: the Ranch Fire alone burned 288,000 acres of the Mendocino NF, half of it a total loss. USFS is conducting salvage sale operations but this only applies to trees 14 inches or larger. Dills: Mendocino RCD Executive Director Megan McCluer called to suggest partnering with Lake County RCD in a new grant proposal. The units are portable so could be moved up into the burned areas; connection with transmission lines is necessary. Grant deadline is in Feb. There would be an opportunity to include private lands (a funding requirement), especially off Bartlett Springs Road, and BLM might be interested in participating as well. It would take about a year for environmental review and contract completion, then a 3-year window to do the work. Aebly: Firescape Mendocino is currently pursuing a CCI grant in partnership with Tehama RCD.

Bridges: the company that makes this equipment is based in Berkeley, and has a monthly open house; several directors expressed interest in a site visit.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **support this project in concept and authorize Dills to explore it further**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

10. Adopt Resolution 2018-3.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded **adopt Resolution 2018-3 accepting Mendocino Complex unanticipated revenues and allocating them to specified budget categories.**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

Secretary Brandon left the meeting; subsequent minutes provided by President Lyons.

11. REPORTS/UPDATES

11.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Hutchison reported on her work at the Camp Fire and reviewed items covered in her written report. The County Hazards Committee on which she serves is considering forming a Joint Powers Authority or altering County Code to allow a more generalized, consistent fire prevention policy.

11.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard not present

11.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Preparing equipment for 2018/2019 water samples.

11.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Met with Ag. Dept., BLM, and Larry Ray to discuss obtaining WMA funding; developed a proposal and budget to survey, map, and treat in the infested areas along Willow and Scotts Creek. The application is for \$28,879.65 for the January 2019 to June 30, 2019 timeframe. BLM staff brought to our attention that Goat's rue was discovered downstream at the confluence with the South Fork of Scotts Creek.

11.5 Mendocino Complex Mitigation Project - Greg Dills referred the board to his written report for items listed in the agenda but did recount success in obtaining Rights of Entry for some key properties in the Mendocino Complex Mitigation Project.

11.6 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. Cal Trans Revegetation Specialist Michael Clegg is having Larry Ray sprout the acorns for Cal Trans and writing the proposal/contract for the Board's review in January or February.

11.7 Reforestation Project. Bridges described the minor disadvantage of using seeds from outside our zone.

11.8 DOC grant. Velasquez outlined future expenses to be met by DOC grant funds.

11.9 President/Director Reports

Lyons reported on his contact with Kandee Stolesen of the Lakeport Lions. Lyons or Brandon will formally present the District's request for a donation from the group for our Reforestation Project. Stolesen will contact Lions as to whether their business meeting will occur on the 19th of December or on the 16th of January.

12. OLD BUSINESS

12.2 Adopt revisions to long-range plan (continued from October and November). Bridges noted some discrepancies in the scheduling of long-range assignments in the plan; adoption of revisions tabled till the January meeting.

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.1 Agree to be a coordinating agency with the county on post fire recovery on Hendricks road and Scotts Creek

MOTION: Yoder moved and Bridges seconded that the **District agree to be a coordinating agency with the county on post fire recovery on Hendricks road and Scotts Creek.**

Ayes: Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Brandon

Abstained: none

14. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Juntunen reported that home owners associations from Riviera West and Riviera Heights are requesting a letter of support for their proposal for a fire protection grant. Their fiscal sponsor is the Kelseyville Fire Protection District.

Juntunen also reported that Zach Pehling will begin work on our 2017-2018 audit on December 12.

15. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at [TIME]

Ayes: Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Brandon

Abstained: none