



MINUTES
10AM December 14, 2021
via videoconference

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

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, Laurie Hutchison, Kristina Linder

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

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

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: still waiting for news about the virtual training system

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting** as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: Shoup

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

MOTION: Brandon moved and Krag 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 send letters to guidance counselors and ag/enviro instructors in January

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing to report

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: Lincoln will reach out to Middletown and Coyote Valley teachers

8.5 Kids in the Creek: Velasquez will call the school to find out contact information for the relevant teachers

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: nothing new

8.7 CWPP update: getting closer to completion; Juntunen will meet with the editor on Friday. Cal Fire is working on project priority list

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison.

- Working with NCO/EPIC on the outreach project with the Americorps Team. They will arrive in January. Tammy Alakszay (EPIC) is still trying to secure housing for them at The Castle on the North shore. Americorps team will be going out into the community to reach residents (with a focus on reaching homebound citizens) and talking with them about preparing themselves and their homes for wildfire. They will also be doing other projects around the community.
- Still working with partners on Evacuation Route Grant and looking at the next CalFire grants opening up. The county will be applying for the Evacuation Routes Grant and will be working with partners that include the FSC and Firewise Community groups to eliminate hazard trees along the Soda Bay Corridor. Considering opportunities to partner with TERA (Tribal Eco Restoration Alliance) on an upcoming CalFire grant.
- Kristina and Laurie are working with someone in Scotts Valley that is interested in possibly becoming a Firewise Community; two new Firewise Communities have formed, CLO East and Pitney Lane in Upper Lake
- Attending various local group meetings (some bi-weekly, monthly).
- Participating in TREX (prescribed burning) planning meetings for next year.
- Looking for opportunities for partnerships, funding resources, etc. for grants. 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); public outreach via social media for updates and info on various local fires, Covid 19 and events in the area.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. A new Soil Conservationist has joined the office and is out in field with Tom Bendure today. Currently working on first round of EQIP applications, will know beginning of Feb who received funding. Will meet next week with Lake/Napa RCDs to talk about NACD grants and other potential funding sources. National Water Quality Initiative funding was approved, with a \$60,000 initial allocation to the County Water Resources Dept. Source water protection qualifies. CARCD forestry funding for Tom was scheduled to expire in April but has been extended.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: BLM did planting as agreed and project is complete: line item should be removed from agenda

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: no field activity this month; BLM still waiting for pesticide permit

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. Staff replanted 150 Valley Oak and Blue Oak trees and planted 35 plants and 200 plugs in November and early December. All routine maintenance has been suspended until spring. Periodic visits will occur over the winter depending upon weather. Larry Ray is working on annual report to CalTrans. No activity on Hwy 29 project.

9.6 Healthy Soils project - Greg Dills: no activity

9.7 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project: project is evolving; LCLT is discussing preliminary plan with county, with advice from retired CDFW biologist. They will have to dispose of 3000 yards of material and are considering elevating a portion of the property. The goal is to connect an existing wetland to the lake.

9.8 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: rules have been changed and we no longer have to pass a Covid resolution every month authorizing remote meetings. Details about the Napa RCD agreement on NACD grants are still unknown so will have to call a special meeting to approve them. Working with the bookkeeper to clear up EDD problem. Civic Spark Fellow Kristina Linder is assisting with Firewise Communities and CWPP outreach. We need to consider buying a computer for use of new admin assistant who replaces Linda.
- Krag: is meeting next week with Napa RCD and Lyons, trying to get some funding for ag projects included in the NACD grant
- Brandon: Cong Garamendi's legislation adding 4000 acres of the Lake County portion of Walker Ridge to Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument is expected to be introduced this month.

10. New Business: all tabled pending information from Napa RCD on NACD grant agreements

11. Old Business

11.1 Hiring to fill new Project Manager position

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the amended Project Manager job description** as presented by the Personnel Committee and **authorize the Committee to recruit** to fill the position.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

12. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:40AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none