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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES

4 p.m. March 10, 2016

16955 Dam Road South, Clearlake, CA 95422

minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 4pm

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Paul Aigner (arrived during item #7), Victoria Brandon, William Lincoln; also Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT : none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Emotional Wreck” (on aggressive driving) conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner, Desmond

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the financial report**

Ayes: Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner, Desmond

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner, Desmond

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE none

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Consolidation of Districts – Update.

Consolidation is on the Lake LAFCO agenda for March 16, and everything seems in order.

Executive Director John Benoit is recommending approval

8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors - Update.

Nothing new

8.3 Cobb School Project - Dan Desmond not present

8.4 Meisenbach Scholarship

Griswold accompanied Lois Meisenbach to present a \$250 check to Middletown HS intern Jack Shrive. The Cobb Elementary project is complete except for buying the signage, which we have previously agreed to pay for. She will meet with the Lower Lake HS principal to find out what intern Cody McNea has been doing. Griswold suggests that we make the scholarship available to biology students; consensus that this would be consistent with the original intent.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen absent

9.2 Misc. Projects - Linda Juntunen absent

9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard

All her requests have received funding, totaling about \$800,000 almost all fire related.

Our proposed collaborative agreement to engage professional forestry assistance was also tentatively approved, but then all agreements on were put on hold so we can't move forward on that yet. She requested an updated contact sheet.

9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project - Paul Aigner: on hold till spring

9.5 Reforestation Project

Woodard, O'Donnell and Lincoln participated in the Kiwanis tree giveaway on March 5 and distributed a whole trailerful of donated hardwood container trees: everything from Lower Lake HS and almost everything from Frontier Farms is now disposed of. Woodard and Lincoln also picked up all the oaks from Middletown HS on March 9 and took them out to Rocky Creek for distribution. They also hauled a load of buckeyes to Anderson Springs. Intern Jack Shrive is trying to arrange a tree-planting project with the AP science class. Even if the survival rate of these trees isn't very great it's making people feel better to be doing something.

9.6 President/Director Reports

Griswold: had an opportunity to bring Lois Meisenbach up to date on the consolidation proposal

Brandon: there has been a fairly strong hitch run in Kelsey and Middle Creeks this spring, with the latter being the first in about ten years. Since then we've had such heavy rain that the eggs and fry have probably all been washed down into the lake, but biologist Rick Macedo has assured her that they can survive this.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Nominate Special Districts representative to Lake LAFCO

Motion: Griswold **nominated Brandon as Special District representative to Lake LAFCO**, and Aigner seconded

Ayes: Aigner, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent:, Desmond

Abstained: Brandon

10.2 Approve purchase of two soil thermometers

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the purchase of two soil thermometers for NRCS use**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent:, Desmond

Abstained: none

10.3 Approve letter of support for SB1396

Motion: Aigner moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve letter of support for SB1396** establishing an Inner Coast Range Conservancy with the inclusion of Lake County, and authorize the president to sign.

Ayes: Aigner, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent:, Desmond

Abstained: Brandon

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

(a) Field Days planning. Woodard has examined the usual site, and thinks it will work even despite fire damage. We need to check with the schools (Minnie Cannon, Coyote Valley, and Cobb) and settle on a date. Griswold will contact the schools, Brandon will send out the list of previous presenters and Woodard will connect with landowner Mike Browning.

(b) Sonoma and San Francisco allowing kitchen waste in to be placed in green bins for composting. Lake County's yard waste goes to the Quackenbush facility for composting so we don't see why compostable kitchen waste shouldn't be allowed in green bins here too. Brandon will contact the Public Services Department..

12. ADJOURN

Aigner moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 4:51PM

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none