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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES

10AM Tuesday March 12, 2018
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

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

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Randy Krag

1. INTRODUCTIONS: everyone introduced themselves

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Working Outdoors: Mosquitoes and Ticks” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Yoder moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the minutes** of the February 12, 2019 meeting as amended and the February 26, 2019 special meeting as presented

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Shoup

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing attention except communication with EDD which is a separate agenda item.

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors. Randy Krag may be interested in joining the Board as an Associate Director

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons has received two applications, which he will evaluate and agendaize at the April meeting

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: will take place at AMSHP on May 9; Brandon will send out a press release and confirm presenters.

8.4 Field Days in the Creek. Lincoln is working with the teachers to pick a day for the event.

8.5 Kids in the Creek. The Forest Service is eager to put the event on and will provide presenters, but we need to contact the schools; Velasquez volunteered to contact Terrace, Lucerne and Upper Lake elementary schools for scheduling purposes. There was consensus that 100 students is the maximum we can handle effectively.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison emailed

- Coordinating with local Fire Agencies re: Governor's Executive Order for preparation for future major fire events.
- Discussing vegetation clearing/maintenance options of local areas in coordination with CalFire.
- Preparation for Ag Day in March.
- Met with local Firewise Community members re: Community Wildfire Resilience Retreat- updates, ideas and community event planning.
- Participated in monthly agency meetings.
- Continuing to seek homeowner insurance solutions for Lake County.
- Presenting at School Outreach and Fire Safety programs at local schools.
- Continuing work with local agencies to better coordinate and communicate emergency response in the community during large events.
- Discussing grants and projects with various agencies, including new Cal Fire Grants.
- Continuing work on County Vegetation Management Ordinance & Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies. Assisting with creating new Firewise Communities

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Funding for new projects is on hold pending finalization of new Farm Bill rules. One of our 2018 reforestation clients says some of his seedlings were moldy; consensus to give him a couple of boxes of ponderosa as a good will gesture. Woodard has filed a joint grant application with Napa (approved at the Feb 26 special meeting) for funding to extend Tom Bendure's contract. Our share of the match will be in volunteer hours so all Directors have to get into the habit of keeping a written record of the time we put in on RCD business.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Nothing new.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. CDFA has \$2M statewide to fund WMA projects, with \$60K maximum for each grant. Proposals are due by April 5, 2019 but accepted on a first come first served basis; he wants to submit by this afternoon. We are asking for \$56,800 over 21 months, and have 50 percent match from BLM and the county ag department.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **submit a proposal for a CDFA grant to combat Goats Rue**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

9.5 Mendocino Complex Mitigation Project - Greg Dills. BMP implementation has continued as weather permitted; the contractor continues to install structures in the burn area, make repairs and clean out sediment from behind structures. A crew will go out on Thursday to inspect damage from recent storms. There is some unspent money in the personnel and indirect costs budget items that can be transferred to the construction budget line to complete the project.

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded to **amend contract with Bouthillier Inc and authorize budget transfer from personnel and indirect costs to contractual**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

9.6 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. No action needed yet. It turns out that Americorps will not be available for the project so there will be additional personnel costs.

9.7 Reforestation Project. 40,000 conifer seedlings were delivered on February 26 and some have already been picked up. We still have approximately 7000 PP and 7000 SP unsold. Tom Bendure has been monitoring soil temperatures which remain in the target zone although hard to maintain because the warehouse is nearly empty. There will be a Cobb Mt event April 13: we'll contribute at least two boxes of seedlings to give away. Rotary is working with the parks dept and Greg Giusti to host a volunteer planting event at Trailside Park on March 23, using 3000 of our two-year ponderosa; Lyons will represent the RCD. Woodard: we might consider hosting a streambank restoration event.

9.8 DOC grant. Brandon is about to file the final report and invoice. Carolyn Ruttan has volunteered to sell native plants at the Grange spring plant sale on May 5. We will also co-sponsor a native plant sale with the Master Gardeners on May 18.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons:
 - all Directors need to file annual conflict of interest statements with the county.
 - The Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake meeting will be held tomorrow; he plans to offer to chair the Outreach subcommittee.
 - Angela De Palma Dow wants to conduct a public survey on what people think about the lake, and also wants to do creek cleanups in June or July.
 - Lyons asked the Lions Club for a \$10,000 donation to cover our refrigerated warehouse costs in 2019 and 2020 but hasn't heard back yet.
- Brandon:
 - has been invited to give a presentation on what an RCD is and what we do at the March 20 LAFCO meeting.
 - It's time for Directors to do mandatory biannual ethics training, which is available on the SDRMA website and free for SDRMA members.
 - The annual hitch spawning run is probably about to begin.
- Shoup: she met someone who is engaged in transferring water into the aquifers and gave Lyons his contact info.
- Bridges: he and Lyons attended the North Coast Collaborative meeting in Ukiah on March 1. The group will have a phone meeting on March 20 to discuss further directions.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Authorize submission of support letters between meetings.

Motion: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **authorize the President to sign and submit support letters** at his discretion

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.2 Discuss and vote on opening an external bank account to cover EDD payments. EDD is charging us substantial penalties for failure to file electronically, and the county won't do it for us. One solution that has been suggested is to open an external bank account for this purpose, but as a public agency that receives tax income, we may not be allowed to do this, and the process would certainly be cumbersome. The simplest solution would be for Marlene Wentz to do this for us; Lyons will find out if that's possible and if she's willing.

11.3 Approve North Coast Durable Collaboration MOU

Motion: Bridges moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve North Coast Durable Collaboration MOU** and authorize the President to sign.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.4 Support NACD

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **become a contributor to the National Association of Conservation Districts** at an annual rate of \$50

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11. 5 Submit proposal for WMA funding to continue Goats Rue eradication project

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **authorize Dills to submit a proposal for WMA funding**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

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

Dills: Upper Lake District Ranger Frank Aebly has invited him to attend an April 17 partnership meeting in Willows to discuss fire recovery projects. The Mendocino RCD would like to organize a field trip to inspect their gasifier and hopes some of our board members will be able to attend.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:42AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none