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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES

March 14, 2017

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minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 10am

Directors present: Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Judy Cox, Harry Lyons, Bill Lincoln, Merry Jo Velasquez. Others present: Greg Dills, Linda Juntunen

Directors absent: none

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Brandon administered the oath of office to Merry Jo Velasquez as District 4 Director for a term ending July 1, 2018

2. PUBLIC INPUT - none

3. SAFETY MEETING - no materials available this month

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF February 14, 2017 MEETING

Motion: Lincoln moved and Cox seconded to **approve the minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **accept the monthly financial report**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE - none needing a response

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Recruiting of Associate Directors - Griswold approached Beckstoffer Vineyard manager Randy Krag

8.2 Cobb School Project - the watershed sign is finished and Dan Desmond will take it to the Ag and Natural Resources Day on Thursday. Griswold will talk to Dan about a formal dedication ceremony at the school

8.3 Meisenbach Scholarship

Motion: Bridges moved and Lincoln seconded that we **name the new program the “Lake County RCD Countywide Scholarship Program”**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

8.4 Field Days in the Creek - the event will be held on Wednesday May 24 at the usual location on Diamond D Ranch. Juntunen has already arranged for a USFS truck with Smoky Bear to attend; Brandon will approach presenters Ben Ewing, Dean Enderlin and Carolyn Ruttan, and Lyons will also give a presentation. Korinn Woodard has agreed to talk to Diamond D. Cobb school wants to bring both third and fourth graders, which would be all right this time but probably mean that we can only include them every other year in the future. Dan Desmond is arranging for a porta potty, and Griswold will do the permission slips.

8.5 Kids in the Creek - Griswold is talking to fourth grade teachers at Terrace School, none of whom have participated previously. If Terrace can't do this she will check with Upper Lake who had previously wanted to do this with sixth graders instead of the fourth graders that we have previously discovered respond best. Target date the last week in April.

8.6 Invasive Weed Tour - Brandon will talk to Katherine Vanderwall at the Ag Department to figure out who is going to do what this year. Consensus that the event should be held at Anderson Marsh again this year, and probably the third week in July. Master Gardeners should be included on the invite list.

8.7 March 16 Ag & Natural Resources Day - Lincoln, Bridges and Griswold will help Dan Desmond table at this event. 900 kids have signed up. Lincoln will pick up a box of ponderosa seedlings to give away.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

- Participated in monthly agency meetings and assisted with projects.
- Provided Firewise information to interested communities.
- Working with local, state and federal fire agencies on the update of the Lake County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP.)
- Assisting South Lake Fire Safe Council with fundraising efforts to support their chipping program.
- Assisting with new fuel break project with USFS and CAL FIRE.
- Working with FireScape Mendocino for their March workshop.

Miscellaneous Projects: Working with the Reforestation Committee; acting as liaison for the cold storage unit.

9.2 NRCS Report - not present.

- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Received the review and comments of the Draft Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) from the Waterboard, made changes/corrections and resubmitted for approval. The Waterboard approved the QAPP for signature, responsible parties for BLM and LCRCDC have signed and the final document was mailed on 03/06/2017 for Waterboard signatures. The final signature page was received this morning.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. No activity this reporting period, but Larry Ray is going up today for a site inspection on both this project and Eightmile Valley.
- 9.5 Chipper Program - Greg Dills. To date, 35 ROEs have been received, and applications for Clayton Fire chipping are still being accepted. Greg Giusti will begin identifying and marking dead trees for falling starting today, and Dills will join him next Monday. Griswold will join them to take photos for publicity purposes.
- 9.6 Indian Valley Project - Lincoln/Lyons. They are in communication with the Ukiah BLM, and environmental protection specialist Molly Nilsson is working on categorical exemption from NEPA. She needs a project map (possibly available from Paul Aigner) and work schedule. An archeological survey will be conducted.
- 9.7 Reforestation Project
- We are distributing seedlings on a regular basis but four customers still haven't picked up anything.
 - What to do with the leftovers? Jim Harvey suggested that we offer some to Robert Wiley (whose 2018 order we were unable to accept), and indicated that he himself might need some more. We should consider donating leftovers to garden clubs and Master Gardeners.
 - Lincoln volunteered to pick up 15 boxes of seedlings on March 24 for the March 25 Trailside Park replanting project.
 - Harvey mentioned that the Placerville nursery trees seemed comparatively small and of poor quality. Bridges met with him and compared a sample to seedlings from the Calfire nursery in Etna, found that DF and PP are comparable but SP from Placerville were small and weak. He wants to look at a larger sample of PP at the Trailside Project and will report back.
- 9.8 CARCD grants. Bridges participated in two conference calls with the North Coast group. and Brandon participated in the statewide call yesterday. We could apply for a "Bootstrap" grant to pay for a facilitated strategic planning meeting, but to get anything at all have to adopt a long range plan of some sort, even if it's outdated at the outset. There are a number of criteria for Tier 1 status (and thus eligibility for much more generous funding); although we meet practically all of them assembling the supporting documentation will be a big job and not possible before the March 28 deadline. As a first step we need to get the old East Lake and West Lake long range plans and adapt them. Brandon will work on this over the weekend, and also circle back with CARCD for advice. Bridges: the Mendocino RCD is working on a statewide online communications plan, and will give a half day workshop at the state conference in Redding in November.
- 9.9 President/Director Reports
- Brandon: the hitch spawning migration is underway in many different creeks.
 - Bridges: has received his ethics training certification.
 - Cox: needs the link for the training.
 - Lyons: took half the training but had a computer malfunction so has to do it again.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Illness and Injury Prevention Plan

Motion: Cox moved and Lincoln seconded that we **adopt the Illness and Injury Prevention Plan as presented**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

10.2 General Code of Safe Practices

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded that we **adopt the General Code of Safe Practices as presented**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

10.2 Appoint Grants Committee

Motion: Lincoln moved and Cox seconded that we **appoint Merry Jo Velasquez, Victoria Brandon and Harry Lyons to the Grants Committee**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - none

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Lincoln moved and Cox seconded that we **adjourn the meeting at 11:24AM**

Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Bridges, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none