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Charlotte Griswold
President

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MINUTES

4 p.m. April 14, 2016

16955 Dam Road South, Clearlake, CA 95422

minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 4:02PM

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon, Dan Desmond, William Lincoln. Also Linda Juntunen and Jim Bridges

1. INTRODUCTIONS West Lake RCD Director Jim Bridges was introduced to the group

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Handwashing” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the March 10, 2016 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: Desmond

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. the county has sent a bill for \$1 for office space rent
- b. a check has been received for the remaining funds in the Upper Putah Creek Stewardship account
- c. the National Association of RCDs has sent an invitation to join: we decline
- d. the California Association of RCDs has sent a membership renewal: we accept

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Consolidation of Districts - Update:

LAFCO unanimously approved the consolidation application on March 16, and will hold a mandatory protest hearing on April 28, which Brandon will attend. After that Tracy can work with the county to set up our new fiscal structure. We will request the Board of Supervisors to appoint the new Board of Directors in late June, and consolidation will be complete as of July 1.

8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors - Update nothing new

8.3 Cobb School Project

Desmond reports that intern Jack Shrive has designed watershed signs, which look good but need a map. Lincoln will help design this. Desmond will get an estimate on the all-metal, waterproof signs.

8.4 Meisenbach Scholarship. So far no luck getting suggestions from the schools or Woodland College on possible recipients. Lower Lake HS intern Cody McNea has sent a thorough report to Dan on his work caring for the container hardwoods that were left in his care

Motion: Desmond moved and Lincoln seconded to **pay intern Cody McNea the \$500 internship stipend agreed upon**

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

Has been attending meetings and working on fuel reduction projects.

9.2 Misc. Projects - Linda Juntunen

Reported that the seedling form has been completed, was requested to send the info handout and .doc file to Brandon for editing.

9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard absent

9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project - Paul Aigner absent

9.5 Reforestation Project

It is high time to start accepting orders for conifer seedlings and start accepting deposits. NRCS is legally precluded from doing this. Brandon agreed to be the point person for orders and will contact Korinn.

We previously decided to hold back 5000 seedlings for a special project. Trailside Park near Middletown might be a good location, and would provide an opportunity to involve students and provide Rotary with a chance for hands-on volunteering as they have requested: need to work with the county to arrange this, and should also contact the Middletown Art Center, which organizes the Ecoarts Sculpture Walk every year
Bridges: is an RPF with lots of experience in reforestation, glad to help with a Trailside project. Bareroot seedlings need proper care in order to survive.

Question arose whether any container hardwoods remain at Middletown HS. Desmond will check with Jack Shrive.

9.6 President/Director Reports

Brandon:

- a. attended the Berryessa Snow Mountain national monument dedication on March 19.
- b. attended FireScape Mendocino in Upper Lake on April 6-7. Bridges also attended and Juntunen is part of the FireScape core team
- c. attended the Sacramento Valley RCD conference in Anderson on April 11
- d. attended the Senate hearing on SB 1396 on April 12 and spoke in support
- e. announced that the BLM and Mendocino NF are co-hosting an open house on BSMNM on April 28, to be held at Clear Lake HS in Lakeport. She plans to attend

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 2016 Field Days planning

We will host this year's event on May 25, at the usual location on Diamond D Ranch. Cobb school is not participating, Coyote Valley will send 54 students in two classes, and there will be 24 students from Minnie Cannon: 78 fourth graders total. Korinn needs to confirm with Mike Browning. Start time 9:15, event to end at 11AM, with six stations. Brandon will contact Dean Enderlin, Ben Ewing, and Carolyn Ruttan. Juntunen has already confirmed with USFS and will contact Katherine Blyleven.

10.2 Approve Cooperative Agreement with NRCS to engage professional forestry assistance
Not yet available.

10.3 SB 1396 support. RCDs are not allowed to support or oppose legislation directly, but CARCD can do so.

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **send a letter to CARCD urging support for SB 1396, establishing an Inner Coast Range Conservancy**

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board.
none

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 5:30PM

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none