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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES

April 25, 2017

16955 Dam Rd South, Clearlake CA 95422
10127 Witter Springs Rd; Witter Springs CA 95493

minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 2:05PM

Directors present: Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon, Judy Cox, Bill Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez

Directors absent: Jim Bridges

Others present: Linda Juntunen (by phone)

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed
2. PUBLIC INPUT - none
3. PG&E Resilient Communities grant program funding opportunity. Lyons, Brandon and Juntunen attended explanatory meeting on April 18: \$100,000 grant would pay for a machine to produce up to 18 KW/hour and biochar from wood chips. Amount of power produced is small, potential expenses and risks substantial. With the right partner (an industrial user? a school?) it could possibly be viable after the grant is exhausted but would need careful investigation ahead of time and with a May 12 submission deadline the necessary research is impossible. Consensus not to move ahead.
4. Discuss first steps in strategic planning process to be funded by DOC grant. Brandon will contact Solid Ground consulting to have a preliminary conversation about facilitation. Griswold has already arranged to hold strategy meeting at Perini Ranch, scheduling permitting.
5. Last minute planning for April 26 Kids in the Creek event at the MNF Elk Mountain campground. Griswold, Brandon, Cox and Velasquez will assist.
6. Fire Safe Council Coordinator position. Juntunen is eager to retire but will hang on NO LATER than June 30 if necessary while we try to recruit a successor. Title 3 funds may not be available after the end of 2017 and the county could cancel earlier, though they would have to give the District notice. The position pays up to \$27,500 for fire prevention activities and there are opportunities to earn more from grant funded projects. Consensus that this is a valuable position and we should continue it if possible.
Motion: Brandon moved and Lyons seconded to **post the pending vacancy in the Fire Safe Council Coordinator position and accept applications**
Ayes: Griswold, Brandon, Cox, Lyons, Lincoln, Velasquez
Noes: none
Absent: Bridges
Abstained: none

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

- The Land Trust is starting the process of revising its conservation priorities and looking for suggestions on who to include in planning meetings. Many suggestions were offered.
- Former East Lake Director Dwight Holford will be honored by the Board of Supervisors as Conservationist of the Year, date still uncertain. As many Directors as possible will attend.

7. ADJOURN

Motion: Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 3:13PM**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges

Abstained: none