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Harry Lyons
President

AGENDA
10AM May 8, 2018
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.

Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez

Directors absent: Charlotte Griswold, William Lincoln, Ron Yoder

Others present: Tony Blyleven, Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Laurie Hutchison, Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: Tony Blyleven reported on this year's recently concluded Trout in the Classroom program and passed around a binder with newspaper coverage and thank you letters from the children. This was his first year working with elementary students: there were 4 classes with about 75 kids altogether, and about 80 trout raised and released, mostly into Putah creek and some into Blue Lakes. The Board expressed appreciation for his efforts and hope for a repeat next year.

3. SAFETY MEETING

"Heat Stress" conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

Motion: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the minutes of the April 10, 2018 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

Motion: Velasquez moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the May financial report**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

5.2 Approve proposed 2018-19 budget

Motion: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the proposed 2018-2019 budget**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

5.3 Discuss updating Quickbooks software: It will probably cost at least \$200 to update the version of Quickbooks on the office computer to be compatible with that used by the Wentz office, which seems excessive since all we really need is a backup copy. Lyons will talk to Monique to find out what version of Quickbooks Wentz has and what kind of backups they maintain

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Consider nomination of Special District representative on Lake LAFCo: no Directors expressed a desire to run for this office

7.2 Consider nomination of Special District representative to the Lake County Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board: no Directors expressed a desire to run for this office

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors. As noted at the last meeting, terms of Brandon, Bridges and Velasquez will expire on July 1, and all three intend to seek renewal. Brandon will inform the Clerk of the Board of the upcoming vacancies and agendize a motion of support at the June 12 meeting.

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons talked to Dan Desmond, who will try to recruit a student intern when needed to assist with native plant care over the summer. This will be structured as a school project so our insurance will not be involved.

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour. It's time to set a date and recruit presenters. Brandon will contact Katherine Vanderwall and AMIA.

8.4 Field Days in the Creek. Lincoln has this under control: South Lake Fire will be there with an ambulance and a fire truck as well as Smokey Bear. Brandon and Lyons will assist at the event.

8.5 Kids in the Creek: not until next year

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. Participated in monthly agency meetings and the April 22 Earth Fest in Upper Lake; is helping coordinate events for Wildfire Preparedness Week and assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies as well as creating new Firewise Communities. Jeff Durtschi wants to do a presentation on a project to generate electricity from biomass project to the FSC, and a PG&E representative wants to talk about Upper Lake street lighting as part of the Dark Skies initiative.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Her request to increase funding for Tom Bendure's position to \$75,000 has been approved. He has been very busy measuring tree plantings. It's time to bill for the second quarter: Lyons will bring this up when he talks to Monique.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: Submitted final documents requested by Waterboard for the contract. BLM and staff have finished assembling the 404 and 401 permits for project implementation, which will be submitted by May 8, 2018. Updated the District's SAM registration; required for receiving electronic payments from BLM.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: no activity yet this season.

9.5 Reforestation Project. All our 2018 seedlings have been distributed to customers except about 5000 Douglas fir that are left over and stored at Lincoln's house. CalFire is not ordering seedlings next year, and without their participation cold storage costs will be prohibitively high for us. There are no commercial storage locker facilities available locally. Probably our best option is to make it clear to our customers that we can store seedlings only for a very limited period, perhaps two or three weeks, and also see if LARCA or another local funder can assist. Bridges: has approached surrounding RCDs to offer them our leftover trees, and received no response.

9.6 DOC grant. Carolyn Ruttan joined the meeting to discuss the native plant project. She sold more than \$400 worth of plants at the Grange sale last weekend; the RCD received \$410 in cash from her. After discussion it was decided to participate in the Farmers Market program this summer. Propagators need a \$20 "fee-waived" license and there was consensus that the RCD needs a full-scale nursery license that does not limit the amount that can be sold.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **approve application for a nursery license at a cost of \$150**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

Ruttan will follow up with the Ag Commissioner.

Velasquez: Allison Handler has a little more time in the grant budget and asks what we want her to do. Consensus that the most important thing is to complete the long range plan. Velasquez will follow up.

9.7 President/Director Reports: nothing that has not been reported already.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Agree to act as fiscal sponsor for Fire Safe Council grant application

Motion: Bridges moved and Brandon seconded to **approve fiscal sponsorship for the Fire Safe Council Grant**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

10.2 Discuss adopting policy regarding positions on proposed legislation: tabled for further discussion.

10.3 Discuss/adopt Planning and Evaluation Form: consensus that this template looks valuable and to table until Yoder is present to discuss.

10.6 Discuss/approve joint grant application with Harbin. Deirdre Davis & Eric Richardson from Harbin joined the meeting. Heart Consciousness Church has 10-12 thousand acres that were badly impacted by the Valley fire that they want to restore. Natural regeneration has been poor so far, even oak trees. They're concentrating on remediating about 1200 acres at the center of their facilities, and have received substantial donations, and are also applying for a CalFire Healthy Forest grant. Consensus that since the RCD has no managerial staff we do not have the capacity for active partnership or administrative assistance, but that we would be glad to provide a letter of support.

Motion: Velasquez moved and Bridges seconded to provide a letter of support for Harbin's CalFire grant.

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:20AM

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Lincoln, Yoder

Abstained: none