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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES
10AM May 9, 2017
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 10:04AM

Directors present: Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Bill Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Korinn Woodard

Directors absent: Harry Lyons

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Back in Action” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Bridges moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the minutes of the April 11 and April 25, 2017 meetings**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Lyons

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report: not yet available

5.2 Review draft 2017-18 budget: not yet available

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve and pay all pending bills.**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Lyons

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- Follow up letter from the Secretary of State asking for change in annual filing; Brandon has already responded.
- Follow up renewal form from CARCD; we approved renewal at the minimum rate at the April 11 meeting
- Donation request from Tuleyome
Motion: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **make a \$50 donation to Tuleyome**
Ayes: Bridges, Griswold, Lincoln, Velasquez
Noes: none
Absent: Lyons
Abstained: Brandon
- Griswold has received a letter from Judy Cox resigning from the RCD board.
Motion: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **accept the resignation with appreciation for her years of devoted service**
Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Velasquez
Noes: none
Absent: Lyons
Abstained: none

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Associate Directors: nothing new
- 8.2 Cobb School Project: this project is concluded and should be removed from the agenda
- 8.3 Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing new
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: The event is coming up on May 24. Woodard will call Mike Browning and get someone to mow the area. Dan Desmond will arrange for a porta potty. Brandon will reconfirm with the presenters and bring signs, tables and chairs; Lincoln will bring water; all directors will assist at the event.
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek event on April 26: very successful, with 125 students taking part.
- 8.6 Invasive Weed Tour: scheduled for July 20 at Anderson Marsh. Brandon has contacted the Ag Dept, AMIA and State Parks, and will connect with remaining presenters

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.
 - Assisting South Lake Fire Safe Council with fundraising efforts to support their chipping program.
 - Assisting with new fuel break project with Northshore FPD, USFS and CAL FIRE. Provided materials to communities for Wildfire Preparedness Day.
- Miscellaneous Projects: Worked with USFS and LCRCDD on Kids in the Creek. Continue to assist with limited tasks in the RCD office.
- New FSC Coordinator hiring process update: there have been no applications so far, and Friday is cutoff, though we can extend the deadline if necessary. Juntunen will help the personnel committee interview applicants, and also ask fire personnel to take part. If no applications are received she will discuss with FSC the prospect of returning to an all-volunteer council. In the past West Lake RCD acted as FSC fiscal sponsor and we could consider resuming that role.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard: the last scheduled round of is funding coming up; NRCS is still receiving a few applications for fire recovery projects. A lot of cleanup and planting has already been accomplished. NRCS supervisor Jim Spear will attend the June 13 LCRC meeting. Billing for Tom Bardure is still pending, and in the meantime we are having to cover the costs.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: written report

- Completed and submitted California Environmental Data Exchange Network's (CEDEN) registration template for the Eightmile Valley Project. Waiting for data entry permission from CEDEN at this time.
- The first water quality samples were collected on March 24. Received the lab analysis from Alpha Labs of the sample. Data shows nearly a 100% increase of phosphorus leaving the valley floor than entering it from Willow Creek. The valley floor appears to be a phosphorus sink; the increase is from sediment leaving the valley due to erosion.
- Met with BLM's Project Manager to review deliverable due dates and accomplishments. To date, BLM is current with delivery of required items with the support from LCRC. We reviewed next set of deliverables and discussed roles in developing workshop, project kiosk, news releases, etc.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: written report: nothing new

9.5 Chipper Program - Greg Dills: written report: falling of the identified "dead" trees will begin today (May 9), and he will be on site to coordinate with the falling team, brush crew, chipping crew, and landowners. Also Valley Fire Right of Way Hazard Tree Removal Project: has received information from Paul Wagner that the County's contract with Wagner Enterprises will begin in late May or early June.

9.6 Indian Valley Project - William Lincoln, Harry Lyons: nothing new

9.7 Reforestation Project. Talmadge Vessels, who bought a box of ponderosa seedlings to plant a memorial grove for his late wife, has made a \$1000 donation to the project.

2017 planting season summary: To date we spent \$44,400 for seedlings; \$3572 (net) for cold storage; \$2717 for forestry services; and \$585 sales tax (so far) for a total of \$51274. This cost has been more than covered by donations. Sales receipts total \$35460, and we have approximately 20,000 seedlings heeled in for future sale.

9.8 DOC grant: we were approved for a \$46,201 grant, part for consultant planning services and part to start a native plant nursery. Brandon has contacted Solid Ground consulting who will get back to us with a proposal and then set up phone meetings with all directors and some others. We need to schedule a full-day retreat soon.

Motion: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **appoint Bridges, Brandon and Velasquez to retreat planning committee**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Lyons

Abstained: none

9.9 President/Director Reports

Griswold: she and Dan Desmond gave away 650 seedlings at Lower Lake elementary school Earth Day. The new root growth was amazing.

Brandon: provided seedlings for three Earth Day events

Bridges: the North Coast RCD collaboration is back on track. Bechtel is contributing money towards a Joint Powers Agreement. He will participate in a conference call later this month and in-person meeting later.

Lincoln: the Sacramento Valley RCD on April 26 was great: he learned a lot about what the other RCDs are up to, and met Dwight Holford and Karen Buhr. The fall meeting will be in Colusa and some of us should plan to attend.

Velasquez: the Kids in the Creek event was very enjoyable: surprised at how excited they were to meet Smokey.

10. NEW BUSINESS: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:03AM**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Lyons

Abstained: none