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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
10AM June 12 2018
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

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

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

Directors absent: Charlotte Griswold, Ron Yoder

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: Juntunen explained that she may be slower than usual responding to emails because her laptop crashed and she's learning a new operating system. Dills asked to receive the agenda for posting by Thursday.

3. SAFETY MEETING

"Emergency Action Plan" conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF May 8, 2018 MEETING

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

Motion: Bridges moved and Lincoln seconded to **accept the May financial report** as corrected

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none

Consensus that it's time for the Finance Committee and Juntunen to have a meeting with Monique to learn more about how Quickbooks works; Lyons will set it up

5.2 Continued discussion of ways to maintain our own backup of the Quickbooks file. Copying it onto a thumb drive every month would work, as would cloud storage, but the simplest arrangement would be to ask Monique to email the latest file every month. Lyons will discuss with her.

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the SDRMA bill now pending** and pay it after July 1

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: nothing needing action

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors

A possible candidate to replace Griswold in District 2 has been identified, but he spends half the year in South America so would not be suitable.

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to approve a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that Brandon, Bridges and Velasquez be reappointed to their seats on the Board and authorize the President to sign

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons rewrote the application to specify what would be needed to support native plant care and propagation. Kimberly Olsen of Lower Lake high said she had found a candidate but he hasn't heard back from her; he will try to reconnect

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour. Brandon talked to AMIA, which is fine with any week day in July, and with Katherine Vanderwall. The week of July 16 is Invasive Weeds Awareness month but Katherine might not be available in which case we'd aim for the following week.

8.4 Field Days in the Creek. The event was very successful, and Lincoln did a great job putting it all together. He will bring a folder of thank you letters from the kids to the July meeting.

8.5 Kids in the Creek: we'll will try to hold it next year. USFS is eager to host.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison emailed: she is continuing to work with different communities to create Firewise Communities, and helping create a program to work with the Hazard Abatement Ordinance to clear properties that are significant hazards. It would essentially create a list of available contractors and a fund for paying them. PG&E and a Bio waste company will attend the next FSC meeting to discuss their programs for fire preparedness (PG&E) and for clearing debris afterward.

9.2 NRCS Report - no report

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. The final agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board was executed May 25, 2018. He has received report and invoice templates for billing; invoices are due by the 20th of each month. Submitted final project kiosk panel to the grant manager and received approval to proceed. June 20, 2018 is the target date for submitting the revegetation plan for review.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. no activity yet

9.5 Reforestation Project. Brandon: we have received orders for about half our 2019 seedlings and are expecting a substantial order from Adidam any time now. Lincoln: Jim Reidy picked up most of our leftover Douglas fir from this year. We still have about 1000 DF and all the PP from last year.

9.6 DOC grant

- Native Plant sales. Velasquez: Karen Sullivan has made three trips to buy stock at Cal Flora but so far has provided receipts for only two of them. We can sell at farmers markets starting in October and at joint sales with Master Gardeners, but the Pear Festival rejected our application. Will do the Grange breakfast again in September.
- Long range plan. The committee (Velasquez, Bridges, & Brandon) has had two calls with Allison Handler and the Plan is nearly ready to present to the Board. We will discuss in July and probably adopt it in August.

9.7 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: wrote the support letter for Harbin that was approved in May. Did final phone call on RCD boot camp and has graduated. Is working on internship. He asks directors to let him know in advance if they will miss a meeting. Peter Windrem arranged a seminar for Dave Cowan on how to purchase property for the Middle Creek project.

- Brandon: a draft Sustainable Groundwater Management Plan has been released, with a comment period that ends on July 18. The current version identifies a high-priority basin in Upper Lake. Also on July 18 the Water Board will host a workshop on the Clear Lake Nutrient TMDL, with an “on site discussion” at Library Park from 11 to noon and a session in the Lakeport City Council chambers from 2:30 to 5:30. She has also had a couple of phone consultations with Bill Long from Solid Ground, offering advice on consolidation.
- Bridges: attended the North Coast meeting in Eureka; the group is trying to decide whether to collaborate by setting up a Joint Powers Authority (creation of a legal entity), a Joint Powers Agreement or a simple MOU. There will be another call in August.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Motion: Velasquez moved and Bridges seconded to adopt Resolution 2018-1 extending Workers Compensation coverage to Directors and other volunteers

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none

10.2 Continue discussion on adopting policy regarding taking positions on legislation. There was consensus that we should continue to refrain from taking positions, and that we don't need a policy on something that we do not do

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Dills: the Ely Stage Stop hosted two school visits at Ely, with seven stations related to local history. The Winegrape Commission has provided funding for busing.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:19AM

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold, Yoder

Abstained: none