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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES

June 9, 2016

Perini Ranch, 12220 Perini Rd. Lower Lake, CA 95457
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Paul Aigner, Victoria Brandon, Dan Desmond, William Lincoln. Also Tracy Klein, Korinn Woodard, Kate O'Donnell, Linda Juntunen

1. INTRODUCTIONS none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: Desmond relays a question from Fran Ransley, who wants to know why her fire fee can't be used locally. Juntunen says local projects are being funded, and suggests that Fran email her for an explanation

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Strains and Sprains” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Aigner moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the May 12, 2016 meeting**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- We have received a CD containing the draft EIR on CalTrans Highway 29 widening project, with an invitation to comment
- We have received another donation (\$550) from Walnut Creek Fireplace

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Consolidation of Districts

- Klein reports that we have to get a new tax ID #, but that the bank account and fund numbers will stay the same. The county will change the name on the account to Lake County RCD. She has prepared a 2016-17 consolidated budget consistent with the one approved by LAFCo. It can be revised later if necessary.
Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the draft consolidated budget** and authorize the president to sign
Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln
Noes: none
Absent: none
Abstained: none
- Brandon reports that she has arranged with Carol Huchingson for the Board of Supervisors to appoint Lake County RCD Directors on June 28. All incoming Directors must complete a standard application form. She will meet with John Benoit to get the LAFCO consolidation resolution and take it to the Records office on July 1. We also need to pay the Board of Equalization a \$300 fee.

Motion: Lincoln moves and Aigner seconds to **approve an expenditure of \$300 payable to Board of Equalization** to complete consolidation

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors. Desmond confirms his intention to serve as an Associate

8.3 Cobb School Project - Desmond: Tom Smythe sent a couple of watershed maps but they need emphasis and labels. Lincoln affirms that he can and will make any necessary revisions. The two metal signs will cost \$528 each: we have already approved this expense in concept, but not the dollar amount.

Motion: Aigner moves and Lincoln seconds to **approve two metal watershed signs for the Cobb School Project @ \$528**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

8.4 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lincoln attended the awards ceremony at Lower Lake HS and presented a \$500 check to intern Cody McNea, He got a strongly favorable impression of the LL FFA program. It would be great to expand the internship program countywide after consolidation, but we will have to do additional fundraising since the existing funding is restricted to use in Lower Lake and Middletown.

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 - Juntunen confirms that the USFS is eager to resume the Kids in the Creek program at Middle Creek campground

9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Distribution of the \$1.2M first round of funding is nearly complete, and she expects another \$1.2M second round to start next week. There are approximately 20 projects total at close to \$3M

9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project

Aigner: has confirmed that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA, and is working with Ukiah BLM to find out what (if any) NEPA review is required. The project is moving along on schedule.

9.5 Reforestation Project

Woodard has a list of about a dozen people who want a total of 108K trees which is more than we have ordered. She and O'Donnell will direct them to Brandon who will take orders and collect deposits. We also need to arrange for cold storage for the seedlings: Woodard will contact Scully Packing. Brandon: as previously discussed, she has contacted the county parks department about doing a special reforestation project at Trailside Park outside Middletown, and is meeting on site with Lars Ewing, Kati Galvani, and Greg Giusti on June 23.

9.6 President/Director Reports

Brandon: Tuleyome has completed purchase of the 1200-acre Silver Spur Ranch, with WCB funding. Newspaper coverage included a quote from Griswold. They want to collaborate with LC RCD on restoration and improvement projects, and will do most of the work needed to get the grants. She has been elected a LAFCO alternate member.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Weed Tour

Consensus that we should try to make sure this annual event takes place in July 2016. Woodard will contact Ag Commissioner Steve Hajik to see if his department is willing to provide food, and if so we will contact AMIA to set a date, reach out to participants, and advertise the event.

10.2 Cooperative Agreement with NRCS to engage professional forestry assistance

Woodard reports that this proposal has been approved, but that we should delay completing the paperwork until the new District is in place and has an EIN. Although East Lake has already voted to approve the agreement the new board should take another vote at their first meeting. Brandon will work with Woodard to complete the project budget and other paperwork.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - none

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Desmond seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 5:12PM

Ayes: Brandon, Desmond, Griswold, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none