



MINUTES
10AM July 13 2021
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:06AM.
Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, William Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Shula Shoup, Merry Jo Velasquez
Directors absent: Randy Krag
Others present: Greg Dills, Linda Juntunen, Laurie Hutchison, Korinn Woodard, Laurel Bard

1. INTRODUCTIONS

1.1 Consideration of extra Items not appearing on the posted agenda

MOTION: having determined that the item arrived too late to be included in the agenda and needed to be dealt with before the next regular meeting, Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **add “review and accept 2019-20 audit” to agenda** as item 5.4 of the financial report.

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Krag

Abstained: none

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: training booklets did not arrive

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting** as presented.

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Krag

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **accept the financial report**.

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Krag

Abstained: none

5.2 2021-22 budget workshop: continuing discussion of budget and staffing alternatives. No action was taken except to decide to schedule a special meeting to consider further.

5.3 Approve Resolution 2021-4 authorizing use of budget reserves to cover funding shortfalls: Auditor’s office has determined that no Resolution is needed, but recommends that any decision to draw on reserves during the budget process be documented in the minutes.

5.4 Review and accept 2019-20 audit as presented by Pehling and Pehling. It was again stated that we need to establish a bookkeeping mechanism to track expenditures of tax revenues.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **accept the 2019-20 audit report.**

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Krag

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Krag

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: nothing needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing to report

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: none awarded this year

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: canceled

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: canceled

8.5 Kids in the Creek: canceled

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: program concluded for the year

8.7 CWPP update. At the last Risk Reduction Authority meeting Lyons announced that the update will be ready for review by the fire chiefs in late July.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. Blue Lakes is interested in starting a Firewise Community. She has been working with Hospice on outreach to 500 homebound seniors, has 1000 emergency evacuation handouts ready to distribute at the Lake County Fair, and additional materials aimed at children. Supervisor Jessica Pyska says the Cannabis Alliance wants to help, possibly by providing a trailer for outreach and stocked with tools for mitigation projects.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard had technical problems and had to drop off the call.

9.3 Civic Spark Fellow report - Laurel Bard. Her fellowship terminates at the end of July but she is going to continue the work as a CLERC employee. Firesafe project priorities are being adjusted to concentrate on communities: sharing and collaboration are crucial to effectiveness. Strong new mapping software is now available, and the maps posted to CLERC's website.

9.4 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Molly Nilsson is no longer with BLM. Larry Ray is caring for the revegetation materials until it's time to plant, hopefully in the fall.

9.5 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: Ag. Dept., BLM, and RCD staff (seven people total) hand pulled Goat's rue on June 14 & 15 -- perfect timing and weather conditions. Down stream and the seed source still need treatment. BLM is still waiting confirmation of the herbicide use permit. Future work will be conducted under the county's new CDFA grant.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the Goats Rue MOU** with the county Ag Dept as presented

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Krag

Abstained: none

9.6 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills: The well and transmission line to the holding tanks are functioning. The tanks are being filled by a hand valve at this time, but it is working well. Float valves will be installed in the tanks at a later date.

9.7 Healthy Soils Program - Greg Dills: MCRCD submitted a CDAF application, waiting for award notification in July.

9.8 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project - Velasquez: 40 Foothill College students directed by Doug Prather and assisted by John Parker did an archeological survey on July 9. Dept of Water Resources did water quality study; Land Trust is figuring out what trails, signage, benches etc. are needed, with dedicated funding to support this work

9.9 President/Director Reports

Lyons: attending Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Group, with Dept of Conservation funding. North Coast Coalition of RCDs hired Julia Sullivan to assist with grant opportunities, and came to an agreement with CalFire and CLERC to collaborate on planning, CEQA work and technical support, all supported by a California Firesafe grant for \$175,000. CARCD has set up a revolving fund to assist RCDs with cash flow problems. Middle Creek project: two properties are in escrow and another sale has been completed. The county committee is setting up a meeting with Cong Garamendi's staff, and Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry is trying to get the state grant for property purchases extended. Blue Ribbon committee now has money for the projects that were delayed last year.

Brandon: along with other regional environmentalists met with Senator Alex Padilla's field aide Roberto Rizo on July 8 and took the opportunity to brief him on the Middle Creek project and invite him for a site tour.

Lincoln: he and Krag are continuing to attend soil health meetings

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:39AM

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Krag

Abstained: none