



MINUTES
10AM August 11, 2020
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:02AM.

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

Directors absent: none

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Laurie Hutchison, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Will Evans

1. INTRODUCTIONS none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING. “Ergonomics: It’s Your Move” conducted by Lyons.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5.2 2020-21 Budget Hearing. Lyons conducted a public hearing on the proposed 2020-21 budget.

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the budget as presented**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new
- 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing new
- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: no action until 2021
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: no action until 2021
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: no action until 2021
- 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: no action until 2021

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison.

- Continuing work with North Coast Opportunities (NCO) on different potential local events and opportunities adhering to Covid 19 restrictions.
- Continued work with Mendocino FSC to create Spanish language handouts. Looking into possible micro grid solutions for Lake Co.
- Coordinated outreach efforts with local agencies for events- including promoting local events via social media.
- Looking into grant opportunities for more local event/project funding.
- Outreach to public regarding PSPS event preparation, during outages and updates via social media.
- Discussing grants and projects with various agencies.
- Missed last Risk Reduction Authority meeting but is in communication with Michelle Scully, and is trying to connect with Lars Ewing on microgrid backups for essential services.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Moving forward with this year's projects and got a little more forestry funding. Office is working on reopening plans but haven't started beginning phases. According to national must follow three phase plan with each phase lasting two weeks.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills.

Larry Ray and BLM staff performed a site evaluation of the winter's storm damage. MBC Construction reviewed the damage report and visited the site to access the materials needed for the repair; they have provided an estimate of \$90-100K but have not yet presented a contract. We may need to call a special meeting to approve the contract. Yellow legged frogs were seen at one repair site meaning that we can't use rocks and will need bioengineering.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. The June CCC crew made good progress but we haven't been able to assemble another crew. Because of funding constraints the 2018/19 CDFA grant will expire on March 31 2021, before the 2021 control window opens.

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. Irrigation and weed management in progress at Trailside Park and will continue for the remainder of the dry season. New seedlings are being grown for planting in the fall. It looks like the cost to develop an irrigation well would be only slightly greater than trucking in water, and the well would be a permanent asset for the county, which has said it would pick up the cost differential though this has not yet been confirmed. We're not ready yet to vote on this. The Parks superintendant wants to borrow our water trailer; consensus to allow.

9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills: on hold because of Covid 19 like everything else

9.7 President/Director Reports

Lyons:

- sent a support letter for the county's Scotts Creek project grant.
- on August 10 he and Brandon talked to Michelle Scully and Matthew Rothstein about collaborating on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan update, which Juntunen has been working on as a volunteer. County is offering support services such as GPS, and some funding may be available.

- talking to CLERC which is working with North Coast RCDs under Calfire Prop 68 grant. He and Bridges will be on the steering committee.
- BOS will soon sign a extended contract to negotiate for additional Middle Creek properties. Environmental site assessments are necessary before appraisals can be done and these are under way.
- nothing new on the Blue Ribbon Committee, which has still not sent Middle Creek support letter

Brandon: scheduled to deliver our annual report to the BOS on August 18 and hopes all the directors can attend. She will send Zoom connection information when available.

Shoup: the Sacramento Valley RCDs are planning a farm field day in September.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Civic Spark Fellow. Will Evans: CLERC has received two forest health and fire prevention grants through CalFire, covering fuel reduction, workforce development and planning. Under the Civic Spark Americorps program they have funding to hire a Fellow, a recent UC Berkeley graduate who was selected in July. The Lake County Risk Reduction Authority is listed as a public agency beneficiary, with CLERC as the associated non profit organization. They need to identify a second agency as public beneficiary by August 26 and think the RCD would be a good fit; RCD would need to commit to complete a survey on what has been accomplished. The Fellow could coordinate with Laurie and the FireSafe council to do GIS work and help with outreach, which Laurie says would be helpful.

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Shoup seconded to **contract with CLERC to become a public agency beneficiary of a Civic Spark fellow**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.2 Annual audit

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to contract with Pehling and Pehling to conduct the 2019-20 audit and authorize the president to sign engagement and representation letters.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:34AM.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none