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Harry Lyons  
President

MINUTES  
10AM August 14, 2018  
889 Lakeport Blvd, Lakeport 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, Ron Yoder

Directors absent: Charlotte Griswold

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Administrative Assistant Linda Juntunen administered the Oath of Office to renewing directors Brandon, Bridges and Velasquez

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none.

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Ergonomics” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **approve the minutes of the July 10, 2018 meeting**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of resignation has been received from Director Charlotte Griswold, effective August 31.

Motion: Bridges moved and Velasquez seconded to **accept Griswold's resignation** with gratitude for her years of service.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

8. OLD BUSINESS. Lyons suggested that this item be retitled "Ongoing Projects" and a new "Old Business" agenda item be added immediately before "New Business"; consensus that this description would be more accurate.

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors. With Griswold's resignation we will soon have a District 2 vacancy to fill. Brandon suggested a possible candidate and was requested to reach out with an invitation to attend the next meeting.

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons: has mailed a packet about the internship program to Ag advisors at Lower Lake and Middletown high schools. Will follow up if he does not hear back. The job would consist of tending and propagating native plant plants and assisting with sales and educational outreach in the fall.

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour. The tour was held on July 19 at Anderson Marsh. There were at least a dozen people present despite extreme heat and it went very well. We're going to think about holding it in the spring next year.

8.4 Field Days in the Creek. Lincoln passed around thank you notes from the kids who participated, and who seemed to respond very well to our efforts.

8.5 Kids in the Creek. Nothing to report

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

### 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison (emailed)

- Participating in monthly agency meetings; continuing to seek homeowner insurance solutions for Lake County; continuing work on County Vegetation Management Ordinance & Hazard Mitigation Plan; assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies and creation of new Firewise Communities; and preparing booth for upcoming local events.
- Working with LEAP evacuating and caring for animals during the Mendocino Complex Fires; ensuring updates are getting out via Social Media pages during the Mendocino Complex; continuing work with local agencies to better coordinate and communicate emergency response in the community during large events; bringing different ideas for solutions to mitigating hazards before and after large events, including debris removal and cleanup.

### 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard.

- Calls about Mendocino Complex reforestation have already started. Private landowners need to hire an RPF for dead tree removal and reforestation, and there have been so many recent retirements there's a severe shortage in Lake County. David Whittier has indicated willingness to work here again.
- A lot of Mendocino NF inholdings were impacted by the Ranch fire, and need to get USNF road use permits to bring in equipment: a long slow process. The last round of EQIP funding for this year is just wrapping up.
- She has received an email from the regional water board, which is going to do post fire erosion assessment work and is looking for somebody such as the RCD to take on implementation of BMPs. West Shasta RCD has already taken on this role in Carr fire recovery. Water Board will do the science first, starting in a few weeks. They have approximately \$150,000 for the project which is a tiny drop in the bucket but may be useful for a demonstration project. Yoder will check with West Shasta and Dills will consult with water board staff. Consensus that we want to learn more.

- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Has submitted required reports, invoices and plans. A meeting with the Army Corps was planned for August 8, but had to be rescheduled due to the River fire, which burned over the project site. He expects to visit the site next week with Larry Ray to assess fire damage. Fortunately fire crews, per BLM's instructions, held ground disturbance to a minimum in the project area.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. No activity due to River Fire which unfortunately the goats rue survived with flying colors.
- 9.5 CalTrans revegetation project -- Greg Dills. Received a call from Caltrans' Revegetation Specialist, inquiring about a possible partnership with the RCD to plant oak woodland and riparian vegetation on several sites in Lake County to meet mitigation requirements. In particular they are looking at Trailside Park in Middletown, which the specialist says could benefit from oak replanting along the creek. Brandon: has been told the oaks in Trailside are coming back very well on their own; maybe an investment in pruning would be beneficial. Dills will get feedback from Lars Ewing about the benefit of the Caltrans proposal.
- 9.6 Reforestation Project. Lincoln has brought a two-year Ponderosa that he potted up in a tree can; he can get a large supply of the cans for this purpose with the idea of selling (or giving away for a donation) containerized PP as part of our native plant project. We could also take orders and pot up as needed. Bridges suggests that we could also offer PP to the Forest Service for Ranch Fire reforestation. He will consult with District Ranger Frank Aebly.
- 9.7 DOC grant. Velasquez: Carolyn Ruttan is tending the nursery stock which is mostly doing well. Velasquez will meet with Master Gardeners next week to discuss joint plant sale/education project at the Ag Center. We'll also sell plants at the Farmers Market in October and the fall Grange breakfast on September 2. She is preparing a flyer, and has put together a spreadsheet with characteristics of the various plants.
- 9.8 President/Director Reports
- Lyons: new county invasive species coordinator Angela De Palma-Dow is looking for partners and wants to collaborate with the RCD.
- SDRMA reconciliation is complete.
  - EDD filing. They say they will no longer accept paper filing and checks, want it done electronically. We don't know if the county can arrange this; he will talk to auditors office.
  - Is still trying to arrange a Finance Committee meeting with Monique.
  - He called Zach Pehling to check on the status of the audit who hasn't called back yet.
  - Blue Ribbon Committee: the UC Center for Regional Change had scheduled a stakeholders meeting for August 14 without reaching out to anyone but a few county department heads. The meeting was cancelled because of the fire and will be rescheduled. In the meantime Dan Desmond told them that the RCD and NRCS should be invited, and Brandon (who found out about the meeting by accident) wrote to them to request that the Sierra Club be included. They responded by asking her to suggest other organizations which she will do in the afternoon.
  - Insurance renewal: Lyons is following up with Lincoln-Leavitt, but needs a copy of the renewal form.
- Yoder: Continuing to represent us on the Sacramento Valley Durable Collaboration project. Bridges: Sac Valley is moving MUCH faster than the North Coast group.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Budget hearing

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded **to adopt the final budget** for the 2018-2019 fiscal year as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

10.2. Review and adopt Long Range Plan: continued to September meeting

10.3. Log of volunteer hours. Since we are now covering Directors and other volunteers under our Workmans Comp policy SDRMA requires us to log volunteer hours as a basis for calculating the premium. Brandon offered to create a spreadsheet for this purpose.

Motion: Yoder moved and Lincoln seconded to **authorize the creation of a log of volunteer hours**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Juntunen: Kelseyville Lumber has asked us to update our account, which is still in the name of West Lake RCD.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:40AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Griswold

Abstained: none