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Harry Lyons
President

MEETING
10AM September 10, 2019
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

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

Directors absent: Ron Yoder

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Laurie Hutchison, Terre Logsdon

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT - Logsdon brought up the question of privately owned levees on Scotts Creek. The county no longer maintains the levees which is a landowner responsibility, but there is a question whether owners are required to maintain and repair. Failure to do so endangers other property owners. She would like to find the foundation document for the Watershed Protection District that might address this issue. Suggestions were made to ask Kelly Cox or Tom Smythe. The Initial study on the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians biogas project has finally begun. The tribe has a loan to fund it and has several MOUs in place. Haulers and chippers can drop off woody biomass.

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Target Zero” conducted by Lyons.

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the August 13, 2019** meeting as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **accept the August financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

MOTION: Shoup moved and Bridges seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing action

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship

MOTION: Bridges moved and Lincoln seconded to **award a Frank Meisenbach Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to Connor Fisher**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

There will be \$2000 left in the scholarship fund after this. There was consensus that we should try to establish a new county-wide scholarship fund and conduct a fundraising appeal

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing new

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: nothing new

8.5 Kids in the Creek: nothing new

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Tony Blyleven needs to submit an invoice for the funding the Board voted at the last meeting.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison

Coordinated schedule for the Lake Co Fair booth. Set up for Fair, provided handout materials for the public, outreach at fair.

Continuing discussions with Butte Co FSC in regards to fire recovery. Also talking with a company that is doing work currently in Butte Co, discussing possible options for Lake Co.

Working with Clearlake City Manager and Fire Chief, along with CalFire on a clearing project in Clearlake.

Coordinating and meeting with multiple agencies discussing the possibility of bringing back prescribed burning to Lake Co, with input from Will Harling of the Mid-Klamath Watershed Council. .

Coordinating with local Agencies in preparation for future major fire events, including PG&E planned power shut-off events.

Discussing the next Lake Co Fuel Reduction/Post Fire Funding Opportunity meeting with USFS.

Met with local Firewise Community members re: updates, ideas and community event planning.

Participated in monthly agency meetings. Continuing to seek homeowner insurance solutions for Lake County. Discussing grants and projects with various agencies. Assisting with creating new Firewise Communities.

Many groups are coming together to try to get a combined Forest Health grant. Logsdon: lack of trained workforce for restoration is a big problem. New Paradigm College is starting an eco restoration job training program. Scotts Valley Pomo and Robinson Rancheria are working together to apply for a \$100,000 PG&E grant to set up the program, which will be part of CalFire restoration grant.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Working with Frank Aebly on an initial restoration proposal in the 40,000-acre North Shore Project area. NRCS could serve private landowners in the area. Also working with Mendocino RCD on a Soil Health grant. On September 18 Lyons, Bridges and Woodard are meeting with the Napa RCD and Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar-Curry to talk about fire recovery in the context of forest health and resiliency.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Work is supposed to begin on September 16 but still waiting for an Army Corps permit. In the meantime Larry Ray is finishing a nesting bird survey. He plans to schedule a site visit with the Water Board in late September or early October, and will give Directors advance notice.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Larry Ray surveyed Goat's Rue below Eightmile Valley to the confluence of Willow Creek and Panther creek and found a heavy infestation. Access is difficult because of post-fire conditions. The next scheduled eradication effort will take place after Eightmile construction.

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. The project's official start date was Sept 3. He has submitted an initial \$50000 invoice to buy material, and is working to prepare a budget as a basis for a Resolution accepting and allocating funding. There's also going to be an acorn planting project along 5 miles of Highway 53. Bridges: germinated acorns have by far the best survival rate.

9.6 Biogasification Project - Greg Dills. Logsdon: CLERC is going to write a large combined Forest Health grant, with a \$5M ceiling instead of \$10M. Scotts Valley Pomo is taking the lead for Lake County. LCRCO is invited to participate but it's unclear what our role would be. Brandon will try to attend the next meeting, or recruit another Director. .

9.7 Reforestation Project. We need to reconnect with Megan McCluer of Mendocino RCD about the extra 20,000 DF seedlings they might have available.

9.8 Native Plant Project

Tentative dates for the fall plant sales are October 26 and November 9. Karen Sullivan has not yet presented a contract to continue the project next year.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: is going to conduct another bus tour to the top of Mt. Konocti, as organized by Lake County Transit and the Parks Dept. He and Bridges met with a well-funded group from Rebuild North Bay connected with Pepperwood Preserve. They would like to do something in Lake County and want to know what we need? Bridges: extend existing forestry capability. Lyons may have made a breakthrough with Umpqua Bank in arranging to make our EDD payments electronically.
- Brandon: a dozen Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument signs have been posted, including two prominent ones on Highway 20. She has been invited to join a Monument planning stakeholder group.
- Velasquez: the Land Trust is working with CalTrans on blue oak mitigation, and considering acquiring a property between Indian Valley Reservoir and Highway 20; it's surrounded by BSMNM and adjacent to Tuleyome's Silver Spur property.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Dills: needs to buy a new laptop and has gotten some bids.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:30AM**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none