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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES
10AM September 12, 2017
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

Directors present: Charlotte Griswold, Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Bill Lincoln, Harry Lyons

Directors absent: Merry Jo Velasquez

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Laurie Hutchison, Greg Dills, Ron Yoder, Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT -none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Emergency Evacuation, Getting out Alive,” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the August 8 and August 31, 2017 meetings**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the financial report as amended to correct Aging Summary errors**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

5.2 Update on bookkeeping costs (Finance Committee). Our bookkeeping tasks require more hours each month than originally estimated; Marlene Wentz will submit a contract for \$540/month instead of the \$250 we have been paying.

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve a contract of \$540/month for bookkeeping services** and authorize the president to sign.

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

Hazel Deaner has resigned and Gina Smith will handle our account from now on. The Finance Committee will undoubtedly have to invest some time to help her learn the system.

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Bridges moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve and pay all pending bills**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE - nothing needing action

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors

Motion: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **recommend that the Board of Supervisors appoint Ron Yoder to the District 3 vacancy** on the Board

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship - nothing new

8.3 CARCD 2017 conference in Sacramento November 14-17. Brandon, Lyons, and Velasquez will attend; Brandon will give a presentation on our fire recovery projects.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. Working on a countywide hazard abatement ordinance which will incorporate the core prevention goals of different districts. Anita Grant is providing legal guidance. The county fair went very well, with good turnout and lots of productive conversations. Looking forward to the Heros for Health and Safety event on October 14. The Fire Safe Council will also staff a booth at the Pear Festival on September 30.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard Wrapping up projects; very busy after Kate's retirement. Tom Bendure needs an employment verification letter that was presented to Griswold for signature. Admin costs on the grant (10 percent total \$6000) have not been billed and the next invoice needs to include the arrears.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. The revegetation plan is still being written for the project. BLM is having difficulty securing the funds needed to contract for construction in a single amount but arrangements are being made to separate the components of the project into phases, each requiring smaller amounts. That will make it possible to secure funding from a variety of sources. Dills has been working on this project since 1998.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. The final monitoring and treatment of the Goat's Rue project will take place the week of September 18, with a final report and invoice to be submitted in October. Looking for funding source for followup in the spring.

9.5 Chipper Program - Greg Dills. The crew began chipping piles in Lower Lake last week. The truck and chipper hit a large pothole causing the chipper to jump the hitch damaging to the discharge chute. The crew performed a field repair and was able to continue chipping. A new safety latch was purchased for the pintle hitch. The felling crew will return the week of October 16: approximately 6 - 7 properties remain for falling dead trees. There are maybe two weeks of work remaining.

9.6 Indian Valley Project - William Lincoln, Harry Lyons. The seedlings are growing at McLaughlin, will check with Paul Aigner about setting a planting schedule. Nothing can be done until we have some rain.

9.7 Reforestation Project. Juntunen: Scully Packing has not yet responded to our letter asking to rent cold storage warehouse space again next spring. She will contact them after the pear season is over. CalFire has already asked to share the space. Juntunen contacted the Cal-Forest Nurseries facility in Etna and was told that to place an order with them we would need to order the seeds from UC Davis ourselves and send to the nursery for propagation.

Should we order seeds for 2019 planting at all? Consensus that it depends on demand. Woodard will find out how many NRCS clients will want seedlings then: demand seems to be greatly reduced, and so is the supply of Lake County seeds. We have to decide at the November meeting.

Brandon: we need to find customers for our two year ponderosa seedlings. An application form will be available at the NRCS office, and Lincoln will announce and distribute at the Sept 14 MATH meeting in Middletown. We should also send out a press release.

9.8 DOC grant. We are on track to have our strategy session (December 14, at Perini Ranch); Alison Handler of Solid Ground Consulting is conducting pre-planning phone interviews with Directors and staff in the meantime. We can submit an invoice for costs to date on September 30.

9.9 President/Director Reports

Griswold: will miss the October 10 meeting and be back in time to attend the November 14 meeting, but not to do any of the advance work such as signing time cards, advising the bookkeeper, or picking up checks.

Bridges: participated in a phone conference on the North Coast RCD durable collaboration proposal. No decision has been made yet whether it should be structured as a Joint Powers Authority or Memorandum of Understanding. He will attend the in-person meeting in Ukiah on Oct 12.

Brandon: with Lyons and Velasquez she attended the August 28 meeting held by Water Board staff to discuss the Clear Lake TMDL. The compliance deadline has passed, and they are suggesting extending the deadline for another 10-20 years. Consensus that completing the Middle Creek project is crucial. Suggestion was also made that additional sub-watershed monitoring is needed to pinpoint the sources of excess nutrient loading. Dills: Eightmile Valley project funding is also dependent on this TMDL.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Adopt Resolution 2017-3

Motion: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to adopt **Resolution 2017-3 accepting and appropriating an unexpected \$15,000 donation** from environmental fines.

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

10.2 Adopt Resolution 2017-4

Lyons moved and Lincoln seconded to adopt **Resolution 2017-4 accepting and appropriating unanticipated revenue from the Warner Enterprise hazardous tree removal contract**

Ayes: Bridges, Brandon, Griswold, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Yoder suggested that perhaps we could provide Subway cards and gas cards to reward volunteers who do field work. There might be legal problems with this, and we do already reimburse mileage. Also any payments have to meet the terms of the funding agreement.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:02AM**

Ayes: Bridges, Griswold, Brandon, Lyons, Lincoln

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none