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Charlotte Griswold  
President

## MINUTES

August 13, 2015

16955 Dam Rd. South, Clearlake, CA 95422  
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 4:02PM

Present: Directors Paul Aigner, Victoria Brandon, Charlotte Griswold; also Linda Juntunen (by phone), Korinn Woodard, Tracy Klein and Bill Lincoln (guest)

1. INTRODUCTIONS were made

2. PUBLIC INPUT: discussion of recent Rocky and Jerusalem fires

3. SAFETY MEETING: “Ergonomics” conducted by Griswold

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion: Brandon moved and Aigner seconded to **approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

The monthly report was presented and discussed. Brandon moved and Aigner seconded to **approve the report as presented**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Aigner moved and Brandon seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- SDRMA has sent a form to be returned attesting to MPN (workers comp) compliance (Brandon)
- Lincoln Levitt has sent insurance renewal policy (Klein)
- CARCD has sent information and application about their new capacity building program (to be discussed at next meeting)

- The registrar's office needs a letter informing them about change of secretary and providing contact information for election-related communications (Brandon)

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

### 8.1 Consolidation of Districts - Update

Griswold and Brandon met with West Lake on August 10 and determined outstanding tasks. We need to compile a complete list of Directors and prepare a joint Annual Plan and joint budget. In the meantime, Klein is handling West Lake's Social Security reporting problem. She doesn't expect any serious repercussions or substantial penalties, but West Lake president Chuck Morse recommends postponement until this is resolved. Since the November LAFCO meeting conflicts with CARCD's annual conference and may be too soon anyway Griswold will contact John Benoit and ask for postponement to January.

### 8.2 Recruiting of Associate Directors – Update: Lincoln is interested in participating in that role

### 8.3 Placeholders

1. Cobb School Project - Dan Desmond not present
2. Meisenbach Scholarship – Jack Shrive's internship is progressing: we may invite him to our September 14 meeting
3. Use of Donation Money to Pay for Grant Writer: nothing to report

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

### 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

Has been attending many briefings on recent wildfires and receiving many phone calls from concerned citizens. She will have materials to share: an emergency like this raises public awareness but usually only temporarily. She is proceeding with the Fire Protection District grant.

### 9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard

NRCS sent out 328 notices to Rocky Fire landowners informing them about help available for projects such as reseeding, erosion prevention, cleanup, fencing. There is money in this year's budget for catastrophic fire recovery that hasn't been spent yet. The District may be able to play a useful outreach role: for example, people should not assume oak trees are dead just because they have been burned. The Farm Service Agency also has a program to assist ranchers who have to buy hay because of forage loss to fire. The land has to be in agricultural use to qualify but any wooded area is eligible whether or not the trees are being commercially harvested.

### 9.4 Indian Valley Wetland Restoration Project - Paul Aigner.

He gave Griswold five copies of the grant agreement for signature. The project started as of August 1 and has three years for completion. The restoration area is near the northern Rocky Fire perimeter but was not burned.

### 9.5 President/Director Reports

Aigner: can we take advantage of current sensitivity to do something educational about the role of fire in the landscape? Perhaps present a public forum with a fire ecologist who could speak about landscape management and the ways it affects risk. Brandon: if Aigner can line up one or more good speakers she will try to find a venue such as Marymount and help publicize the event.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS: none

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board

12. ADJOURN

Motion: at 4:12PM Aigner moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting**

Ayes: Aigner, Brandon, Griswold

Noes: none

Absent: Desmond

Abstained: none