

RCD BOARD MEETING

MINUTES OF

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Alma de Paredes will take the minutes.

Directors Present: Jim Bridges, Randy Krag, Harry Lyons, Shula Shoup, Merry Jo Velasquez

Directors Absent: None

Others Present: Heather Brice, Alma de Paredes, Greg Dills, Will Evans, Laurie Hutchinson, Megan McClure, Davis Palmer, Kate Schmidt-Hopper

1. **INTRODUCTIONS** - Introductions of Will Evans (Clerc), Heather Brice (NRCD) and Kate Schmidt-Hopper, an interested member of the public.
2. **PUBLIC INPUT** – Kate Schmidt-Hopper introduces herself and discusses her background.
3. **SAFETY MEETING** – Office Ergonomics flyer discussed.
4. **CONSENT CALENDAR: ACTION: APPROVE MINUTES OF 8/9/22 BM; ACCEPT MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT; APPROVE AND PAY BILLS**

Remove Minutes of 8/9/22 to make three revisions. Done and redistributed.

Motion to approve by Merry Jo Velasquez, Seconded by Shoula Shoup.

Ayes: Harry Lyons, Randy Krag, Jim Bridges

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Remove financial reports – Question from Merry Jo Velasquez: Why are we always in the red?

Discussion ensued regarding maximizing income by utilizing grant opportunities.

Motion to approve by Merry Jo Velasquez, Seconded by Randy Krag.

Ayes: Harry Lyons, Jim Bridges, Shoula Shoup

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Approve and Pay Bills – Motion to approve by Merry Jo Velasquez, Seconded by Shoula Shoup.

Ayes: Harry Lyons, Randy Krag, Jim Bridges

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

5. **DISCUSSION:**

5.1 Honoring Retirees – Linda Juntunen has voiced a preference for a retirement party for her and Greg versus a plaque.

5.2 Strategic Planning – Standard Agreement – NRCS EQIP Expansion – See Section 7.2.

5.3 Political Action – Harry Lyons requested that this topic be moved to Section 9, GENERAL DISCUSSION.

5.4 Weak Links – Phone system. Waiting for the return of Korinne Woodward to the NRCD office. Kate Schmidt-Hopper suggested a short-term fix of using a Google number as an alternate number where a caller may leave a voicemail and receive a quicker response.

6. **ONGOING PROJECTS** – Roll call on Annual Projects and Board Hosts

Meisenbach Scholarship – Harry Lyons – Ready to discuss with high school and community colleges.

Invasive Weed Tour – Randy Krag – Has not had any communication with anyone yet.

Field Days in the Creek – Jim Davis is the host. Kate Schmidt-Hopper may assist with this project.

Kids in the Creek – Merry Jo Velasquez to host in the springtime 2023.

Trout in the Classroom – Will check with associate director, Tony Blyleven.

7. **REPORTS/UPDATES**

7.1 **Lake County Fire Safe Council Report** – Laurie Hutchison – Still working and communicating with NCO on two grants including a fire defense grant. NCO still supportive but has resource issues and cannot take the lead.

Attended the Lake County Fair. CalFire pulled out due to unreasonable insurance and contracts requirements.

CWPP Facebook Page is open for public comments.

CLERC – Will Evans has updates regarding a federal grant (\$10M – Five-year contract). Is looking at administrative rules as well as the need to adhere to federal prevailing wage laws and will apply. Grant would assist with CWPP projects.

Has asked for more information regarding Resilient Landscape Project and will attend their next meeting.

7.2 **NRCS Report** – Heather Vice – Expansion of EQIP program is still on hold. She expects more program information to be forthcoming within the next few months and will update the Board.

7.3 **Goats Rue Project** – Greg Dills – Emailed report this morning.

7.4 **Caltrans Revegetation Projects** – Nothing to report.

7.5 **Lake County Lane Trust Wright Project** – Is on hold while the volunteer who works on this project works through delays. The Conservation Board will reconvene in November 2022. Discussion was held for the need of stake holder meetings between tribes and neighbors.

7.6 **Guest Reports** – Kate Schmidt-Hopper – Megan McClure – CLERC Reps.

7.7 **President/Directors Reports**

Harry Lyons – Will present a viable draft of FireSafe Council report to the Board of Supervisors.

Should Shoup – Nothing to report.

Merry Jo Velasquez – Nothing to report.

Randy Krag – Nothing to report.

Jim Bridges – Nothing to report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Administer Oath of Office to Jim Bridges - Oath of Office administered to Jim Bridges who will forward the hard copy to Harry Lyons for forwarding to the County.

8.2 ACTION – Vote of Approval for Officer Appointments -

Motion to approve appointment of Randy Krag as Vice President

Motion to approve by Merry Jo Velasquez, Seconded by Shoula Shoup.

Ayes: Harry Lyons, Jim Bridges

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Motion to approve appointment of Merry Jo Velasquez as Secretary

Motion to approve by Randy Krag, Seconded by Shoula Shoup.

Ayes: Harry Lyons, Jim Bridges

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION – Political Action - We may lobby as individuals but not as an RCD. CARCD has the lobbying authority and will always take the lead. It is up to each RCD to review any proposed policy to ensure it is appropriate for their respective communities. If approved, they may join the RCD lobbying effort by adding their logo to the CARCD lobbying correspondence.

10. ADJOURNED AT 11:00 A.M.

Motion to adjourn

Motion to approve by Merry Jo Velasquez, Seconded by Randy Krag.

Ayes: Harry Lyons, Jim Bridges, Shoula Shoup

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

ADDENDUM:

President's Report for September 23, 2022

Project Manager's Report – July-August 2022 Activities

LCFSC Report – September 1, 2022