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Harry Lyons
President

AGENDA

10AM January 8, 2019

3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM

Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, William Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez, Ron Yoder

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills (by phone), Carolyn Ruttan

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Slips Trips and Falls” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF December 11, 2018 MEETING

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the December 11, 2018 meeting** as presented

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Yoder seconded to **accept the December financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **authorize payment of upcoming bill from CalForest Nursery** for balance due on 2019 seedlings

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing action

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors. The Board of Supervisors is expected to appoint Shula Shoup to the District 2 vacancy on the board, and she can be sworn in at the February 12 meeting.
- 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons will write up the intern job description and forward to Lower Lake and Middletown ag teachers and counselors.
- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour. Brandon has reached out to Katherine Vanderwall to schedule a spring date for this year's tour.
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek. Lincoln will contact the teachers and try to pin down a date.
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek. Juntunen will contact Frank Aebly after the federal shutdown ends to see if the Forest Service will be able to host the event this year. They are all extremely busy with wildfire recovery efforts.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison emailed
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard not present. Farm Bill passed. New staffer can't start because person needed to confirm the hire is furloughed.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. The first post-fire water sample was taken on December 17 and we are waiting for the lab report. Larry Ray plans to get another sample tomorrow. Carolyn Ruttan offered to help write a supplemental grant for to cover revegetation costs.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Received notice from CDFA that due to the overwhelming response to the request for projects statewide, a new RFP will be released for a new round of submittals in January.
- 9.5 Mendocino Complex Mitigation Project - Greg Dills. Enough additional ROEs have trickled in to continue implementing BMPs. The contractor is currently working in the Dessie Dr. area of Scotts Creek Watershed. We will return to the Manning Creek area and then move to the Middle Creek sites. Rich Muhl from the Water Board toured the Manning Creek and Dessie Dr. sites with Dills and Ray on December 19. He was impressed with the quality of the work and overall progress of the project. Some of the Dessie Dr. areas needed repair after the December 15-17th rain event. Yoder: saw the implementation at Dessie creek and would like to join next tour with Muhl. Dills will notify the entire board when it is scheduled.
- 9.6 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. Cal Trans Revegetation Specialist Michael Clegg says that after a second round of Arch surveys the area is cleared for planting in the fall of 2019. Money is available and ready to be allocated for a planting contract. Over the next two weeks, he will be writing the contract for our review and edits.
- 9.7 Reforestation Project
 - Brandon has been talking to CalForest Nursery about 2019 seedling delivery, and asked for a delivery date of approximately February 1. Invoices went out to 2019 customers in December.
 - Although USFS would be glad to accept a donation of our 2017 ponderosa seedlings they won't be ready to plant until the winter of 2020 at the earliest, which is too late. The only way we can carry those seedlings over any longer is to pot them up. Carolyn Ruttan offered to do the transplanting, with soil and services paid for from our DOC funds.
 - MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to authorize the President to sign a cold storage contract with Scully Packing.

9.8 DOC grant

Extended discussion to determine the direction for Native Plant project in 2019. Carolyn Ruttan said that she and Karen Sullivan have worked out a plan to continue the project. We will buy plants from CalFlora for spring sales (Karen to pick up), supplemented by others that Karen has propagated, and then depend on propagation for continuing operations. They envisage four or five sales annually: in the spring, one sale at the annual Big Valley Grange event and another at the Ag Center in collaboration with the Master Gardeners, and three sales in the fall. They also propose contracting with buyers who need larger quantities of plants. Last year we sold 62 plants in the spring and 363 in fall. Karen proposes to contract with the RCD to supply a specific number of gallon-size plants for a set fee, and to present a contract at the February 12 meeting.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve this plan in concept**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

9.9 President/Director Reports

Lyons: on December 20 the Blue Ribbon committee had a tour of Middle Creek watershed and business meeting that included presentations from USFS and BLM on fire recovery. They are going to appoint a Technical Advisory Committee co-chaired by Jim Steele and Karola Kennedy that will be doing the actual work. Velasquez asked who will decide how the \$5M will be spent and are they going to improve community outreach which up to now has been nonexistent?

Yoder: the Sacramento Valley group did not have a phone call in December but will meet in person towards the end of January.

Bridges: the North Coast group expects to have a draft MOU ready for consideration at their February meeting. They have been working on this for four years.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Adopt revisions to long-range plan (continued from December). Dills suggested that individual names be replaced by position titles.

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded that the revised plan be adopted as amended.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discussion of Central Valley Tributaries Program in relation to the Middle Creek Restoration Project, and determine possible RCD role (Carolyn Ruttan). She has discovered a CA Department of Water Resources grant program that could supply the large sums needed to implement the Middle Creek Project. She and Will Evans are willing to write the grant but the County (as the Watershed Protection District) is the only qualified applicant. She asks that the RCD, as a trusted outside agency, urge the Dept of Water Resources to move ahead. Lyons: is meeting with Dave Cowan in preparation for a meeting with the Army Corps on January 16; they are trying to find out what Army Corps thinks is the path forward. He will encourage Dave to pursue the grantwriting offer.

11.2 Discussion of participating in a Cannabis Permitting public meeting with growers, hosted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Dills got a call from Kelly Hickcox of the Water Board, who wants to host a meeting for Lake County growers some time in February or March. He would like RCD participation and also for advice about a venue. Brandon offered to act as the contact, provide a list of suitable locations, and attend the meeting if possible.

12. CLOSED SESSION

13.1 Discussion and approval of wage increase for Project Manager and Project Coordinator

13. OPEN SESSION

14.1 MOTION: Yoder moved and Bridges seconded to award a **\$3/hour pay raise** to the Project Manager and Project Coordinator

Ayes: Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Brandon

Abstained: none

14. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

15. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Yoder seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:37AM

Ayes: Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Brandon

Abstained: none