



MINUTES
10AM October 13, 2020
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.

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

Directors absent: none

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Will Evans, Laurel Bard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: Laurel Bard, a 2019 UC Berkeley graduate, is a Civic Spark Fellow assigned to CLERC. Her tasks include collecting Firewise Community data, creating a wildfire priority plan, consolidating data and creating a GIS map.

2. PUBLIC INPUT - none

3. SAFETY MEETING “Holiday Safety” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Bridges moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Lincoln

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

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, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: it's still too early for action; Lyons will contact the schools in 2021

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: no action until 2021

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: no action until 2021

8.5 Kids in the Creek: no action until 2021

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Associate Director Tony Blyleven reports that the program is on track, and he may be able to recruit an additional teacher to participate in 2021

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison

- Extensive public outreach via social media for updates and info on various local fires in the area. Continuing work with local groups on different potential local events and opportunities while adhering to Covid 19 restrictions.
- Gathering and compiling information on local resources and contact info for Firewise communities.
- Continued work with Mendocino FSC to create Spanish language handouts. Coordinated outreach efforts with local agencies- including promoting local events via social media. Looking into grant opportunities for more local event/project funding.
- Outreach to public regarding PSPS event preparation, during outages and updates via social media.
- Participated in Heros of Health and Safety Fair on Oct 10; event very well attended despite drive through format, with two hour lines.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Good turnout (25 volunteers) for tule planting event but the site made planting difficult. An NRCS crew worked a second day and 2400 tules were planted. Woodard pointed out that an item approving collaboration with CLERC to redirect existing NACD funding to allow Tom Bendure to start project planning did not get onto the agenda. MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **find this item to be urgent and to add it to the agenda.**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to approve use of Tom Bendure's time for CLERC project planning, with details to be arranged by Woodard and Lucan Patzek from Napa RCD

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: repairs were begun September 22 and completed by September 30. He just received invoices for rock and repairs this morning, well under the estimate.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: the county Ag Dept has provided an additional \$60,000 to continue eradication work in the spring of 2021.

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects: Greg Dills. Oak seedling watering is continuing at Trailside Park. The MOU between the District and the county to construct an irrigation well instead won't be ready for approval until the November Board meeting.

9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills: nothing new

9.7 President/Director Reports

Lyons: applied for an exemption from federal special audit on the grounds that our total funding did not reach the specified fiscal threshold. CalFire has 35,000 mixed conifer seedlings available for early 2021 planting. Woodard: some are appropriate for our planting zone and she has passed the information along to NRCS clients. We need to report if any employees get Covid-19, whether or not their exposure was work-related. On October 27 a virtual seminar will be held on RCD interaction with tribes; Shoup offered to represent us. Velasquez asked what is going on with the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Restoration of Clear Lake? EJ

Crandell had mentioned the possibility of getting money for work on Clover Creek, which would come from the \$5M capital improvement \$5M fund. Property acquisition for the Middle Creek Project is moving forward; the Board of Supervisors just approved a bridge loan to facilitate the first purchase from \$15M state funding

Velasquez: has had an inquiry about how to advocate for restoration of native species. Advised to work with UC Davis, CDFW, etc

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Fire Safe Lake County website. A joint site for the South Lake and Lake County FSC and local Firewise Communities (modeled on the Firesafe Marin site) can be created independently of the county website. Volunteers would maintain it.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to to **subsidize a FireSafe Lake County website** at a cost not to exceed \$150 annually

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.2 NACD membership.

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Shoup seconded to **renew NACD membership** at the “Bronze” level at a cost of \$101 annually

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.3 Submit a letter of Commitment to the Regional Conservation Partnership Program involving North Coast and some Sacramento Valley RCDs. Project objective is fire resilience and requires a dollar for dollar match in non-federal funds; CLERC wants to participate as well.

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **authorize a letter of commitment** up to the amount remaining in the CalTrans Trailside Park oak replanting project

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION. The November CARCD conference will be held virtually; it is still unclear what the themes will be or which (if any) board members will participate. No action needs to be taken by the board at this time.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:34AM.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none