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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES

10AM Tuesday October 9, 2018
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

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

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Laurie Hutchison

1. INTRODUCTIONS none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT - none

3. SAFETY MEETING “Fire Safety” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF September 11 and September 21, 2018 MEETINGS

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the September 11 and September 21, 2018** meetings

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

Motion: Yoder moved and Velasquez seconded to **accept the September financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Most required no response but a letter was received from CalPers asking for an annual report from East Lake RCD. Brandon will follow up. Also Lyons received a letter from Dan Desmond who attended a workshop on prescribed fire workshop on October 2 and suggests that a similar workshop might be of value in Lake county. Dan also sent along an announcement about stakeholder meetings regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Restoration of Clear Lake to be held in Lakeport on October 24. Lyons will be attending on behalf of the RCD, and Brandon also plans to be there representing the Sierra Club.

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors. Brandon has connected with a possible District 2 Director candidate who plans to attend our November 13 meeting.

- 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons has again contacted Lower Lake and Middletown agriculture instructors, who say they simply don't have the time or resources to set up and supervise internships. We might do better recruiting student interns simply as workers without an educational component. needs to be supervised ag project.
- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour nothing new
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek nothing new
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek nothing new

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. Participated in monthly agency meetings and continuing to seek homeowner insurance solutions for Lake County. With Cal Fire crews staffed a booth at the Kelseyville Pear Festival; is preparing for participation in Heroes of Health & Safety Fair on October 13. Continuing work with local agencies to better coordinate and communicate emergency response in the community during large events, and is discussing grants and projects with various agencies, including new Cal Fire Grants. Continuing work on County Vegetation Management Ordinance & Hazard Mitigation Plan, assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies, and assisting with creation of new Firewise Communities. The Cobb group is very active, and has a Cobb resilience event scheduled for November 3.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard not here
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Submitted monthly report and invoice number 4; extension application and supporting documentation has been submitted to the Water Board and is currently being processed.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Surveying, hand pulling and herbicide application performed during the month of September. The source of the infestation appears to have been discovered on private land in Mendocino county; the owners have been fighting it for 12 years, and are now working with the Mendo Ag Dept and BLM on more aggressive treatment.
- 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. Caltrans is putting together an agreement for Board consideration in December or January. Unfortunately it's the opinion of CalTrans legal staff that they can't simply contract with us for propagation, but would have to go to competitive bid.
- 9.6 Mendocino Complex Fire Pollutant Mitigation Project - Greg Dills. A Contractor tour was held on September 24, 2019. The State Water Resources Control Board staff, Bouthillier Construction, County of Lake Water Resources, Korinn Woodard, Larry Ray, and Dills visited priority sites for erosion control estimates. Bouthillier Construction is capable of implementing proper BMPs over an estimated 50+ acres at a minimum. He has negotiated removal of the usual 10 % retention clause, gotten permitting simplified, competitive bidding and match requirement removed. The RCD will receive 10% in "indirect (admin) costs. The final contract still has to go through CalTrans legal review. All work on the project must be complete by March 31, 2019, but he intends to work with the tribes to extend monitoring beyond grant period.
 ACTION ITEM: approve contract with state Water Board
 Motion: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to approve the contract with the State Water Resources Control Board for the Mendocino Complex Fire Pollutant Mitigation Project
 Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder
 Noes: none
 Absent: none
 Abstained: none
- 9.7 Reforestation Project. Brandon: several seedling orders have been received since the last meeting, but the customer who said he wanted all our remaining 2017 Ponderosa has not yet placed an order. Shi will follow up with him. All the excess 2018 DF has been sold. Bridges: the Mendocino National Forest will accept any remaining seedlings as a donation, and send a crew to pick them up. We will decide whether to continue the project to 2020 at our November 13 meeting. Brandon will provide a financial report on the project to date.

9.8 DOC grant. Brandon is working with DOC to shift some budget categories to give us a better chance to spend the grant money: this is a very simple process as long as each line item is held under \$5000. The long range plan has to be submitted as a deliverable, but we can continue to revise and refine it.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: is working with Linda on conflict of interest code, which has to be compliant with the county's language. He called Zach Pehling about our 2017 audit, which was supposed to be done on September 24. Juntunen found the missing pink slips for RCD vehicles, and she and Dills are working to get the trailer reregistered so it can be insured.
- Bridges sent an email about the most recent North Coast Durable Collaboration phone conference: they have nearly decided to operate under an MOU (the simplest option) but are still talking about forming a Joint Powers Authority.
- Yoder: the equivalent Sacramento Valley call will take place before the end of the month
- Velasquez: Several plant sales were held since the last meeting, all quite successful except the September 29 farmers market which conflicted with the Pear Festival. She is promoting the October 13 sale held in collaboration with the Master Gardeners, who will provide educational presentations.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discuss future directions for Native Plant project Velasquez: the scope of the project keeps changing. Carolyn Ruttan suggested that she and Karen Sullivan would present a proposal to the RCD to continue the project after the present grant funding runs out on February 28, including possible funding sources. Carolyn is willing to continue to make her greenhouse facilities available but is too busy with her efforts to start a water testing lab under CLERC auspices to devote much time to plant care. Karen might be willing to continue as an employee. The subcommittee will meet on October 29 to work out new directions. In the meantime all Directors confirmed that they were unwilling to devote any more volunteer time to the project than they are doing already.

11.2 Discuss revisions to long range plan. Yoder: discussion of impaired lake at the beginning gives an unfortunate negative impression, and also suggests adding a Goal 5 on collaboration with other RCDs. Juntunen: suggests combining native plant workshops with Firewise Community presentations so Laurie can get paid. Velasquez will work with Laurie on a rewrite. Lyons will rewrite the introductory paragraph to make it more positive. Dills (who had left the meeting by this time) also said he had suggestions, and we need to follow up with him to find out what they are.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. none

13. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:59AM**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none