



MINUTES
10AM November 10, 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

Directors absent: Merry Jo Velasquez

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS: all introduced themselves briefly

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING “Four Generations” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. There are problems with the report, that Tracy Klein is going to work on tomorrow. One BLM payment had been incorrectly coded by county and might not have been properly credited to our account; Dills is checking with BLM to confirm that the checks were sent. Also, cumulative totals are incorrect on the balance sheet and there are errors in the Aging Summary.

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup

Noes: none

Absent: Velasquez

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: Associate Director Randy Krag has agreed to serve as District 3 Director; Brandon will send him the county application form and agendize approval of a letter of recommendation at the December meeting

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons will reach out to Woodland College and the high schools in January

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: depending on the Covid situation we might be able to hold it in May

- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: on hold pending Covid
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: on hold pending Covid
- 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Associate Director Tony Blyleven is on track to conduct this project remotely as was done last year, and may have recruited an additional teacher.
- 8.7 Community Wildfire Protection Plan revision. Lyons attended the county Risk Reduction Authority meeting on November 8. Matthew Rothstein is the lead for the county, and wants a scope of work next week. In the meantime Laurel Bard is mapping a lot of data, including firebreaks/fuel breaks from recent fires, and Juntunen has been revising and cutting the original plan which has a lot of bloat in it. MOTION: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **approve Resolution 2020-2** accepting and allocating additional funding for Fire Safe program outreach
 Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup
 Noes: none
 Absent: Velasquez
 Abstained: none

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 and PSPS events in the area.
 - Participated in the Heroes of Health and Safety Fair drive thru event Oct. 10. Handed out bags with solar inflatable lanterns for use during PSPS events along with safety and educational brochures and candy treats for kids. There were over 700 people that came through.
 - Coordinating with the RRA Standing committee on CWPP update project.
 - Continuing work with local groups on different potential local events and opportunities 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 utilizing grant funds.
 - Coordinated outreach efforts with local agencies- including promoting local events via social media.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Trying to wrap up before end of year, while working on the Regional Conservation Partnership Program proposal with RCDs in 6 other counties. She is putting together a list of the kinds of projects that are eligible for this funding. The proposal is due by the end of November, and we still haven't determined how much to request.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. With rain in the forecast, Larry Ray & Scott McLean are going up to the project site November 11 to plant seed for erosion control.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Larry and Scott surveyed the project area on November 4 & 5, beginning at the lower end of the Scotts Creek canyon and found evidence of GR from there upstream. Once the dataset is complete, a survey map will be created and uploaded into CalFlora's database. Next spring they will check downstream to the lakeshore to find out how far it has spread.
- 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. The MOU between the District and the County was modified to reduce our share of well installation costs to \$15,000. The County is processing the MOU for the BOS to approve; upon approval, the MOU will come before the BOD for potential action. There are plans to plant an additional 1000 oak trees, and in the meantime a crew is trimming some of the sucker growth from resprouts. The Highway 53 project contract with Caltrans has expired.
- 9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills. Project is dormant and should be removed from future agendas
- 9.7 President/Director Reports
- Lyons: Middletown Trailside Park work is not federal money so counts towards RCCP program match. All the members of the multi agency committee putting together the RCCP proposal are professional staff except for himself, the lone volunteer board member, and he asked for assistance compiling the necessary information for the application. The county wants to combine the efforts of the RRA and Fire Safe Council to avoid duplicative effort, but seems to be operating under the mistaken premise that the FSC is a subsidiary of LCRCO which is not the case: it is a BOS-appointed county entity.

The videoconference link was lost at this point and the meeting resumed by conference call, in the absence of Director Bridges

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Appoint Personnel Committee. Lincoln agreed to serve with Lyons on this committee

11.3 Authorize Personnel Committee to contract with CWPP editor

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **authorize the Personnel Committee to contract with Debra Somerfield to edit the CWPP** at a rate of \$65/hour

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Velasquez

Abstained: none

11.4 Approve pay raise and mileage reimbursement for temporary employee Cameron McLean

MOTION: Shoup moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve a pay raise of \$2.50/hour for Cameron McLean** and to authorize his mileage reimbursement from the Lakeport office to Eightmile Valley job site

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Velasquez

Abstained: none

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

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:54AM

Ayes: Brandon, Lincoln, Lyons, Shoup

Noes: none

Absent: Bridges, Velasquez

Abstained: none