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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES

10AM November 12, 2019
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

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

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

Directors absent: Ron Yoder

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Tony Blyleven

1. **INTRODUCTIONS:** none needed

2. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None

3. **SAFETY MEETING**

“Recognizing Drug and Alcohol Abuse” conducted by Lyons.

4. **APPROVE MINUTES**

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the minutes of the October 8 2019** meeting as presented.

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: Lincoln

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

6. **APPROVE & PAY BILLS**

Several bills were presented beyond those included in the financial report: \$10725 to Larry Ray for oak seedlings for the CalTrans project at Trailside Park; \$117.95 to Davis Tire for the water trailer, and \$57,018 from MBC construction for the Eightmile Valley project

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** none needing attention

8. **ONGOING PROJECTS**

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Lyons will present a \$500 check to intern Connor Fisher

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing new

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: nothing new

8.5 Kids in the Creek: nothing new

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Tony Blyleven. We have lost two participant teachers who have left the schools where they had been employed, but picked up one new one from Upper Lake who will attend training in December; there is also one additional possibility.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison

- Coordinated outreach efforts with local agencies for events. Outreach to public regarding PSPS event preparation, during outages and fire/ evacuation updates via social media.
- Continuing discussions with Butte Co FSC in regards to fire recovery. Also talking with a company that is doing work currently in Butte Co, discussing possible options for Lake Co.
- Working with Clearlake City Manager and Fire Chief, along with CalFire on a clearing project in Clearlake.
- Coordinating and meeting with multiple agencies discussing the possibility of bringing back prescribed burning to Lake Co.
- Discussing the next Lake Co Fuel Reduction/Post Fire Funding Opportunity meeting with USFS.
- Met with local Firewise Community members re: updates, ideas and community event planning.
- Participated in monthly agency meetings. Discussing grants and projects with various agencies. Assisting with creating new Firewise Communities

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. A new permanent Area Superintendant replacement has been hired. She is working on next round of projects and has sent an invoice to Napa RCD for Tom's work under the joint NACD grant.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Construction ended on November 6: all headcuts have been removed; stream banks laid back to angle of repose with 15 structures in place. Three drop control structures, ten control structures, and two riprap structures were used on the project. Final inspection with contractor took place on November 12. Next phase will be revegetation: valley floor will be seeded with native grasses, dragged, and hayed to protect the seed, then willows planted on the stream edges in critical locations. Water trailer has been taken out of mothballs and serviced so it can be used with a water jet drill to bore the holes for the willow stakes.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: No fieldwork this reporting period. It is hoped that the construction in the valley floor has buried the seed bank deep enough to prevent resprout but reinfestation from surrounding hills is probable.

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills:

- Trailside Park (Middletown): Seed and native plant plugs and starts have been ordered and are on hand for the startup of the project. Caltrans staff flagged polygons of the areas to be treated and trees planted. The water trailer will be used on this project as well to water the oak trees until we receive rainfall.
- Hwy 53 Project: currently waiting for the fully executed contract to be sent.

9.6 Biogasification Project - this is inactive so should be removed from future agendas

9.7 Reforestation Project. Questions were raised about the status of CalFire seed gathering. Lyons will check with Scully about cold storage availability this winter.

9.8 Native Plant Project. Oct 19 Ag Center sale was very successful, raised almost \$1200 despite lack of paid advertising, leaving only 160 plants to winter over. Subcommittee met with Karen Sullivan to talk about 2020 possibilities. She wants at least \$7/gallon container, meaning that we would have to ask \$9 to have a reasonable chance of breaking even. Velasquez will check with Mendocino College to see if they can produce some supplemental stock for sale.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: working on insurance and accounting issues. Without collision and comprehensive insurance we won't be able to use NRCS vehicles since the district would be liable for any damage. Arrangements could be made to pay EDD electronically but they are complicated and expensive so it would be better to apply for a waiver every year as long as that option exists. Monique now knows the waiver submission process. To qualify for CARCD grant match, activities have to be involved with wildfire recovery in some respect. Napa RCD wants to do a Putah headwaters study to see if forest recovery projects are appropriate.

- Brandon: attended the CALAFCO conference in Sacramento last week where the focus was on water issues and climate change. Learned about an RCD project in southern CA which recruited and trained volunteers in water sampling techniques, provided test kits, and collected samples after the first major rain event of the year; could be adapted to Clear Lake.
- Velasquez: Lake County Land Trust has revised its priority plan and is about to post to website. Purchase of the Wright property on Manning creek has been approved for WCB funding, and will go into escrow in early 2020. The Middle Creek coalition gave Cong John Garamendi a tour of the project area in October.
- Bridges: attended a meeting at USFS Placerville nursery. USFS has 85000 pounds of tree seeds in storage that are starting to go bad, and he is trying to connect with Mark Egbert from El Dorado RCD to see if we can get some tree seed from them. Calfire did some collection but sources are spotty.

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discuss and vote on renewing membership in National Association of Conservation Districts

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **renew membership in NACD at the \$100 dues level**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

11.2 Discuss and vote on applying for CARCD/NRCS/Mendocino RCD forestry grant. This is a \$50,000 grant over 3 years that would support different tasks than the Napa grant. Woodard will handle the paperwork

MOTION: Shoup moved and Brandon seconded to **apply for a CARCD/NRCS/ grant** with Mendocino RCD.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

11.3 Discuss and vote on joining Napa RCD's application for Carbon Cycle Institute grant. The application includes the whole North Coast; Lake County's portion would pay for staff to assist farmers write carbon plans., and besides salary and benefits include admin money and costs such as purchase of a computer. wl/mj as full time position aif.

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **join the North Coast RCD grant application for a Carbon Cycle grant**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

11.4 Select voting representative at CARCD conference: deadline has passed so not applicable

11.5 Discuss and vote on renewing membership in California Special Districts Association

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **renew membership in CSDA**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION --- no action will be taken by the board.

- Lyons: was on KDFC on Saturday talking about reforestation and forest health, and later conducted a guided tour to Mt Konocti.
- Dills: found an old heart redwood sewer line with square nails that will be moved to the Ely Stage Stop

13. ADJOURN

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none