



MINUTES
10AM March 10, 2020
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

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

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

“Stairways and Ladders: a safe step” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES (note: minutes from the 2/25/20 special meeting need to be approved at the April meeting)

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020** meeting

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

MOTION: Bridges moved and Velasquez seconded to **accept the February financial report**

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln 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 other than a form from the State Controller on employee compensation which will be handled by the bookkeeper

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons sent out letters to guidance councilors asking for applications, with a due date of April 1

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: scheduled for May 13 at AMSHP [may need to cancel because of COVID-19]

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: scheduled for May 20. Brandon will contact presenters other than the fire truck which Lincoln will handle. [may need to cancel because of COVID-19]

8.5 Kids in the Creek: scheduled for March 19 [cancelled because of COVID-19]

8.6 Trout in the Classroom. Tony Blyleven: the program is on schedule and eggs have been distributed. to about 150 students, mostly third and fourth graders who are excited. He is reaching out to Lake County News and Terry Knight from the Record-Bee to try to get news coverage when the fish are released, which will probably take place in early April.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison.

- Working with North Coast Opportunities (NCO) on different local events and opportunities. Reviewed Grant applications and sat on their review panel.
- Working with local Firewise groups and community members to coordinate efforts for projects and awareness.
- Preparing for the upcoming Natural Resources Day [cancelled because of COVID-19]
- Preparing for "Protecting Your City From Wildfire" Summit. I received a scholarship for attendance/travel costs. I will possibly be a member on one of their panels at the event March 11-12.
- Coordinated outreach efforts with local agencies for events- including promoting local events via social media, including several upcoming Neighborhood/Block Parties focusing on preparedness.
- Looking into grant opportunities-including partnering- for more local event funding.
- 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.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Did not receive Joint Chiefs funding with USFS. NRCS has separate funding sources for its own programs but this grant was intended to provide partial support for the North Shore Ranch Fire recovery project.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Larry Ray and Molly Nilsson (BLM) coordinated willow cutting and planting work days with volunteers.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. no fieldwork this period

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills

- Trailside Park project. The contract with T & T Tree Care will require another modification. The scope of the project was more labor intensive than originally estimated, coupled in the difficulty experienced in obtaining a steady flow of chips for ground cover/mulch and the weather. The planting portion of the project is expected to be completed by March 11, 2020. This week he was finally able to inspect the road damage that occurred in December. With the dry spell in February, the ground has dried out sufficiently to begin repair to the rut caused by a chip truck. The damage was not as severe as expected, and he will be able to make the repairs without hiring another contractor.
- Highway 53 project: no activity this period

9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills. Hosting a workshop about the CDFA program at Ely Stage Stop on March 19 which has gotten good publicity [moved to virtual platform because of COVID-19]

9.7 Reforestation Project: all seedlings except for three boxes of DF coming from Mendocino were delivered and distributed to customers: we only needed the warehouse for about ten days this year

9.8 Native Plant Project: nothing new

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons:
 - in collaboration with CLERC, Alison Jolie from Trinity Watershed Center is hosting a Lake County event about forests and fire management from 1-5P on April 9. been working with CLERC.
 - All Directors have to submit Form 700
 - Lucas from Napa RCD is going to send \$1000 to cover expenses connected with the Carbon Farming Hub grant application.
 - Middle Creek: Lyons and Peter Windrem are meeting monthly with county and pushing for revision of the Paragon contract. Nine of the 55 property owners have been contacted.
 - Blue Ribbon Committee will meet on March 11 Sacramento; he expects them to approve a letter of support for the Middle Creek project.
- Shoup: talked to Carolyn Ruttan about her Forest Health Grant presentation, and offered to help with the Harbin project.

- Brandon:
 - distributed name tags to directors for use at upcoming events
 - the county has invited a group of stakeholders to attend a meeting about risk reduction \ on March 16: Lyons will attend on behalf of the RCD
 - there's very little water in the creeks and no indication of a hitch spawning run yet
- Velasquez: complications regarding access easements are delaying the Land Trust's closure on the Wright property; funding restrictions require that everything be complete by 11/21/20.
- Bridges: attended a USFS shared stewardship meeting in Williams where he learned that Mendocino NF got a \$600,000 grant for fuels reduction along roads, mostly Bartlett Springs. CalFire is doing a roadside fuel break on County Road 306 (location unknown) and collaborating with Glenn RCD and USFS on a 20 mile fuel break in the Stonyford District.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

The Middletown Trailside Park project is requiring more work than anticipated; extra costs will be fully covered by CalTrans

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Shoup seconded to raise the cap on our contract with T&T Construction not to exceed \$40,000, extend the completion period to the end of March, and authorize the President to sign.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:08AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none