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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
10AM April 13 2021
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.
Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Randy Krag, William Lincoln, Harry Lyons, Shula Shoup, Merry Jo Velasquez
Directors absent: none
Others present: Greg Dills, Linda Juntunen, Laurie Hutchison, Korinn Woodard, Laurel Bard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

1.1 Consideration of extra Items not appearing on the posted agenda: none

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: “Heat Stress” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **approve the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the March 24, 2021 special meeting**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Bridges

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5.2 2021-22 budget workshop. (Brandon). Board and staff discussed the Recommended Budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year preparatory to the Budget Hearing to be held at the May 11 Board meeting

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: nothing needing attention; EDD electronic filing waiver was granted

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

- 8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new
- 8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons will send a followup letter in May; no applications have been received to date.
- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: at their March 16 meeting Weed Management Area participants agreed that the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic necessitates cancellation of the 2021 event.
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: cancelled for 2021. Lincoln has contacted the teachers, who are looking forward to resuming the program next year
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: cancelled for 2021. Velasquez has so far been unsuccessful in contacting teachers and principals.
- 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: Tony Blyleven reports that the program was conducted successfully this spring.
- 8.7 CWPP update: (Lyons). Juntunen is working on the project list, and has passed material to the editor. Civic Spark Fellow Laurel Bard is coming up with fresh information from tribes and others. Lyons has been attending meetings regularly: consensus seems to be growing that both creating and implementing the CWPP should be the responsibility of RRA or FSC rather than the RCD.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. She is working on CWPP, assigning roles. There haven't been many in-person events but some are coming up. Still waiting for LISTOS grant stipend and materials that should have arrived in March. The original deadline has been extended to May 31, but the money doesn't necessarily have to be spent by then though she does have to file a report. There has been a huge response to the K-12 two minute films competition but not many entries received yet; submission deadline has been extended to the end of April.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Worked with Juntunen to submit CARCD and Napa grant reports on forestry work. The NRCS Soil Conservationist position is open for applications.
Renewal of Unfunded Cooperative Agreement for Vehicle and Space Sharing between NRCS and the RCD tabled until the May 11 meeting, and may not be necessary.
- 9.3 Civic Spark Fellow report - Laurel Bard.
 - Reported community, municipal advisory council, and tribal government input to the RCD
 - Reported management status of CWPP Action Items and Community Priorities to the RCD
 - Conducted field surveys of the Blue Lakes and Widgeon Way/ Konocti Drive/ Pt Lakeview Drive areas
 - Worked on online map of existing CWPP priority areas
 - Oversaw and participated in Broom Buster volunteer engagement event in Middletown on March 27
 - Provided Magdalena Valderrama with PDF maps of all Firewise Communities as well as PDF maps of all fuel breaks in the Cobb Mountain/Siegler Springs areas.
 - Assisted with surveys of several areas of private property on which management is planned
 - Presented on CWPP update at Board of Supervisors meeting
- 9.4 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. 319 grant agreement ended March 31. All deliverables, except for the CEDEN submission, were sent in with the Final Report to the Waterboard. The CEDEN submission will be completed prior to the final invoice and progress report due April 20.
- 9.5 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. No field activity at this time; CDFA funding ended March 31
- 9.6 CalTrans Middletown Project - Greg Dills. Well installation is awaiting PG&E connection expected April 27. Work at the park has resumed with weed maintenance, tree replacement, and planting of a new section in the park under the current agreement.
- 9.7 Healthy Soils Program - Greg Dills. MCRCD has submitted an application.
- 9.8 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project: LCLT conducted a field visit with NRCS & Steve Zalusky, who is going to conduct the biological survey required to get a grading permit; John Parker will do the archeological survey. On Saturday a group of volunteers has been recruited for a plant survey using iNaturalist and CalFlora apps under direction from Cathy Koehler and Paul Aigner.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons:
 - Middle Creek, still needs to conduct NEPA-compliant biological and cultural surveys. The county is trying to get USACE to do this work, followed by final project design. They are consulting with Congressman Garamendi's office about ways to influence USACE internal process. In the meantime property purchases are in process: of the 8 priority parcels, 2 are complete, 3 on nearly complete, 2 pending surveys, and one an unwilling seller which precludes use of state funding. The county is starting the eminent domain process and budgeting for the purchase. Unfortunately everything is still going very slowly, and purchases may not be complete before the state funding deadline.
 - Blue Ribbon Committee's budget loss is being reconsidered. Their top priorities are a bathometric survey of the lake bottom, a mathematical model of lake circulation, and other research including increased monitoring of upper watershed. Other projects (pending funding) are a fish ladder at Kelsey Creek Main St bridge and Cover Creek cleanup, with both projects intended to benefit the hitch
 - North Coast Soil hub -- Krag & Lincoln will represent LCRC in this collaborative project. The Dept of Conservation is expected to fund regional forest and fire capacity building program, and wants groups of RCDs to submit plans. CLERC and Fire Safe Council will be also involved.
- Brandon: CLERC has taken over collection of hitch migration data from Chi Council but she has nonetheless gotten informal notice of hitch spawning runs in several creeks this spring, including Kelsey and Middle. Firescape Mendocino is holding a workshop on April 28 & 29 that she plans to attend. The Weed Management Area met in March and discussed the Goats Rue project among other things.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Review committee assignments. Committee assignments were updated as follows:

Personnel: Lyons, Krag, Shoup

Correspondence: Brandon, Lincoln

Finance: Brandon, Lyons, Lincoln

Safety: Brandon, Lyons, Krag

Grants: Velasquez, Lyons, Krag

Native Plants: Bridges, Velasquez, Shoup, Carolyn Ruttan, Karen Sullivan, Barbara Haddon

MOTION: Shoup moved and Velasquez seconded to **adopt the list of committee assignments** as stated

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.2 Approve Resolution 2021-3 accepting and allocating NACD forestry funding

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Krag seconded to **approve Resolution 2021-3** accepting and allocating \$62,400 in federally-sourced grant monies from the Napa County Resource Conservation District to support NRCS forestry efforts

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.3 CLOSED SESSION: Scott McLean performance evaluation

Return to open session: Lyons reported that in closed session

MOTION: Shoup moved and Brandon seconded to reclassify Cameron Scott McLean as a "Field Worker" and to **raise his rate of pay to \$25/hour for all projects on which he is employed**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Krag seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 12:02PM**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none