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**Harry Lyons**  
President

MINUTES  
10AM April 14, 2020  
via videoconference and telephone

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, Laurie Hutchison, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING.

“Powered Hand Tool Safety” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **approve the minutes of the February 25, 2020** special meeting

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: Lincoln

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Shoup seconded to **approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020** meeting

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report.

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

5.2 Discuss paycheck protection options for employees. None of the special recovery programs apply to RCDs so the only option for our employees is to file for unemployment benefits

5.3 2020-21 budget workshop. The BLM Eightmile Valley contract and Healthy Soils outreach program both need to be added, and the line item for auto insurance removed. We will hold a formal hearing on the draft budget for the next fiscal year at the May 12 board meeting, and make adjustments as needed before the final budget is due in August.

## 6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE: nothing needing action

## 8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Rayne Lynn Reese, a Middletown high school student who wants to be a veterinarian, has applied: approval needs to be agendized next month

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: must cancel due to coronavirus pandemic

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: must cancel

8.5 Kids in the Creek: was cancelled.

8.6 Trout in the Classroom. Schools were closed soon after the program began but some of the teachers may have taken the fish home to care for. Lyons will ask Tony Blyleven for an update.

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

### 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison

- Attended "Protecting Your City From Wildfire" Summit in San Diego. Made several new networking contacts. Engaging with them for new ideas, collaborations and potential partnerships.
- Working with local Firewise groups and community members to coordinate efforts for projects and awareness. Existing Firewise communities include Rivas, Cobb, Spring Valley, Hidden Valley, and new ones forming on the North Shore
- Supporting outreach efforts by local agencies re:Sheltering in Place, Covid 19 updates and focusing on preparedness.
- Looking into grant opportunities-including partnering- for more local event funding.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. The office is open but not to the public, and staff is maximizing telework while making field visits as needed. Still have quite a bit of Napa grant money, and about six more months to spend it. The second year of funding has been confirmed by email but isn't official yet. The first round of NRCS funding will begin early in May, second round in June. Napa RCD is taking the lead in investigating regional collaborative potential for a California Climate Initiative grant, possibly for fuels reduction. The other RCDs need LCRC participation because we are categorized as a disadvantaged community and most of them are not. Funds have been allocated for planting at Tule Lake.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. BLM has suspended all field work until the COVID 19 shelter in place order has been lifted. No activity this reporting period

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. No activity. Money remains in the CDFA grant to support CCC fieldwork, and this is the ideal time for hand pulling. Fuel load reduction has been classified as an essential activity so he may be able to get permission to resume work.

### 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills.

- Middletown Trailside Park. The planting has been completed at this time. Fortunately, the recent showers have provided enough moisture to keep the plants alive. Watering will become necessary as we enter warmer weather.
- Hwy 53. Tom Bendure inspected the planting sites on March 16 and observed all cone protectors intact and fully functional, but inspection of approximately 40 acorns revealed no above ground sprouting but all had sprouted a tap root. Soil conditions were extremely dry; acorns would greatly benefit from additional rainfall this spring

9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills. The March 19 outreach workshop was conducted virtually, with very little participation. Woodard: expects a couple of potential applicants from Lake county.

9.7 Reforestation Project. All seedlings have been distributed: unfortunately the supplementary DF order was damaged by mold. The warehouse bill has been paid; Lyons will send it to LARCA along with the shipping bill with a request for reimbursement as offered.

9.8 Native Plant Project. The sale at the Ag Center was supposed to be held May 13 but it seems most unlikely that it will be possible then. We could reschedule later but the prime spring planting season will soon be over. We'll try to hold a fall sale if the pandemic doesn't recur.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: Blue Ribbon Committee finally signed a letter of support for the Middle Creek project. The county committee is asking the real estate consultant to increase outreach to 30 property owners; \$9M is available for property acquisition. Clear Lake water is extremely clear.
- Brandon: the hitch run finally started last week (at least a month later than usual) and is currently in progress. Fish have been observed in Kelsey, Adobe and Clover creeks.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Contract for bookkeeping services: Tracy Klein has been tentatively scheduled to take over from Wentz as of the end of April. Lyons and Juntunen will discuss duties and contract with her.

11. NEW BUSINESS: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Bridges seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:21AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none