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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
Tuesday April 9, 2018
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

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

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Laurie Hutchison, Phil Dixon, Randy Krag

1. INTRODUCTION Woodard introduced Acting Area 1 NRCS supervisor Phil Dixon.

2. PUBLIC INPUT - none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Diversity, Food for Thought” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded to **approve the minutes** of the March 12, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Shoup

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. Juntunen: the aging summary is incorrect; acceptance of report tabled until next month

5.2 Consider establishing bank account for electronic payment of state payroll taxes. Lyons is looking into this with assistance from the bookkeeper; in the meantime we have obtained an exemption from electronic filing that’s good for a year.

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing action

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship

Lyons has received applications from three promising students: Abigail Elder, a Middletown HS ag & environmental science student who plans to attend the University of Hawaii; Nash Field, another MHS senior interested in environmental science and specifically fire science who is currently taking classes at Santa Rosa JC as well as Middletown; and Mike Taliaferro from LLHS, who plans to major in environmental science at Sacramento State and maybe become a game warden.

MOTION: Shoup moved and Brandon seconded to **award \$500 Meisenbach Scholarships to Elder, Field, and Taliaferro**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

Lyons will find out when the award ceremonies are held and we will do our best to have a Director attend to make the presentation, and will also to send out a press release.

- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour. Will be held at Anderson Marsh on May 9. Velasquez has already informed the Master Gardeners and will do so again when a couple of weeks out. All presenters have been confirmed except Angela De Palma Dow who has not yet responded.
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek. Lincoln: event will be on May 23 for about 90 kids. Woodard: may be able to staff a booth. Lincoln will connect with South Lake Fire to get a fire truck and Smokey at the event.
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek. Velasquez: has talked to April Hargis from the Forest Service but hasn't been able to nail down a date yet.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. She staffed a booth at Ag Day on March 28; Bridges brought conifer seedlings which went fast. The Riviera Firesafe group has been very active lately; they bought software which can produce interactive maps and have been doing home inspections. There are several upcoming events, including Cobb Safe on April 13 and Cobb Resilient in November. On April 20 she will be passing out handouts at the Riviera market, on April 20 will participate in a disaster preparedness event at the Lucerne Senior center, and a Forest Service fire recovery event at the Upper Lake Grange on May 6. On June 14 the Cobb Safe group has arranged a screening of the film Wilder than Wild at the Soper Reese. Scotts Valley Pomo got the grant for their gasifier/biochar facility at Kits Corner and is now working on permitting. This project is more about energy production than biochar.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. The agreements allowing RCD staff to drive NRCS vehicles expire at the end of May but the state office extended them through September. She presented the January-March invoice for Tom Bendure and assignment agreement for Adidam's seedlings. In general, the seedlings planted over the past three years are looking great. She is meeting today with the Napa RCD to make a few adjustments to our joint grant for forestry support. USFW is now reviewing the CBD petition for federal ESA protection for the hitch, and working (in collaboration with CDFW) on a conservation strategy that will be the basis for a recovery plan. Dixon: NRCS is very supportive of RCDs which are their #1 partner. He's here to support us and to help Korinn get ahead of her heavy workload. There is no longer a monetary limit on financial agreements.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. A meeting with MBC Construction Inc. and BLM is planned for April 12. He's making a site visit with Larry Ray on April 10 for final water sampling and a bird survey.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. With Katherine Vanderwall submitted a CDFA grant proposal on March 13; will learn whether it was approved on April 30.
- 9.5 Mendocino Complex Mitigation Project - Greg Dills. The grant terminated on March 31. With Rich Muhl and Larry Ray toured the project for final inspection on March 20; Muhl certified the project as complete. The final report was submitted on March 31. All deliverables were met on time, we expended 98.11% of the funds; unfortunately couldn't spend last \$11k because adverse weather in March limited possible working days.
- 9.6 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. Agreement under review.
- 9.7 Biogasification Project. A Forest Service Partnership meeting will be held at Granzella's in Williams on April 23 to discuss the project.
- 9.8 Reforestation Project. LARCA has agreed to donate up to \$10,000 to cover refrigeration costs this year and next year. Customers finished picking up seedlings on March 29, and remaining stock was donated. To avoid being left with unsold stock, future purchases should be based on orders from customers, with a 40 percent non-refundable deposit.
- 9.9 DOC grant: the final invoice was filed in March and we are awaiting payment. We used all but a few hundred dollars of the grant funds.

9.10 Native Plant Project. Two spring sales have been scheduled, at the Finley Grange breakfast on May 5 and with the Master Gardeners at the Ag Ctr on May 18.

Consideration of advertising budget for the May 18 sale. Velasquez presented several options for advertising in the Record Bee and Lake County news.

Motion: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **approve a two-week banner ad in both outlets for a total cost of \$802.**

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Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

9.11 President/Director Reports

- Lyons: he and Bridges will distribute seedlings at the Cobb Safe event on April 13. He's working on an informational brochure about water quality problems on Clear Lake and authorized use of the RCD logo. Made a presentation to LARCA and got a donation of up to \$10,000 for the reforestation project. Also attended the March 23 Rotary event at Trailside Park and helped plant 3000 of our older ponderosa seedlings.
- Brandon: the hitch run is winding down: there were substantial schools in tributaries on the north end of the lake and in Manning and Adobe creeks, but nothing seen in Kelsey creek till the first week in April; substantial schools seen then but the run was brief.
- Velasquez: when doing her ethics training discovered that all directors also need to take a 30-minute sexual harassment available at <http://csda.net/learn/my-courses>.
- Yoder: participated in a Sacramento to finalize the MOU, which isn't quite the same as North Coast. He plans to attend the spring meeting in May in Tehama county. On behalf of the county he sent Dills a letter detailing the results of the Mendocino Complex erosion control project; Dills is putting together a presentation on the project for the regional water board that would be good for the November CARCD meeting in Redding. Brandon will prepare an abstract and follow up with CARCD.
- Shoup: registered for an event at the Senior Center event on May 22, and is set to do ethics training.
- Bridges: North Coast RCD is having their spring meeting in Marin on May 24. He is helping develop a forest health concept plan.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Consider acquisition of printer/scanner for RCD office. Woodard: the NRCS copy/print/scanner machine is being replaced the first week of June, and the new one will require an access card that's only available to NRCS employees, so the RCD will have to buy our own machine. Dills: a 11X7 color multifunction machine will cost \$4400. Woodard: since we need large format and color capacity only occasionally, we could buy a smaller black and white machine and have her do the large color prints on the NRCS equipment. She will also check to see if we could acquire the old printer. Dills will investigate cheaper options.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION. none.

13. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:47AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none