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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES

10AM June 11, 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, Youngblood, Sarah Ryan, Pedro Miguel, Terre Logsdon, Randy Murphy, Cindy Leonard, Maya Leonard.

1. INTRODUCTIONS: a round of introductions was made.

2. PUBLIC INPUT

- Randy Murphy: he is the new Hidden Valley Lake Homeowners Association General Manager, with a background in city and county government
- Cindy Leonard: is a member of the Cobb Area Council and came here to learn. They are trying to put together an overall hazard prevention/recovery plan.
- Terre Logsdon: is the Environmental Director for the Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, who are starting a biogasification plant at Kits Corners.
- Sarah Ryan: is the Environmental Director for the Big Valley Band of Pomo Indians, who have been conducting cyanotoxin monitoring for several years; data is posted to their website.
- Youngblood: was recently appointed Environmental Director and head of emergency management for Robinson Rancheria. His background is in law enforcement.

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Customer Service: Difficult Customer Alert” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes** of the May 14, 2019 meeting as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

MOTION: Velasquez 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 action

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Brandon seconded to **accept Dan Desmond's resignation** as Associate Director with gratitude for his service

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **appoint Randy Krag** as Associate Director.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons: as announced at the May meeting, three graduating seniors from Lower Lake and Middletown high schools were awarded \$500 Meisenbach Scholarships. Lyons attended the award ceremonies and sent out a press release.

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing new

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: the event was held on May 23 and went very well. Lincoln passed around a thank you card; Velasquez will send out a press release.

8.5 Kids in the Creek: Velasquez will approach the schools in the fall to get the event on their radar though it won't be possible to set a date till the exam schedule is determined. We'll aim for April.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison (emailed)

- Coordinating with local Agencies in preparation for future major fire events, including PG&E planned power shut-off events.
- Preparing for the "Wilder Than Wild" movie screening and networking panel June 14th and the June 18th Lake Co Fuel Reduction/Post Fire Funding Opportunity kickoff meeting with USFS.
- Discussing vegetation clearing/maintenance options of local areas in coordination with CalFire.
- Preparation for upcoming educational opportunity events.
- Met with local Firewise Community members re: updates, ideas and community event planning.
- Participated in monthly agency meetings. Continuing to seek homeowner insurance solutions for Lake County.
- Continuing work with local agencies to better coordinate and communicate emergency response in the community during large events.
- Discussing grants and projects with various agencies. Assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies. Assisting with creating new Firewise Communities.

- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard not present
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. On the April 12 site tour significantly increased erosion in one of the water courses was discovered, with up to \$100,000 possibly needed to address it. Holly Grover from the Water Board recommends meeting with the Army Corps and permitting staff to determine next steps. It's possible that BLM might provide additional funding. He is hoping to make a site visit on Friday to reevaluate the changed conditions. Construction is currently scheduled to begin in September or October.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Larry Ray will conduct a final hand pulling under the IRWMP grant this month; the new CDFA contract begins on July 1. The source of the infestation is on private land in Mendocino county with an uncooperative landowner. The two Ag Commissioners are working on an abatement.
- 9.5 Mendocino Complex Mitigation Project - Greg Dills. Project is complete.
- 9.6 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. He is hoping to have a draft contract ready for approval next month. The project involves oak replanting with native grasses and shrubs at Trailside Park outside Middletown.
- 9.7 Biogasification Project - Greg Dills. Project is on hold
- 9.8 Reforestation Project. Brandon: our 2020 seedlings are sold out, and she expects an order for some of our potted up 2017 ponderosa.
- 9.9 Native Plant Project: Velasquez: we almost sold out at the May 18 sale, and could have sold more plants if available. The big push will be at the fall sales, dates still TBD. In the future we wont be able to continue to pay for advertising but there are other (free) means to publicize the sales. Karen Sullivan is continuing to propagate new stock.
- 9.10 President/Director Reports
- Lyons: had productive conversation on the Scotts Valley Pomo biogasification/biochar project at Kits Corner. The project will have a job creation component. National RCD has awarded us a \$64,000 joint grant with Napa RCD to extend Tom Bendure's contract for another year.
 - Shoup: attended a "funding fair" in Clearlake on May 22. The Water Board is interested in working with us: their message is to come to them with questions and problems when filling out forms. She also spoke to District 2 Supervisor Bruno Sabatier about Lake County's doing something similar to the city of Davis Green Plan.
 - Brandon: will represent the RCD at the "Wilder than Wild," screening on June 14. Also attended the tour of the Sulphur Bank superfund site that preceded the Blue Ribbon Committee meeting on June 5. EPA made it clear that Clear Lake is far from unique in being subject to a fish advisory for mercury, and that drinking water safety is not affected. Elem has proposed an alternative mitigation which would involve filling in Herman Impoundment.
 - Bridges: attended the North Coast RCD spring meeting on May 24. Humboldt is seeking Forestry Watershed Coordinator funding; Goldridge is developing a Project Tracker program to be shared with other RCDs; Kristen Murphy from CARCD is looking for a Regional Carbon Farming Coordinator; development of a Forest Health Concept paper has been delegated to Lake and Mendocino RCDs.
 - Velasquez: also attended the Sulphur Bank tour and Blue Ribbon Committee meeting. She is concerned that the test areas are too small to provide valid information.

10. OLD BUSINESS

10.1 CDFA Goat's Rue Project Grant

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the CDFA Goat's Rue contract** and authorize the chair to sign.

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Cal Trans Middletown Park Draft Grant: tabled until next month.

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

- CARCD convention: the 74th annual conference will take place in Redding from November 12-15, with the theme "Increasing Pace and Scale: Local Action for Water, Soil, and Forest Resilience". Brandon has signed us up to do a presentation on the Mendocino Complex erosion mitigation project; Yoder, Bridges, and Shoup all expressed interest in attending.
- Trout in the Classroom: we need an update on this year's program. Lyons will connect with Tony Blyleven.
- It's time to schedule our annual report to the BOS: Brandon will ask Matt Rothstein for agenda time in July.
- Randy Murphy: The HVL HOA BOD recently approved the purchase of 17 generators for emergency use. They are also about to dredge the lake for the first time and need someplace to deposit an estimated 30,000 cubic yards of dredged sediment. They also just finished an inundation study and are trying to figure out ways to cope with a heavy infestation of non-native vegetation along the shoreline. Solar Bees have been effective in keeping algae under control.

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:31AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: Yoder

Abstained: none