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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
10AM June 8 2021
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:06AM.
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 : “Workplace Violence” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Krag seconded to **approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 meeting** as presented

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. The Auditors Office reports a cash shortfall that does not agree with our books; since then Dills has deposited approximately \$20,000 in Eightmile Valley project reimbursements. Lyons has made an appointment to discuss the discrepancy with the Auditor. We may need to schedule a special meeting for further discussion.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln 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: continuing discussion of budget alternatives. No action was taken

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing to report

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: none awarded this year

- 8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: canceled
- 8.4 Field Days in the Creek: canceled
- 8.5 Kids in the Creek: canceled
- 8.6 Trout in the Classroom: program concluded for the year
- 8.7 CWPP update. Lyons: expects a draft revision to be finished within a month or two. It will be sent to the fire professionals for review in late June or early July.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

- 9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. The Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) final report has just been sent; these experts talked to diverse community stakeholders about how to move forward and coordinate efforts. Recommendation to restructure and consolidate so there is just one Fire Safe Council board. About 500-700 people attended three recent outreach events. Laurie is helping to update the FireSafe website and on Thursday morning will distribute gobags at a local school.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Conducting interviews for the Soil Conservationist position and hopes to fill the vacancy soon. Investigating the walnut tree dieback reported at the May meeting in consultation with advisor Rachel Elkins. NRCS has set aside funding for a national water quality initiative proposal; Lake County will apply for the source water protection program. There will be a year of planning working based on existing data and then implementation phase. EQIP funding will then be available for Clear Lake. Project involves collaboration with EPA and the state water board.
- 9.3 Civic Spark Fellow report - Laurel Bard. Working on wrapping up, and will present a final report in July.
- 9.4 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: final reimbursement has been received.
- 9.5 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: no field activity at this time. Ag. Dept., BLM, and RCD staff will hand pull June 14 – 16. BLM is still waiting confirmation of the herbicide use permit. The Ag. Dept. was awarded another round of funding for continued control efforts.
- 9.6 CalTrans Middletown Project - Greg Dills: RCD staff purchased and transported supplies to the project for the water line to the holding tanks. It was installed the last week of May and is now in use. We are filling the tanks manually until float valves are installed.
- 9.7 Healthy Soils Program. Greg Dills: Mendocino RCD submitted an application, expects notification in July.
- 9.8 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project - Velasquez: gate to project site was left open last week, not the first time. Still finding new species, mostly invasives but some natives. Zalusky biological report coming in the fall. Woodard is working on EQIP funding.
- 9.9 President/Director Reports
 - Lyons: CMAT team young and energetic, with great people skills, recommends that everyone read the report. FireSafe Council very important. Middle Creek: working with Peter Windrem to urge the county to reorganize arrangements with consultants, and emphasize expedited action. Two independent surveyors are now mapping the partial acquisitions. A hard deadline coming up is coming up and a sense of urgency is well warranted. Assemblymember Cecilia Aguiar Curry and Senator Mike McGuire sent staff to meet with Scott DeLeon and Supervisor Eddie Crandell. County is asking for a deadline extension, and looking into the possibility of buying the properties with other funding sources and getting state reimbursement later.
 - Brandon: Clear Lake shoreline cleanup in Clearlake, Lakeport and Lucerne planned on June 19. She has been participating in the state 30x30 stakeholder workshops and trying to elevate Lake County issues. Has been invited to present about Walker Ridge to the Clearlake Rotary.

- Krag: Recently talked to Paul Zellman (inspector for sustainable winegrowing alliance which certifies vineyards) about developing carbon farm plans. RCDs can participate. The six county North Coast RCD hub is meeting and he & Lincoln are participating. Talking to Korinn about full orchard recycling program

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION : none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:13AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none