



MINUTES
10AM July 14, 2020
via videoconference and telephone

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.

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

Directors absent: none

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

Oath of office: Juntunen administered the Oath to renewing Directors Lincoln, Lyons and Shoup

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: “Proactive Safety Attitudes” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting and July 2, 2020 special meeting**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. Juntunen noted that there was an error in the aging summary date; she will correct and redistribute.

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, 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. Lyons reported that Associate Director Randy Krag is not interested in the District 3 position now but would reconsider in November after the walnut harvest. Mary Meara (another suggestion) is in a similar position.

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing new

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing till next year

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: nothing till next year

8.5 Kids in the Creek: nothing till next year

8.6 Trout in the Classroom: nothing till next year

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison, by email

- Working with North Coast Opportunities (NCO) on different potential local events and opportunities adhering to Covid 19 restrictions.
- Partnering with Mendocino FSC to create Spanish language handouts. Looking into possible micro grid solutions for Lake Co.
- Participated in monthly agency meetings. (including Risk Reduction Authority, COAD) and now a part of a sub-committee of the RRA to coordinate project efforts around the lake.
- Writing letters of support for local grant applications.
- Coordinated outreach efforts with local agencies for events- including promoting local events via social media, including recent events on Cobb.
- Looking into grant opportunities for more local event/project funding.
- Outreach to public regarding PSPS event preparation, during outages and updates via social media.
- Met with local Firewise Community members re: updates, ideas and community event planning.
- Discussing grants and projects with various agencies.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Is rolling out programs, will know about who got funding within a day or so; there is less money than in past years. NRCS is still maximizing remote work, and the office is closed to the public.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Project is coming back to life now that BLM is allowing access to the site. Larry Ray is identifying areas needing repair. BLM will get the permits.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. The population has exploded but recently he was able to get a CCC crew up there for four long days of hand pulling. They have submitted an invoice for \$13,000 and it would be good to be able to pay it before next month's regular batch of checks..

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. The Middletown Trailside Park project is moving along. It has been proposed that we use some of the grant funding to drill a well rather than trucking in water, but we don't yet have the detailed price comparisons and other information needed to consider this idea.

9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills: has a meeting with Mendo RCD on July 20 to discuss next steps

9.7 President/Director Reports

Lyons; submitted a support letter for the Scotts Valley Pomo biochar project. Blue Ribbon Committee met 10 days ago. Committee had three projects for 2020 but has been defunded so won't be able to carry any of them out. They still have money for meetings. Middle Creek Restoration county committee has met with real estate agent, and is working on 8 properties that have been appraised. Awaiting an OK from the Dept of Water Resources to initiate action on 24 additional properties. The Blue Ribbon Committee letter to the Governor on Middle Creek is still pending though the committee did vote for it. The County plans to send a Middle Creek letter of intent to the Army Corps. North Bay Forest Improvement program is moving forward, and we are invited to participate even though we are not formal collaborators.

Brandon: On July 23 the Sierra Club is hosting a virtual presentation by Sarah Ryan on the tribal cyanobacteria monitoring program. On June 23 she attended a stakeholder meeting called by CalTrans to get ideas to make Hwy 20 more wildlife friendly: the project area extends from Woodland to CLOaks and includes Hwys 53 and 16, but the immediate proposal is to construct an overcrossing for elk in Colusa county.

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Discuss and vote on amendments to the Financial Policies

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **adopt amendments to the Financial Policies as presented and to eliminate the separate Purchasing Policy**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

11.2 Consider pay raise for temporary employee. The Board went into closed session to discuss and vote, as announced after resuming open session:

MOTION: Brandon moved and Shoup seconded to **authorize a pay raise of \$2.50/hour for temporary employee Cameron Scott McQueen.**

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:08AM.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none