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**Harry Lyons**  
President

## MINUTES

10AM July 9, 2019

3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:02

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

Directors absent: Shula Shoup

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Tony Blyleven

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

### 2. PUBLIC INPUT

Blyleven gave a quick update on this year's Trout in the Classroom program which went very well, with four teachers participating. 180 trout were released, half in Putah Creek and half in Blue Lakes. He has recruited two new teachers for next year, who will attend training in mid August and will also need to have fish tanks provided. He promised to send some photographs for posting on the website and will attend the August meeting to give a more complete report and request funding.

### 3. SAFETY MEETING

"Driven to Distraction II" conducted by Lyons

### 4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the June 11, 2019** meeting as presented.

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Shoup

Abstained: none

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 5.1 Monthly Report

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Shoup

Abstained: none

5.2 Budget workshop. The Board discussed necessary changes to the final 2019-20 budget; a hearing will take place at the August meeting

#### 5.3 Annual audit

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded to **contract with Pehling and Pehling to conduct the 2018-2019 audit** and authorize the president to sign

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Shoup

Abstained: none

## 6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Shoup

Abstained: none

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing action.

## 8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing to report

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship. Paul Aigner mentioned the possibility of awarding an internship to a student working at the McLaughlin Reserve; Lyons will check back with him and agendaize at the next meeting if necessary

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: nothing new

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: nothing new

8.5 Kids in the Creek: nothing new

## 9. REPORTS/UPDATES

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

- Looking into solutions for vegetation abatement/management and having discussions with Butte Co FSC in regards to same. Also talking with a company that is doing work currently in Butte Co, discussing possible options for Lake Co.
- Coordinating with local Agencies in preparation for future major fire events, including PG&E planned power shut-off events.
- Attended 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.

The grantwriting subcommittee could assist her in applying for new grants. Woodard: the new forestry grant has funding for Tom Bendure to provide 200 hours of technical support for grantwriting.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. The last round of funding is underway, with 18 projects, mostly fire or forestry related. She has the final invoice for Tom Bendure under the current agreement but has to provide a financial report before it can be paid.

ACTION ITEM: review & vote on MOU for Lake/Napa/NACD Technical Assistance Grant for Forestry. Our match for this grant is entirely in-kind and consists mostly of volunteer hours. Directors have to get into the habit of tracking and recording hours spent on RCD business and reporting them to Woodard. Invoices have to come from our bookkeeper, but Woodard & Bendure will produce the activities report.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **approve the MOU for Lake/Napa/NACD Technical Assistance Grant for Forestry**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Shoup

Abstained: none

- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Due to the rise in fuel costs, the cost of materials and transportation has gone up significantly. Construction costs will rise accordingly, and it might not be possible to accomplish the anticipated amount of work in the original bid. The contractor still hopes to complete the whole project; BLM may be able to provide an additional \$40K. The standard 15 percent late fee has been waived but we will still do all we can to pay the contractor promptly.  
MOTION: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **approve the contract with MBC Construction** for the Eightmile Valley Project and authorize the president to sign  
Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez  
Noes: none  
Absent: Shoup  
Abstained: none
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. The final hand pulling was completed under the IRWMP funding, bringing a close to that grant; CDFA grant began July 1 and treatment will begin by next week. The Ag department is shorthanded so a BLM staffer will work with Larry Ray. They expect to be able to access the Montanos property once the ROE agreement is signed.
- 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. The CalTrans grant is still delayed. We need to get service from the Callayomi Water District but are first on the waiting list for a meter; cost is \$14.75/month/1000 gallon which is significantly cheaper than trucking it in.
- 9.6 Biogasification Project - Greg Dills. The Scotts Valley Pomo grant application was not funded and is being restructured; the Forest Service is now planning to coordinate with them rather than conducting a separate project; it will involve private lands so CEQA review will be needed as well as NEPA.
- 9.7 Reforestation Project. All our 2020 seedlings have been sold including 2000 potted ponderosa from the 2017 season. Lincoln: he is still caring for approximately 2000 additional seedlings that are available for sale or donation.
- 9.8 Native Plant Project. Velasquez: Lake County News finally sent an invoice. Fall plant sales dates will depend on weather.
- 9.9 President/Director Reports
- Lyons: not much progress on paying EDD electronically; he asked Napa and Mendocino RCDs how they handle this and their counties take care of it. He will ask CARCD for advice.
  - Brandon: our annual report has been agendaized by the BOS at 9:15AM July 23; it would be good if as many directors as possible attend.
  - Velasquez: attended the "Wilder than Wild" film about wildfire resiliency on June 14. Smokey Bear's message needs rethinking.
  - Bridges: found two brand new popups in his storage shed, and offers to donate one for plant sales. The 10X10 would be most suitable; he'll drop it off at the office for Dills to take to the storage warehouse.
  - Yoder: the Sac Valley RCD carbon sequestration group is working on an MOU that probably won't be finalized until the November meeting. It will be a framework for grant applications.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

#### 11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Choose delegates to CARCD conference. It was determined that Yoder, Bridges, and Shoup will represent us at the conference, and Yoder will give the presentation on the Mendo Complex erosion control project. Brandon will take care of registrations.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board. Yoder: he sometimes has to drop things off and wonders if we could have designated office hours? It would be better for him to have a key; also a drop box serving both LCRC and NRCS is being set up..

#### 13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Lincoln seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:37PM

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: Shoup

Abstained: none