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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES
10AM August 10 2021
via videoconference

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:03AM.
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

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

1.1 Consideration of extra Items not appearing on the posted agenda: none

2. PUBLIC INPUT: Juntunen pointed out that only \$13 LISTOS funding remains

3. SAFETY MEETING: no material being sent. SDRMA has discontinued the hard copy booklets but still offers safety training on line.

4. APPROVE MINUTES.

MOTION: Bridges moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting** as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Krag

MOTION: Krag moved and Velasquez seconded to **approve the minutes of the July 21, 2021 special meeting** as presented.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. Lyons announced that as advised by our independent auditor the bookkeeper has devised a Quickbooks entry to track expenditures that can be met out of East Lake tax revenue. Eligible expenses are work in the East Lake Benefit Zone and a portion of various overhead expenses.

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 Hearing. Lyons conducted a hearing on the final 2021-22 budget during which several small adjustments were made to the proposed budget.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to authorize budget expenditures totaling \$238,887 with anticipated revenues of \$210,267, thus necessitating a reduction in general reserves of 28,610. The Board deems this action necessary to ensure the long term financial viability of the District.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE. We have received notices from the State Controllers Office and SDRMA about overdue reports, and have passed the notices along to the bookkeeper.

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors. Nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship: Lyons will reach out to guidance counselors when school starts

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 completed for the year

8.7 CWPP update. The editor has been working with Juntunen to complete the plan, and county staffer Lon Sharp is preparing maps. When a clean pdf is ready it will be sent to the Fire Chiefs for review.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison. She is working with North Coast Opportunities and the Risk Reduction Authority on allocating a \$175,000 grant intended to fund a coordinator position, and future CWPP updates. No changes are anticipated to the Title 3 funding that supports her own position. Preparing to staff a booth at the county fair which will display a sample go bag and offer handouts of written materials and some other items such as solar lanterns.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Moving along with new program Conservation Incentive Contract (CIC) version of EQIP. There is \$22 million in funding statewide and several local projects. Finally filled the Soil Conservationist position and the new hire is being onboarded.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. BLM agreement expired on May 31 and all work has been suspended until a new agreement can be put into place. BLM is drafting new scope of work and budget.

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Ag Dept and RCD staff pulled goats rue on July 19 and 20; BLM still awaiting confirmation of herbicide use permit.

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. Summertime weeding and watering is ongoing. Cal Trans intends to expand to an additional 12 acres in the fall, and is currently doing archeological survey.

9.6 Healthy Soils project - Greg Dills. Mendocino RCD was notified that the project has been funded but doesn't have a contract yet.

9.7 Lake County Land Trust Wright Project - Velasquez and Lincoln. LCLT is doing cleanups and plant surveys. Next stage of the project is waiting for Steve Zalusky's biological report.

9.8 President/Director Reports. Lyons:

- working with NCO and RRA to access California FireSafe Council grant, and keeping track of state and federally-funded regional forest and fire capacity programs. Capacity grants may be available to cover our new position.
- Blue Ribbon Committee will meet in September: in collaboration with tribes they now have state funding for lakebed modeling, fish ladders, debris removal, etc.
- Middle Creek Project. The Board of Supervisors has agendaized purchase of the key Mountanos purchase at bridge. The county has requested Congressmen Thompson & Garamendi to send a letter to the Army Corps, and has also taken steps to approve up to \$800,000 of cannabis funds for the Middle Creek Project.

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION - no action will be taken by the board: none

13. ADJOURN

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

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none