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Harry Lyons
President

MINUTES

10AM Tuesday September 11, 2018
3865 Main St. Kelseyville CA 95451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM
Directors present: Victoria Brandon, Jim Bridges, Harry Lyons, Merry Jo Velasquez, Ron Yoder
Directors absent: William Lincoln
Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Tom Smythe

1. INTRODUCTIONS none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING

“Public Building Security” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

Motion: Velasquez moved and Yoder seconded to **approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018** meeting

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report: it was again the consensus that the Finance Committee and Juntunen need to meet with Monique to get an explanation of various aspects of the report. Lyons will try to set up an appointment.

Motion: Brandon moved and Yoder seconded to **accept the August financial report**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Yoder moved and Brandon seconded to **approve and pay current bills**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none needing attention

8. ONGOING PROJECTS

8.1 Recruiting of Directors and Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship Lyons sent out applications, followed up with a postcard to teachers, and will visit the schools in a few weeks to connect with instructors personally

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. Participated in monthly agency meetings, Continuing to seek homeowner insurance solutions for Lake County, participated in the Lake County Fair. Working with LEAP/Animal Control caring for animals during the Mendocino Complex Fire Incident, ensuring updates are getting out via social media during the Mendocino Complex as well as talking with media about Fire preparation/safety for homeowners, continuing work with local agencies to better coordinate and communicate emergency response in the community during large events, bringing different ideas for solutions to mitigating hazards before and after large events, including debris removal and cleanup. Continuing work on County Vegetation Management Ordinance & Hazard Mitigation Plan, assisting with evaluation & determination of future projects with fire agencies, assisting with creating new Firewise Communities.
- 9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard. Payment for Tom Bendure has been approved and should arrive soon. Is conducting interviews to fill Kate O'Donnell's position, which has been vacant for more than a year. Yoder: has heard about handouts on fire recovery that West Shasta RCD and NRCS have put together: Woodard has updated this material with local contact info, and it's now available on the county website.
- 9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills. Visited the site with Molly Nilsson and Larry Ray on August 21; River Fire has burned most of the watershed directly above the project site and project implementation will have to be delayed until 2019 in order to establish a new baseline by water quality monitoring this coming winter. Necessary grant extension forms and narrative to extend the grant until 2020 have been submitted. On September 5 met with the Army Corps and Regional Water Board, with a site tour. Both agencies want the monitoring results from the 2018/2019 season. BLM is hosting a Burned Area Emergency Response report in Ukiah next week to inform impacted agencies.
- 9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills. Larry Ray and two BLM staff spent three days the week of August 27 pulling mature plants in Eightmile Valley. The crew will return the week of September 10 to follow up and treat remaining plants.
- 9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Project - Greg Dills. With Larry Ray, he met with Caltrans' Revegetation Specialist Michael Clegg and Larry Ray at Trailside Park: he is interested in working with the RCD to raise, plant and care for Valley Oak seedlings from locally collected seed. He will prepare an interagency agreement for the Board's approval, deadline February 2019. Rotary has expressed interest in planting some ponderosa in the park and may be able to use some of our two year old seedlings. Tom Smythe: the Lake County Land Trust has been in discussion with Caltrans about Highway 29 oak mitigation. They are reluctant to contract with a non-profit but can work with RCD so this might be a good partnership opportunity. The LCLT Melo property could be a good planting location: there are some Valley Oaks on the property but about 10 upland acres are bare. LCLT is also considering acquiring another property that could be a seed source. The contract has to be signed by February.
- 9.6 Reforestation Project. Brandon: recently talked to a landowner whose Mendocino NF inholding above Lucerne has been burned, and who may want to buy some of our leftover ponderosa and Douglas fir. Bridges: talked to Hilda Kwan at the USFS BAER meeting, who said they would be very interested in taking our excess seedlings as a donation. They have all the equipment and crew needed to deal with larger stock. Erosion assessments are ongoing.
- 9.7 DOC grant. Velasquez: the first joint native plant sale with the Master Gardeners will be held at the Ag Center on Saturday Sept 15, and a second sale on October 13. Educational presentations on the advantages of gardening with natives and aspects of planting and caring for them will be included. We will also staff a sales table at Steele Winery farmers market from Sept 22 through to the end of October.
- 9.8 President/Director Reports
 - Lyons: insurance contract has been delayed because of confusion about a trailer: we still own this vehicle which is used to haul a water tank, and need to continue the insurance. A report from Zach Pehling on the audit is expected on September 24. Directors are automatically covered by SDRMA and do not have to fill out log for volunteer hours, but should do so whenever engaging in grant-funded activities because these count towards

match. Nothing new on EDD electronic transfer. When Bill Lincoln gets back he'll try to set up a Finance Committee meeting with Monique. The first meeting of the Blue Ribbon Committee was supposed to be today but postponed till October. He has an appointment to meet with three UCD professors and Angela de Palma-Dow from the county Dept of Water Resources to inspect stream monitor gauges.

- Yoder: hasn't connected with West Shasta RCD yet; they are neck deep in fires.
- Bridges: the North Coast RCD collaboration group had a telephone consultation last month and now have draft Joint Powers Agreement and MOU language; still need to decide which to adopt. They have a call with Solid Ground next week to decide next steps.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS

11.1 Consider making a donation to Tuleyome. Brandon was recused from the discussion. Concern about making donations to one non-profit but not to others, and about conflicts of interest because so many Directors are involved with other organizations.

Motion: Yoder moved and Bridges seconded that the RCD would **make no monetary contributions to non-profit organizations**, but will share funding requests with Directors who are encouraged to donate as individuals

Ayes: Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: Brandon

11.2 Review and adopt Long Range Plan. Juntunen: language regarding Laurie Hutchison's responsibilities should be tweaked to maximize the work covered by county funding. Dills: has some edits to suggest.

Yoder: wants more time to inspect the plan.

Motion: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **adopt the plan as a draft** and revisit at the next meeting.

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none

11.3 Appoint delegates to CARCD conference in San Diego in November: no one is available to attend the conference.

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

13. ADJOURN

Motion: Brandon moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 11:42AM**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lyons, Velasquez, Yoder

Noes: none

Absent: Lincoln

Abstained: none