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Charlotte Griswold
President

MINUTES
September 13, 2016
3865 Main Street, Kelseyville CA 95451
minutes taken by Secretary Victoria Brandon

President Charlotte Griswold called the meeting to order at 1PM.

Directors and others present: Directors Charlotte Griswold, Jim Bridges, Victoria Brandon, Judy Cox, Bill Lincoln, Harry Lyons; also Tracy Klein, Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills, Korinn Woodard, Kate O'Donnell. Absent: Paul Aigner

1. INTRODUCTIONS: none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING: not available

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF August 9, 2016 MEETING

Motion: Lincoln moved and Cox seconded to **approve the August 9 minutes**

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Brandon, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report: not available

5.2 Discuss and approve budget (Klein) Putting the budget together has been a lot of work, and since it is already overdue and the county needs it to finalize its own budget it's essential to submit it immediately. It can be revised later when additional grant money comes in.

Motion: Brandon moved and Lyons seconded to **approve the 2017 Lake County RCD budget** as presented and authorize the president to sign

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Brandon, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS

Motion: Brandon moved and Bridges seconded to **approve and pay outstanding bills**

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Brandon, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Friends of Marymount Lakeside have requested a donation to help underwrite their next Distinguished Speakers Series, which will be held at the campus in October, November and December and consist of three presentations about Lake County agriculture.

Motion: Cox moved and Lincoln seconded to **sponsor the Friends of Lakeside fall 2016 lecture series in the amount of \$50**

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: Brandon

7.2 We received the packet from LAFCo containing the final consolidation documents. No action necessary except to file them

7.3 From 9-12:30 on October 5 Yolo RCD and NRCS are hosting a workshop/field tour on grassroots management at Brooks.

7.4 The old West Lake account at Umpqua bank needs to be closed: Cox and Bridges, as West Lake Directors and account signators, will take care of this.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Recruiting of Associate Directors: nothing new

8.2 Cobb School Project - Lincoln: the project is nearly complete, with the watershed map ready to go to the printer.

8.3 Meisenbach Scholarship: nothing new

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Linda Juntunen

Has been attending the usual meetings and is still working on CWPP update with various agencies. More communities are interested in the Firewise Communities program and she is encouraging formation of community Firesafe Councils. She met for five hours with Jana Carp from the Fire Learning Network. She is trying to help the South Lake Fire Safe Council get more funding for their chipping program which has been excellent: chipping is provided at a very low rate on a membership basis, and they have had more demand for services than they can provide.

9.2 Misc. Projects - Linda Juntunen: nothing new

9.3 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard

They are finally wrapping up contracts for 2016. Their proposal to hire a forester to manage planting programs has been approved but implementation may take months, so the RCD can't count on this individual being available to manage our tree distribution. The Mendocino RCD has a forester on staff who may be available. Brandon will contact executive director Patricia Hickey. Woodard suggests that we should collect a 40 percent deposit on tree orders (of which none have been received so far) instead of 10 percent, and also that we should increase next year's order to 300,000 trees. Unclear where the funding would come from for the increase.

9.4 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills

The project is under way, with environmental documents in progress. He visited the site yesterday and discovered that Goats Rue has taken over; we will find out the status of that grant tomorrow. Monitoring will take place this winter to establish a baseline, with the restoration work happening next summer.

9.5 Valley Fire Chipper Program - Greg Dills

Work started last Tuesday. So far we have received 23 applications, and completed 12 last week. Getting a lot of field contact, with new applications coming in all the time, and lots of phone calls. Free chipping is provided to owners of small (two acre or less) parcels in the Valley Fire area, with preference for those who intend to rebuild; the service (an eight man crew with all equipment) is available to others for \$120/hour.

9.6 Indian Valley Project - Paul Aigner not present

9.7 Reforestation Projects - Victoria Brandon

We need to get a resellers license from the BOE in order to avoid paying double sales tax. Klein will take care of this and report back. Griswold suggests inviting Russ Cremer from LARCA to our next meeting so he can hear what we're doing with their money.

9.8 President/Director Reports

Brandon: is doing a presentation about RCD fire recovery projects at the Sierra Club meeting in Lower Lake on Sept 21. She and Lyons attended the Planning Commission meeting on Sept 8 to support the county's purchase of several hundred acres in the Middle Creek Wetland Restoration Program area. These parcels are in tax default and the hope is that a portion of the recovered money will be available for additional purchases. It also looks like the dispute between the Army Corps and SHPO has been resolved.

Bridges: \$1363 is available from CARCD to compensate for time he has put in on North Coast JPA planning, so we should send them an invoice. He met the State Forester at the recent CARCD forestry committee meeting in Willits, who said they are looking for reforestation project applicants, and that the CA Department of Forestry has \$3.5 million to disburse for this purpose.

Lincoln: many RCDs are hired by the county to evaluate plans, do inspections, etc for things like grading permit applications and new vineyards. He will be meeting with CDD director Bob Massarelli soon, and is willing to do this work on our behalf as a volunteer. General approval.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 North Coast RCD JPA - Jim Bridges

This will allow the 11 north coast RCDs to collaborate to coordinate purchases, use personnel, write grants, etc. and will cost about \$60,000 to implement over the next several years. There has not yet been any determination about how the cost will be allocated. Approval now does not entail any commitment. A committee is meeting with Karen Buhr in Sacramento on October 12 to discuss further and flesh out the proposal.

Motion: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve a resolution supporting participation in an effort to assess the feasibility of creating a joint powers authority for the North Coast**

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Brandon, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

10.2 Approve chipping agreement Warner Logging - Greg Dills

This company has contracted with the county to remove fire-damaged trees in the right of way, and wants us to do their chipping at \$120/hour. The contract is a standard one.

Motion: Cox moved and Lyons seconded to approve the contract with Warner Logging as presented

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Brandon, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none

10.3 Field Days/Kids in the Creek

It would be desirable to schedule these events much earlier in order to get on everyone's calendar and know what to expect. The problem is that the teachers don't know when they will do their testing. Griswold will talk to Terrace School to discuss reactivating the Kids program, and Brandon will run it by USFS.

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

Dills- we have \$6000 in environmental fines intended for water quality projects in the East Lake benefit zone. This could be used to support additional chipping.

12. ADJOURN

Motion: Cox moved and Brandon seconded to **adjourn the meeting at 2:10PM**

Ayes: Griswold, Bridges, Brandon, Cox, Lincoln, Lyons

Noes: none

Absent: Aigner

Abstained: none