



MINUTES
10AM May 12, 2020
via videoconference and telephone

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Harry Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:01AM

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

Directors absent: none

Others present: Linda Juntunen, Greg Dills

Those present shared memories of late Director Ron Yoder and observed a moment of silence in his honor.

1. INTRODUCTIONS none needed

2. PUBLIC INPUT: none

3. SAFETY MEETING. “Heat Stress” conducted by Lyons

4. APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln seconded to **approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020** meeting

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

5.1 Monthly Report. Lyons, Brandon and Juntunen have found problems with the reports, the most important being inconsistencies between the QuickBooks balance and that in the county treasury which is nearly \$80,000 larger. Some deposits may have been omitted; independent auditor Zach Pehling has found similar problems in the 2018-19 fiscal year.

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

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Shoup, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

All pending bills for this fiscal year need to be turned in before June 1.

5.2 Lyons opened a Public Hearing on the recommended budget for 2020-21. No comment was presented by Directors or members of the public; Lyons closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Brandon seconded to **adopt the recommended budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year.**

Ayes: Brandon, Bridges, Lincoln, Lyons, Velasquez

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: Shoup

6. APPROVE & PAY BILLS.

MOTION: Brandon moved and Lincoln 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. With the death of Director Ron Yoder we have a vacancy in the District 3 Board position. Associate Director Randy Krag would be an obvious choice to fill this spot; Velasquez will see if he's willing. Brandon will see if former Dist 3 Supervisor Denise Rushing has any suggestions; Korinn Woodard might also be able to make recommendations.

8.2 Meisenbach Scholarship

MOTION: Velasquez moved and Shoup seconded to **award a \$500 Meisenbach Scholarship to Rayne Lynn Reese**, a senior at Middletown High School.

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none

8.3 Invasive Weed Tour: canceled because of coronavirus pandemic

8.4 Field Days in the Creek: canceled because of coronavirus pandemic

8.5 Kids in the Creek: canceled because of coronavirus pandemic

8.6 Trout in the Classroom. Associate Director Tony Blyleven reported that despite the pandemic the fish were raised with remote student participation, and released into Blue Lake and Putah Creek as planned.

9. REPORTS/UPDATES

9.1 Lake County Fire Safe Council Report - Laurie Hutchison

- Working with local Tribal members on furthering Biochar facility project for Red Hills Rd location.
- Researching supplies for Emergency Go Bags for possible give-aways in the future. (utilizing grant funds)
- Supporting outreach efforts by local agencies re:Sheltering in Place, Covid 19 updates and focusing on preparedness.
- Looking into grant opportunities-including partnering- for more local event funding.
- Working with local Firewise groups and community members to coordinate efforts for projects and awareness. Discussing grants and projects with various agencies. Assisting with creating new Firewise Communities.

Velasquez: we need to establish reporting processes for grant; grant committee offers to assist Hutchison and Velasquez will reach out to her.

9.2 NRCS Report - Korinn Woodard not present.

9.3 Eightmile Valley Project - Greg Dills: no activity this reporting period due to COVID-19 Shelter in Place order

9.4 Goats Rue Project - Greg Dills: no activity this reporting period due to SIP. The window for hand-pulling is about to close and we have funding to hire a seven person CCC crew, but BLM will not allow access until the governor relaxes statewide SIP rules.

9.5 CalTrans Revegetation Projects - Greg Dills. Middletown project: temporary workers are being hired to water the trees and plants while Larry Ray researches materials for a watering system. Hwy 53: no activity due to SIP

9.6 Healthy Soils outreach - Greg Dills: no activity

9.7 Reforestation Project: project is suspended and should be removed from agenda until further notice.

9.8 Native Plant Project. It will not be possible to hold a spring sale; decision about fall sales will be made later. Velasquez asked Karen Sullivan for information about inventory but has not received it.

9.9 President/Director Reports

- Lyons:
 - Will arrange to pay annual storage unit bill next month.
 - Continuing to ask LARCA for the reforestation project subsidy they promised.
 - We need to find a new representative to the Sacramento Valley RCD. Maybe Lincoln? Maybe Randy Krag if he becomes a Director? Brandon will do it if no one else can be found
 - He wrote a support letter for CLERC's Prop 68 Forest Stewardship grant.

- He will reach out to Tracy Klein and arrange to meet with her and Juntunen to discuss bookkeeper transition.
- The county is moving ahead with land purchases for the Middle Creek project; several of the willing sellers are now attending the county committee meeting.
- Velasquez: the Wildlife Conservation Board has agreed to a quitclaim deed access easement for the Lake County Land Trust Wright Purchase. The Land Trust has been approached about a possible donation of Monitor Island.
- Brandon: Middle Creek Project Coalition is investigating the possibility of getting funding from bass fishing organizations.

10. OLD BUSINESS: none

11. NEW BUSINESS: none

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION: none

13. ADJOURN

MOTION: Lincoln moved and Velasquez seconded to **adjourn the meeting** at 11:02AM

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

Noes: none

Absent: none

Abstained: none