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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting

Date: March 17, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Irvine Ranch Water District's Duck Club

I. Call to Order

The meeting was held in person at the Duck Club

President Steve LaMar called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Directors/Alternates and Liaisons, constituting a quorum of the Board, were recorded as present at the meeting:

Carol Roberts, (Liaison) US Fish and Wildlife Service
Karen Drewe, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Steve LaMar, Irvine Ranch Water District
Jennifer Shook, (Alternate) County of Orange
Diane Doesserich, Metropolitan Water District
Renee Latu, (Alternate) Southern California Edison
Cascade Sorte, University of California, Irvine
Douglas Feremenga, Transportation Corridor Agencies
Mark Denny, Irvine Company
Nancy Gardner, City of Newport Beach
Scott Smith, City of Irvine
Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)
Hallie Jones, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)
Carissa Macia, Public At-Large Alternate (Recreation)
Dave Erickson (Alternate), Orange County Fire Authority

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Todd Lewis, California Department of Parks and Recreation

Michael Recupero, At-Large Public Director (Business)
Tom Maloney, Coastal Greenbelt Authority
Shelli Lamb, Southwest Resource Management Association

President LaMar introduced and welcomed Dr. Cascade Sorte, appointed by the University of California, Irvine to serve as their director replacing Travis Huxman. He also thanked the Board for their participation in the Strategic Planning Workshop this morning.

II. **Approve Minutes of the December 9, 2021 Meeting**

President LaMar called for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2021 quarterly meeting.

On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Secretary Mark Denny, the minutes of the December 9, 2021 meeting was approved with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

III. **Investment Report: 4th Quarter 2021**

Ali Nafii, Senior Vice President Portfolio Manager of Northern Trust, provided the Board of Directors a report on the 4th Quarter Investment positions of the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, Cowbird, and Pacific Pocket Mouse Custodial Funds.

IV. **Governance**

President LaMar announced that the Executive Committee, serving as the Nominations Committee, has prepared a slate of Public At-Large Directors and Alternates for Board consideration and action. Staff distributed ballots and tallied the results. Based on the votes of directors present, President LaMar congratulated and announced the names of the following individuals elected to serve:

Tom Eastman (Public At-Large Director, Environment)

Oscar Rodriguez (Public At-Large Alternate, Environment)

Michael Recupero (Public At-Large Director, Business)

Hallie Jones (Public At-Large Director, Recreation)

Carissa Macia (Public At-Large Alternate, Recreation)

V. **Financial Report: February 28, 2022**

President LaMar called on Vice President/Treasurer Diane Doesserich to provide the February 28, 2022 financial report. She referenced the Asset Report and reported that it reflects the down turn in the financial markets. She then invited the executive director to summarize the other aspects of the financial report.

Following the review President LaMar called for a motion to approve the Financial Report.

On a motion by Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich, which was seconded by Director Gardner, the February 28, 2022 financial report was approved unanimously.

VI. **Wildlands Report**

2021 Draft Nature Reserve of Orange County Annual Report.—2021 Draft Nature Reserve of Orange County Annual Report was introduced by Danny Fry, Science Coordinator and Wildland Fire Lead for NCC. Following the summary, Mr. Fry responded to questions.

President LaMar called for a motion to approve the draft annual report and send the document to the Wildlife Agencies for their review and comments.

On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Tom Eastman, the Draft 2021 NROC Annual Report was approved unanimously to be shared with the Wildlife Agencies.

Update: Emerald Fire (February, 2022).—Mr. Fry provided the Board a brief PowerPoint presentation of the extent and impacts of the Emerald Fire that burned a portion of the Coastal Reserve.

Update: Reserve Health Assessment Planning. – G. Mendel Stewart, NCC Natural Resource Management Coordinator, provided the Board a status report on the progress toward the development of a science-based and defensible ecological health assessment of the species and natural communities for which the reserve was established.

VII. **2021 Tax Return**

Executive director Sulentich called the Board's attention to the 2021 federal and state tax return included in the meeting packet. He invited questions from those in attendance.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

President LaMar invited committee chairs to update the Board on any significant or recent matters.

IX. **Executive Director's Report**

June Meeting Planning.—The executive director reported that traditionally June is the month the board participates in a field trip on the reserve. It's the hope of the Executive Committee and staff that the pandemic will be at a point where we can resume our field trip tradition in June.

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Updated Strategic Plan (Next Steps).—Executive Director Jim Sulentich thanked the Board for their participation in the morning’s Strategic Planning Workshop. He then summarized the next steps for Board review, input and approval.

X. Oral Communications

President LaMar invited meeting participants with questions on matters not part of the meeting agenda.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____
James Sulentich, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
President, LaMar