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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Minutes of Quarterly Meeting**

Date: June 16, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Zoom Meeting

I. Call to Order

The meeting was held via Zoom Conferencing.

President Steve LaMar called the meeting to order at 1:03 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
Will Miller, (Liaison) US Fish and Wildlife Service
Karen Drewe, (Alternate) California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Todd Lewis, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Tom Starnes, (Director) County of Orange
Jennifer Shook, (Alternate) County of Orange
Steve LaMar, (Director) Irvine Ranch Water District
Diane Doesserich, (Director) Metropolitan Water District
Douglas Feremenga, (Director) Transportation Corridor Agencies
Dean Kirk, (Alternate) Irvine Company
Nancy Gardner, (Director) City of Newport Beach
Thomas Eastman, At-Large Public Director (Environment)
Hallie Jones, At-Large Public Director (Recreation)
Carissa Macia, Public At-Large Alternate (Recreation)
Michael Recuperero, At-Large Public Director (Business)
Jennifer Bower (Director) Orange County Fire Authority
Tom Maloney, (Director) Coastal Greenbelt Authority

The following Directors were recorded as absent:

Ken Borngrebe, (Director) Southern California Edison
Cascade Sorte, (Director) University of California, Irvine
Scott Smith, (Director) City of Irvine
Shelli Lamb, (Director) Southwest Resource Management Association

President LaMar requested an amendment to the agenda to allow our guest presenters, Dr. Winston Vickers, DVM, and Justin Aaron Dellinger, Ph.D, to make their presentation to the Board of Directors on the status of the Whiting Ranch Wildness Park mountain lion project and the NCC funding.

II. **Approve Minutes of the March 17, 2022 Meeting**

President LaMar called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2022 quarterly meeting.

On a motion by Director Nancy Gardner, which was seconded by Vice President/Treasurer Diane Doesserich, the minutes of the March 17, 2022 meeting was approved with abstentions from those who were not present at the meeting.

III. **Investment Report: 1st Quarter 2022**

Dan Schoessow, Senior Vice President Portfolio Manager of Northern Trust, provided the Board of Directors a summary of recent economic history and future forecasts in addition to a report on the organization's 1st Quarter Investment status of the Endowment, Acquisition and Restoration, Cowbird, Funds, and Pacific Pocket Mouse Custodial Fund.

IV. **Financial Report: May 31, 2022**

President LaMar invited Vice President/Treasurer Doesserich to introduce the May 28, 2022, financial report. She summarized that the Asset Report reflects the Northern Trust forecast, and asked the executive director to provide an overview of the Disbursements and Deposits, and Profit and Loss statements.

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

On a motion by Director Gardner, which was seconded by Director Tom Starnes, the May 31, 2022, financial report was approved unanimously.

V. **Wildlands Report**

A. Update on the NCC-funded Mountain Lion Study

Winston Vickers, DVM, and Justin Aaron Dellinger, Ph.D., UC Davis
See Section I, for summary.

B. Results of the June 8, 2022 Recreation Ecology Workshop

Darin Loughrey, Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, NCC

Mr. Loughrey presented a summary of the outcomes to date from the multiple year recreation ecology study lead by Dr. Christopher Monz (Utah State University) and team members on behalf of NCC and its NROC partners.

VI. **Committee Reports**

President LaMar invited committee chairs to update the Board on activities or developments not reflected in the attached draft minutes.

VII. **Executive Director's Report**

Draft 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan Update.—The executive director called board members' attention to the draft strategic plan and the revisions and comments from the USFWS and board committees. He requested that board members give the draft plan a thoughtful review and email any recommendations to his attention for inclusion. He thanked the board for their participation in the March, 2022 workshop and the committees for their reviews.

Audit/Tax Firm Recommendation.—Executive Director Jim Sulentich reported that NCC staff and accountant completed the review, comparisons and interviews of audit and tax firms to replace our previous firm with which NCC had an exceptional working relationship for the last six year. Following a detailed review by the Audit Committee, the committee and staff recommend the Irvine-based CLA firm to the full Board for approval.

Following the report President LaMar called for a motion to approve the recommendation of CLA to serve as the organization's audit and tax preparation firm to begin November, 2022.

On a motion by Director Michael Recupero, which was seconded by Director Gardner, NCC was approved to engage CLA to begin work November 2022 as the organization's audit and tax contractor.

VIII. **Oral Communications**

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

IX. **Adjournment**

President LaMar announced that there an Outreach and Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled immediately following the Board meeting. He encouraged committee members and others interested to remain on the current Zoom meeting.

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There being no further business of the NCC Board of Directors the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, _____
James Sulentich, Executive Director

ATTEST: _____
President, LaMar