

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**23 February 2004**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Pellegrini  
Commissioner Curless  
Commissioner Fritzsche  
Commissioner Hunter  
Commissioner Ollivier

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. District Counsel reported the items of discussion: the Simpson Samoa lease, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations lawsuit, the August 2003 claim for damages by Ray and Barbara Vasconcellos, and the South Bay Marina lease.

Closed Session adjourned at 6:48p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Pellegrini at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. President Pellegrini asked Vee Sorenson to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported the following items were discussed during Closed Session: the Simpson Samoa lease, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations lawsuit, the August 2003 claim for damages by Ray and Barbara Vasconcellos, and the South Bay Marina lease. No action was taken on these items. District Counsel stated that Commissioner Hunter left the room during the discussion of the South Bay Marina lease.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Elsebusch commented about a mailing he received from "LNG Information", a group of community members supporting an independent study of an LNG facility on Humboldt Bay. Mr. Elsebusch stated the Board should be aware that these community members support the prospect of an LNG facility because it is his opinion that they have some monetary gain from the project. He also stated that in his opinion there is enough information already available to make the determination the LNG facility is not a good industry for Humboldt County.

Vee Sorenson stated she also received the mailing and immediately returned the post card stating her support of the independent study of the LNG facility on Humboldt Bay. She stated she is not suspicious of those people trying to enhance the economy of Humboldt County and does not support the idea of a conspiracy theory.

Penny Elsebusch stated that she felt the MOU that will be discussed at the Board of Supervisor's meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup> does not address navigation issues brought about by the location of an LNG facility on Humboldt Bay. She also stated that there are new rules and regulations concerning LNG facilities that have been issued by the US Coast Guard as part of Homeland Security.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.  
COMMISSIONER HUNTER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

**CEO REPORT**

- 2/11-13: CEO attended the CMANC winter meeting in Dana Point. Some of the topics discussed were O&M appropriations for maintenance dredging, the lack of funding for

various port projects around the state, federal regulations regarding copper in marina environments and the necessary monitoring, ports and their surrounding commercial real estate, and the needed collaboration with the Corps of Engineers on various dredging projects.

- 2/17: CEO met with Mike Knight, City of Eureka Public Works Director, regarding the maintenance dredging of Woodley Island Marina, the City's public marina and the Inner Reach. CEO also reported that Pacific Affiliates completed the final hydrographic surveying of Woodley Island Marina today.
- 2/19: EXPO organizational meeting was held.
- 2/26: EXPO exhibitors meeting will be held.
- CEO continues to work with Don Leonard of the Conventions and Visitors Bureau on the arrival of the cruise ship in August.
- Fields Landing Boat Yard replacement door parts are scheduled to be delivered approximately March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Fields Landing Boat Yard roof repair has been delayed due to inclement weather.
- CEO reported Ken Davlin, Oscar Larson & Assoc., would evaluate any structural damage caused by the failure of the back wall of the Travelift building. Mr. Davlin will submit a cost estimate to replace the back wall and repair any structural damage.
- CEO reported that this summer NOAA will re-deploy current meters in order to gain information to update current tables. Last year, current meters were deployed, but one came loose and was picked up on Samoa beach and one bottom-mounted meter was buried. CEO reported HSU's research vessel Coral Sea and Ken Bates, local fisherman, and the Harbor District are assisting NOAA in this project.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT:** None

#### **STAFF REPORT**

Administrative Assistant and District Treasurer presented the January 2004 Monthly Management and Treasurer's reports. Administrative Assistant read the FY 2004-05 Budget Schedule.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Curless reported he spoke at the Fortuna Rotary Club about current Harbor District issues.

Commissioner Fritzsche reported he was going to apply for a position on the California Coastal Commission. Commissioner Hunter asked if it was appropriate for an individual Board member to write a letter of support for Commissioner Fritzsche. District Counsel responded that it was appropriate for individual Board members to write letters of support. He also stated that the Board as a whole could not take action on a letter of support because it was not noticed on the agenda for this meeting.

President Pellegrini welcomed Will Edington of Edington, Peel and Associates who is the Harbor District's Washington DC lobbyist.

President Pellegrini also welcomed Wayne Heikkila, President of Western Fishboat Owner's Association (WFOA). She stated that WFOA represents the albacore tuna fishermen/boat owners, most if not all are family-owned small businesses and that currently the most pressing issue for this association is the information being published on the mercury levels in albacore tuna. Mr. Heikkila stated Oregon State University is currently studying levels of mercury in tuna and that initial findings are showing the levels to be low.

President Pellegrini stated the Board of Commissioners offers their condolences to the Westfall family on the passing of Mid Westfall.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**OTHER**

Will Edington spoke about the progress on the Board's 2004 legislative priorities. He reported that with the extreme budget cuts being made, many projects may not be funded at all.

Mr. Edington spoke on the process of obtaining the federal hopper dredge Wheeler to be kept in ready reserve in Humboldt Bay. The Wheeler could also replace the dredge Essayons, during 2007 when the Essayons is scheduled to be re-powered.

**NON-AGENDA:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR OFFICE SPACE ON WOODLEY ISLAND.**

COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR OFFICE SPACE ON WOODLEY ISLAND. COMMISSIONER HUNTER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS:** None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Ronald A. Fritzsche, Secretary

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