

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

11 October 2005

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Fritzsche
Commissioner Hunter

ABSENT:

Commissioner Ollivier
Commissioner Curless

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:10 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Pellegrini at 7:03 p.m. Roll call was taken. President Pellegrini asked Commissioner Fritzsche to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported on the items discussed during Closed Session including the dredge line easement, the LP tideland lease and Evergreen Pulp tideland lease but no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pete Oringer relayed his disappointment over Governor Schwarzenegger's veto of SB 792 that would have provided approximately \$5.1 million to the NCRA for needed rail improvements and administration. Mr. Oringer suggested that there may be another way to support the rail and asked the Commission and public for a discussion of alternatives.

Kaye Strickland agreed with Mr. Oringer but noted that Senator Chesbro's office had met with NCRA Chair John Woolley over the weekend and that the Harbor District should hold off on any response until the Senator and NCRA develop a new strategy.

Ken Davlin noted that this issue might be a good topic for the recently formed joint port/rail advisory committee.

Commissioner Fritzsche asked if Mr. Oringer was looking at a strategy that involved overturning the Governor's veto or another approach. Mr. Oringer responded that the Harbor District should support whatever strategy the Senator and NCRA develop.

Commissioner Hunter noted that it is a frightening thing that the Governor doesn't seem to get the goods movement potential in California or listen to his own staff's recommendations. Commissioner Hunter agreed that the best approach is to have the NCRA and our local legislators craft an approach that could then be supported by the Harbor District.

Kaye Strickland noted that Rudy Ramp said that the HCAOG is starting its transportation plan update process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMISSIONER FRITZSCHE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.
COMMISSIONER HUNTER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

CEO REPORT

- ∨ CEO reported that he, Commissioner Pellegrini and Hunter met Michael Walker, San Francisco representative of Senator Feinstein's office on October 5. Topics discussed included WRDA, MARAD grant, support for shoal management study, repair of riprap near Buhne Point and others. CEO took Mr. Walker on a tour of Humboldt Bay following the meeting.
- ∨ CEO noted the veto of SB 792.

- ✓ CEO noted that the Headwaters Board has accepted the \$200,000 grant application for the Redwood Dock Modernization Feasibility and Business Plan and will now begin processing the application.
- ✓ CEO reported that the \$150,000 State Port Security Grant scope of work has been accepted and that the final funding authorization is on the way.
- ✓ CEO reported that Harbor District staff set up a booth for the Harbor District's display at the October 8-9 Paddlefest event.
- ✓ CEO relayed a request from a boat yard tenant offering a donation of a small fishing vessel for use by the Harbor District as a monument or an out of the water interpretive display. The name of the vessel is the Sara K. Commissioner Hunter and Commissioner Fritzsche volunteered to be on a "Sara K Advisory Committee" to research the issue.

DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT

District Counsel reported he had nothing to report.

STAFF REPORT:

Chief Executive Officer noted that the annual audit of the Harbor District's 2004/05 finances has begun.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Fritzsche reported that he had staffed a booth at the Paddlefest on Sunday October 9, and was proud that the Harbor District was one of the primary sponsors of the popular 2-day event. Commissioner Fritzsche noted that Harbor District staff had set up the booth and Commissioner Hunter staffed the booth on Saturday. The weather was nice, the turnout was great and there were a lot of great exhibits.

Commissioner Fritzsche also reported that he had attended the most recent Gilbert Ichthyological Society meeting where the HSU grads outnumbered the OSU grads. One of the topics was the Green Sturgeon that frequents Humboldt Bay and local rivers. It was reported at the meeting that tagged Green Sturgeon have been tracked traveling from Washington State to the Klamath and back within a weeks time.

Commissioner Fritzsche also reported that the GIS posters of various Humboldt Bay physical and biological elements were popular at the Paddlefest and that the Harbor District should explore ways to sell them. President Pellegrini appointed herself and Commissioner Fritzsche to a "Poster Advisory Committee."

Commissioner Hunter reported on Saturday's Paddlefest events and noted that he had also received a lot of positive comments on the GIS posters produced by the Harbor District, particularly the historical series of high tide maps from 1913 to 1993. He also stated that the Harbor District's tide books were popular and that he was impressed with the kayak escape demonstrations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Port of Oakland Advisory Committee Update

Ken Davlin detailed the status of the various tasks that have been assigned to him by the Harbor District. These included:

1. Port of Oakland coordination: Mr. Davlin reported that the funds for this task are 93 percent expended and the accomplishments under this task have included working on the development of the Short Sea Shipping program between the two ports; developing port marketing info; writing and coordinating responses to the State of California's Goods Movement Action Plan; and making port information presentations to various State legislators, Chamber of Commerce and others.
2. Site visit to China: Mr. Davlin reported that Fred Chein is back from his trip to China and Mr. Davlin will make a presentation to the Board on his findings. That presentation will conclude that task.
3. Headwaters Grant: Mr. Davlin noted that he had recently completed the grant application to Headwaters for the preparation of a feasibility study and business plan

for the modernization of the Redwood Dock Marine Terminal. With the submission of the grant application, this task is also now complete.

Commissioner Hunter asked for more detail on the Port of Oakland Coordination Task. Mr. Davlin responded that this task is an ongoing process where benchmarks were difficult to identify because it covered a wide variety of activities that deal with overall coordination of national and international port marketing and project development between the two ports.

Commissioner Hunter also asked that Mr. Davlin make the presentation of the China trip soon. Mr. Davlin reported that he would make a presentation at the next Board meeting as well as provide a written report.

Commissioner Fritzsche suggested that since many of the tasks are complete, the Port of Oakland Advisory Committee should meet soon to determine the future needs of a consultant. Commissioner Fritzsche also suggested that it may be appropriate to give a general presentation to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors on the current status of port revitalization activities. Mr. Davlin agreed.

b) Long-Term Sediment Management Study Update

Chief Executive Officer noted that he will be working next week with representatives of the California Association of Port Authorities to consider resurrect a former proposal to develop legislation that would provide for a State share of federally authorized navigation projects such as the Long-term Sediment Management Study.

OTHER

1. Table Bluff Reservation – Wiyot Tribe Programs on Humboldt Bay.

Commissioner Pellegrini introduced Andrea Davis, Environmental Director for the Table Bluff Reservation. Ms. Davis thanked the Board of Commissioners for their interest and described the goal of her presentation was to foster an ongoing relationship with the Harbor District. Ms. Davis also complimented the Harbor District's Conservation Specialist, Jeff Robinson and Chief Executive Officer David Hull for their help on several projects. Ms. Davis made a short powerpoint presentation detailing the history and current Humboldt Bay activities of the Table Bluff Reservation of the Wiyot Tribe. Discussion topics included water quality monitoring projects; non-point pollution control projects at the reservation; the Indian Island Project; and the Indian Island Rookery Project. Ms. Davis noted that the Harbor District has provided valuable project support particularly on the Indian Island projects and supporting several funding requests to clean up and restore Indian Island.

Commissioner Fritzsche asked Ms. Davis about their water sampling program. Ms. Davis responded that there is a lot of coordination of this sampling program through the Sea Grant office and that the data is posted on the Sea grant website. The Board thanked Ms. Davis for her presentation.

NON-AGENDA:

Kaye Strickland noted that Melvin McKinney has done some research with Don Tuttle on the history of King Salmon Beach at Buhne Point and that there are many places along Humboldt Bay that need to be repaired due to erosion. Ken Davlin noted that Oscar Larson and Associates had worked on the dike breach project in North Bay and that it took more than 1.5 years to get an emergency Coastal Commission permit to repair the dike.

Commissioner Fritzsche asked the CEO to recount the Harbor District's involvement with the eroding rip-rap in Entrance Bay. CEO recounted that the rail operator is responsible for the maintenance of structures such as this but since the rail has been inactive, the Harbor District initiated discussions in 2003 to initiate repairs. It was determined that the rail operator had not done any maintenance on that section of the rip-rap since the early 1980's. Since 2003, the Harbor District has conducted field tours with representatives of the NCRA, US Army Corps of Engineers, City of Eureka and Humboldt Community Services District and requested support (and received it) from Congressman Mike Thompson. Since the rip-rap is not owned by the Corps, the Corps could

utilize a multi-year locally cost-shared program to assist in the repair, however, funding has not been available for this program for some time. More recently, it was determined that NCRA could use their consultants to assess the project and fund the repair if SB 792 were to pass. Since SB 792 was recently vetoed, the Harbor District has not had an opportunity to follow up yet with the NCRA to determine a new plan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Roy Curless, Secretary

Patricia L. Tyson, Admin. Assistant