

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

9 November 2006

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Ollivier

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Pellegrini at 7:00 p.m.

District Treasurer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel stated there was one item not listed on the meeting agenda for Closed Session. It was determined the Board of Commissioners would need to take immediate action on an issue subsequent to the posting of this meeting's agenda. During Closed Session the Board of Commissioners authorized staff to write a letter objecting to the Section 303(d) listing by the State Water Quality Resource Board of Humboldt Bay as impaired for dioxins and authorizing District Counsel to initiate legal action if necessary, but not before the decision is made by the Board.

District Counsel reported the Shelter Cove Fish Cleaning Station was discussed under Real Property Negotiations. No action was taken on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- CEO, Dockmaster, Bar Pilots and Coast Guard representatives met several times since the last Board meeting to discuss the security plan revisions for the Redwood Dock. The Bar Pilots will be the security officers for the facility. CEO stated there has been good cooperation with the Coast Guard on security plan updates.
- 10/31: CEO met with a consultant team at the Redwood Dock site for a tour of the premises.
- 11/6: President Pellegrini, Commissioner Hunter, CEO and a group of media representatives toured the maintenance dredge sites by pontoon boat and the dredge pipeline route by bus. Commissioner Hunter commended CEO and Commissioner Pellegrini for setting up the tour. He said it was informative and well organized and he felt the press afterwards was informative to the community. President Pellegrini said she felt the tour was important to the community at large. She also said Baykeeper Pete Nichols and fishermen Ken Bates and Aaron Newman also attended.
- 11/6: CEO took a committee of the Grand Jury for a tour of the Redwood Dock and Fields Landing Boat Yard facilities.
- 11/7-8: CEO met with Ken Davlin to review the RFQ for the Redwood Marine Terminal. CEO stated the Redwood Dock Advisory Committee was given a copy of the draft RFQ for comment.
- Dockmaster is readying for the maintenance dredging at Woodley Island Marina, which should happen in early January.
- CEO stated the Maintenance Department is preparing for this winter's crab season.
- CEO and Don Leonard have been updating cruise itinerary information.
- CEO was happy to report six washers and five dryers are working in the Woodley Island Laundry Room.

DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

District Treasurer reported the State Controller's Report for FY 2005/06 has been submitted. District Treasurer also stated the auditors have completed their fieldwork.

CEO introduced District Conservation Specialist, Jeff Robinson, who made a presentation on the Harbor District's new website, which went "live" prior to this meeting. Conservation Specialist introduced Doug Renwick, Copia Group, who provided the technical expertise and also Dan Yoshimoto, who provided the information and pictures of Humboldt Bay shells for the website.

President Pellegrini asked if sea surface temperatures and the wave buoy forecast could be added. She also suggested a recent article listing Humboldt Bay as one of the top destinations in the Western United States should be linked under "Recreation" on the website.

Commissioner Hunter stated the website will be ever-changing and asked if there was a procedure for receiving public comment. It was decided if a member of the public had a comment/suggestion about the website, it would be made first to the Board and then to CEO to forward to Conservation Specialist.

Commissioner Wilson asked if the contract with Copia Group included upgrades. Doug Renwick responded there are current plans to add "galleries", a "zoomifier" and other enhancements.

Commissioner Hunter asked Jennifer Savage, Arcata Eye, if the website will be helpful to her as a journalist. Ms. Savage stated the District's website is a vast resource of information, which she uses frequently.

CEO stated the species gallery on the website is the first of its kind for Humboldt Bay and will be extremely valuable for the numerous agencies who manage the bay's resources.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Curless said even though he does not have e-mail capability at home, he received a message through the Harbor District's website from an Army buddy he knew over 50 years ago. Commissioner Curless admitted maybe computers and e-mail are not so bad after all.

Commissioner Wilson reported he attended the Humboldt Bay Watershed Advisory Committee Round Up Restoration forum. He said discussion centered on restoration projects in the Humboldt Bay region and several projects, such as the Rocky Gulch Restoration project and the installation of fish-friendly tide gates, were highlighted.

Commissioner Ollivier said news from the state of Washington is small ports are being revived, railroads are handling cargo once again, and longshoremen are being hired.

Commissioner Ollivier reported he attended a NCRA meeting yesterday and met the new member of the NCRA Board, a Mendocino County Supervisor. NCRA was recently allotted \$7.4million from the California Transportation Commission to reopen the rail line from Shellville to Windsor. Commissioner Ollivier also reported NWP, the rail operator, deposited \$20,000 into the NCRA bank account to pay for staff expenses.

President Pellegrini reported she and CEO attended an Economic Development Administration (EDA) meeting where it was announced \$1.5 million has been allocated to Humboldt, Del Norte and Mendocino counties to help with the salmon disaster designation. There was discussion on how to prioritize spending the money and it was determined harbor improvement was the main priority. President Pellegrini said a harbor improvement proposal is due to EDA by the end of November.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hunter said he and Commissioner Curless, the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee, have narrowed down the list of names for the Strategic Plan committee and will present a final list to the Board in December.

Commissioner Hunter reported he and President Pellegrini, the Human Resources Advisory Committee, met with CEO to discuss staff structuring.

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT 03-03 TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME FOR *ZOSTERA JAPONICA* REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL ON INDIAN ISLAND.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT 03-03 TO CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME FOR *ZOSTERA JAPONICA* REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL ON INDIAN ISLAND. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF PERMIT 01-05 TO EUREKA WATERFRONT PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE EUREKA PIER PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER MOVED FOR THE EXTENSION OF PERMIT 01-05 TO EUREKA WATERFRONT PARTNERS, LLC FOR THE EUREKA PIER PROJECT. COMMISSIONER HUNTER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PERMIT AND AGREEMENT TO OPERATE BOAT RENTAL SERVICES WITH HUMBOLDT BAY SAILING COMPANY.

COMMISSIONER HUNTER MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF PERMIT AND AGREEMENT TO OPERATE BOAT RENTAL SERVICES WITH HUMBOLDT BAY SAILING COMPANY. COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

D. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2006-17 CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ESTABLISHING FINDINGS RELATIVE TO THE SHELTER COVE BREAKWATER REHABILITATION PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2006-17 CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND ESTABLISHING FINDINGS RELATIVE TO THE SHELTER COVE BREAKWATER REHABILITATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED.

Commissioner Wilson stated the report was very well done and he has recommended it to others to use as an example.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HUNTER – AYE
COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Roy Curless, Secretary

Patricia L. Tyson, Admin. Assistant