

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

26 July 2007

PRESENT:

Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Ollivier

ABSENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

President Curless called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 p.m.

President Curless led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Curless asked for a Moment of Silence for Jeff Robinson, Director of Conservation, who passed away on July 16, 2007.

District Counsel reported the Closed Session items as follows: Real Property Negotiations – Shelter Cove recreational property and Evergreen Pulp easement. No action was taken on these items.

Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Patti Tyson, Director of Administrative Services.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melvin McKinney commented on federal funding concerns.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

CEO REPORT

- Ø The memorial service for Jeff Robinson will be held on August 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the Wharfinger Building, Eureka. Commissioner Hunter reported a trust fund in the name of Karen Schubert, Jeff's wife, has been set up at Coast Central Credit Union. Commissioner Hunter donated his July District stipend check to the account. CEO stated the information regarding Jeff's memorial service will be listed on the Harbor District's website.
- Ø CEO reported Mark Wheatley, Department of Fish & Game, traveled to Portland, OR to give Jeff's talk on the Humboldt Bay Management Plan at the Coastal Zone 2007 conference in honor of Jeff. CEO thanked Mr. Wheatley for his efforts for Jeff and the Harbor District.
- Ø 7/23: The Strategic Plan Advisory Committee met.
- Ø 7/19: The Harbor Safety Committee met and listened to a presentation by PG&E on their wave energy project.
- Ø CEO stated many cards, letters, flowers and kind thoughts have been sent to the Harbor District in response to Jeff Robinson's passing. He said the tsunami room at this year's Humboldt County fair is being dedicated to Jeff's memory and suggested the Board of Commissioners appoint an advisory committee to consider the many suggestions for memorials in honor of Jeff. Commissioners Hunter and Wilson volunteered to serve on the advisory committee.

DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson attended the Reclamation District meeting regarding the levy rehabilitation project.

Commissioner Hunter reported he attended the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting where they discussed a CalTrans news release regarding the realignment of Highway 101 at Richardson Grove. Commissioner Hunter said the new Director of Maritime Commerce will speak to the Chamber Board next month and will likely visit other local service clubs.

Commissioner Ollivier reported Humboldt County Supervisor and NCRA Vice President John Woolley reported the California Transportation Commission voted to fund \$13.5 million to NCRA to complete repairs to the rail line between Windsor and Lombard, the southern extent of the rail line.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hunter reported he attended the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee meeting on July 23rd.

OTHER

Juli Neander, City of Arcata, gave a presentation on the McDaniel Slough Wetland Rehabilitation Project.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MAD RIVER BIOLOGISTS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE WETLAND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HUNTER MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH MAD RIVER BIOLOGISTS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE WETLAND DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED.

CEO reported Mad River Biologists would be one of the subcontractors working with Chad Roberts to complete a statewide effort to assess the quality and condition of coastal wetlands. CEO stated Jeff Robinson, Chad Roberts and Stephanie Morrissette of Mad River Biologists traveled up and down the coast making comparisons of wetlands, developing a wetland assessment baseline for the state.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF LETTER SUPPORTING H.R. 2758 ENTITLED THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OCEAN AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT.

COMMISSIONER WILSON MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF LETTER SUPPORTING H.R. 2758 ENTITLED THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA OCEAN AND COASTAL PROTECTION ACT. COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED.

Commissioner Hunter stated he was concerned with including the words "strong support" and "permanent" because the future of oil is so uncertain.

Commissioner Wilson said he supported the bill and it received unanimous support from the Board of Supervisors.

Melvin McKinney said with today's technology it should be already known whether there is oil off the coastline.

MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER HUNTER DISSENTING.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Ronnie Pellegrini, Secretary

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Patricia L. Tyson, Admin. Assistant