

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

11 October 2007

PRESENT:

Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Ollivier

ABSENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini

President Curless announced there would be no Closed Session meeting since District Counsel was out of town.

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

CEO led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Shannon Shearer said he is the owner of the *F/V Stephanie* and would like to discuss with the Board of Commissioners possible future commercial uses for the vessel. CEO reported that he has an appointment with Wilson Lacy on Monday.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- Ø 9/29: The Humboldt Bay Maritime Expo was the most successful Expo to date. CEO stated combining the Expo with Paddlefest and the City of Eureka's Coast Guard City Celebration was a winning combination, also the weather was beautiful!
- Ø 10/1: The Strategic Plan Advisory Committee met for their last committee meeting. The Board of Commissioners will discuss the Draft Plan at their November 8th meeting.
- Ø 10/2-5: The Pacific Coast Congress of Harbor Masters and Port Managers met at the Red Lion. Sixty harbor managers from as far away as Kodiak, Alaska attended the meeting hosted by the Harbor District. Dockmaster Suzie Howser is on the PCCs Board and received many thanks from the attendees for coordinating a valuable conference.
- Ø 10/3: CEO spoke at the CSDA Annual Meeting in Monterey. He was on a panel speaking about grant resources. Over the last five years, the Harbor District has obtained more than \$3 million in grant funding for several harbor, recreation and conservation projects.
- Ø District Planner Dr. Chad Roberts is the lead on the Wetlands Demonstration Project, currently assessing wetlands around Humboldt Bay. The bar pilots are piloting the pontoon boat, carrying the project team members to several of the assessment sites.
- Ø The signed agreement with State Lands for the Shelter Cove Breakwater Rehabilitation Project agreement has been received and CEO reported Moffatt & Nichols, engineering contractor, has been given the Notice to Proceed. He said construction will likely begin in Fall '08.
- Ø Director of Maritime Commerce is attending an AAPA conference in Virginia, where he will meet with other agency, port and shipping industry representatives.
- Ø TranSystems continues their work on the Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study. CEO stated a public outreach meeting will most likely occur at the December 6th Board of Commissioners meeting.

- Ø CEO reported he heard from Washington lobbyist Will Edington the Congressional Democrats are holding back the WRDA bill until a showdown has been played out over the children's health bill.
- Ø The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held October 23rd.

DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson reported he attended an Ecosystem-Based Management subcommittee meeting.

Commissioner Wilson attended the PCC conference. He said there was one session which centered on promoting boating and marina attractions for future sustainability. He said there was also valuable information on marina ADA-accessibility.

Commissioner Wilson said while at a recent Eureka concert, he met a Woodley Island tenant, who spoke very highly of the marina and staff.

Commissioner Wilson attended the North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Conference in Fortuna. He said there was sobering talk about global warming and sea level rise.

Commissioner Wilson said every Tuesday at 9 a.m. there will be a program on KHUM radio titled Trails Talk with the Humboldt Bay Trails Trust. He said he participated in the last one with Jen Rice, Mike Buettner and Rick Littlefield.

Commissioner Curless said he gave some opening remarks at the PCC conference.

Commissioner Curless reported he attended the North Coast Regional Integrated Water Management Conference as well.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hunter said he is excited about the public review of the draft Strategic Plan. He said the committee was a very strong, dedicated group of people and he applauds their dedication and enthusiasm.

Commissioner Curless said he too thought the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee was a great committee and appreciated the contribution of all the committee members. Ted Kuiper said he thought the public would find the Strategic Plan a very positive document.

OTHER

- Ø **Presentation on the Distribution and Abundance of Coho Salmon from Headwater to Estuary in Freshwater Creek, A Tributary to Humboldt Bay**
- Ø **Presentation on Juvenile Salmonid Use of the Tidal Portion of Humboldt Bay Tributaries**
- Ø **Presentation on Coho Salmon Acoustic Tagging Project**

CEO introduced Seth Ricker and Mike Wallace of the CA Department of Fish & Game and Bill Pinnix of the US Fish & Wildlife Service as the "movers and shakers" of local Coho salmon research. The Harbor District has participated through permitting and financing some of the research components. The three researchers presented a powerpoint presentation on each of their respective Coho research projects from the headwaters of Freshwater Creek through Humboldt Bay to the Pacific Ocean.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Board of Commissioners discussed the date for the second meeting in October. It was decided to move the date of the October 25th Board meeting to October 23rd.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Ronnie Pellegrini
Secretary
By Roy Curless, Board President

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Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services