

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

September 25, 2008

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Higgins

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

President Hunter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hunter announced there was no Closed Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Woody Murphy, owner of Humboldt Bay Forest Products, said he wanted to dispel rumors about the sinking of the fishing vessel *Allen Cody*, a historical Humboldt Bay whaling vessel. He said the vessel sank on Saturday, September 20th; Coast Guard and Fish & Game were helpful in raising the vessel and 2,100 gallons of oil and fuel have been recovered. Currently the total cost for this incident is approximately \$250,000. The present plan is to scrap the F/V *Allen Cody* and the F/V *Dennis Gale*, an identical vessel. Mr. Murphy originally purchased the vessels with the intent to display them in a maritime museum, but it has proven to be too expensive.

Presently all fluids have been removed from the F/V *Allen Cody* and it will be taken to the Fields Landing Boat Yard, hauled and destroyed.

Marcus Brown said he attended a model train convention in Portland. He found out the Harbor District owns one of the two roundhouses in California and the only wooden one. The District's roundhouse will be used as a model for a model train kit. Mr. Brown said he also was an "engineer for a day" on a model train in eastern Oregon.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

CEO REPORT

- ❖ 9/27: The Humboldt Bay Maritime Expo will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 10:30 a.m. the Coast Guard will dedicate an anchor to the Humboldt Bay Harbor District. The anchor was wrapped around Buoy #5 and when the USCGC *Aspen* pulled Buoy #5 up to relocate it they found the anchor attached. It has been concluded the anchor is from the era of 1860 – 1899.
CEO stated the Expo day agenda.
- ❖ Applications have been received for the Humboldt Bay Management Plan advisory committee. The Board of Commissioners will rank the applicants and a slate will be presented for approval at the October 9th Board meeting.
- ❖ CEO chaired Harbor Safety Committee meeting today. CEO introduced Gerry Wheaton, National Ocean Services (NOAA), and Al Storm, District's liaison with OSPR, who attended tonight's meeting.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

Director of Administrative Services apologized to the Board of Commissioners for the criticism they received from members of the public when the e-mail meeting agendas for the last Board meeting were not sent out in a timely fashion, even though the District had met its legal obligations for posting the meeting. Director of Administrative Services assured the Board every effort would be made to see that these courtesy e-mailings will be sent out at the beginning of the week prior to the Board meeting.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Hunter:

- ❖ Said he and his brother, owners of Eureka Ice and Cold Storage, are very concerned with the fishing community and how a closure of this business might affect them. He said they continue to work with the County and City on a resolution to the problem and will soon announce their plan to re-open the facility. He thanked Eureka City Manager David Tyson for his assistance.
- ❖ Reported he and Commissioner Higgins comprise the committee to research ways the Board of Commissioners meetings can be broadcast to the community, either live or 1-2 days delay.

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Addressed a "My Word" article written by Pete Nichols, Humboldt BayKeeper. She said she felt the reason Mr. Nichols is attempting to discredit Commissioner Hunter is to unseat him in the next election and damage the Harbor District's reputation.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Participated in the RREDC Board's search for a new Executive Director.
- ❖ Attended today's Coastal Conservancy meeting. Three projects for Humboldt County were approved.
- ❖ Said he believed Commissioner Hunter has the public's and fishermen's best interest at heart while trying to find a resolution to the seemingly insurmountable problem with the freezing method at Eureka Ice and Cold Storage, a valuable asset to Humboldt County.
- ❖ Proposed a standing committee on economic development to discuss how the Harbor District interfaces with land use around Humboldt Bay and how the District can assess economic development activities. He requested committee discussion and possible appointments at the next Board meeting.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Thanked Woody Murphy for his report and lauded his attempt to get the boats into a museum.
- ❖ Reported the 30th Annual Humboldt County Beer League Championship was held in Willow Creek.
- ❖ Reported the District's Director of Conservation attended the Ocean Protection Council meeting as the District is interested in potential efforts to collect fisheries research data. Since there could be a funding opportunity for this project, he suggested this be a discussion item on a future meeting agenda.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER

Presentation on potential Klamath Marine Sanctuary

Shaunna McCovey, Executive Director for the Yurok Tribe, and Mike Belchik, Senior Fish Biologist, spoke to the Board of Commissioners about a potential Klamath Marine Sanctuary, conceptual at this time. Mr. Belchik said there should be no undue affect on fisheries on the Klamath River; but the Yurok tribe is concerned with heavy industrial development off the coast (i.e. drilling, wave energy). Through the sanctuary, they hope to accomplish threat reduction of industrial development, bring in research dollars to the area, promotion of public education and outreach and a component for enforcement.

Ms. McCovey and Mr. Belchik then answered questions from the Board of Commissioners and the audience.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL BUSINESS PLAN AND GOLDMAN, SACHS CO. NEGOTIATIONS – NO ACTION.

David Elsebusch said he heard Mr. Alan Hemphill, at the last Board meeting, say NCRA has spent \$100 million of the taxpayers' money with nothing to show for it. He said he does not understand how the operator gets their money.

Richard Whaley asked what is happening with NCRA's legal issues. Commissioner Wilson responded the judge has postponed the proceedings and NCRA is in negotiations for a possible settlement.

B. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2008-13 WHICH ESTABLISHES FINDINGS RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION BY REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR THE WOOD CREEK ESTUARY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

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Don Allen, Redwood Community Action Agency, said the design phase is done on the project to construct a brackish marsh at maturity with tidal benches at Freshwater Slough.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HUNTER – AYE
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING PERMIT 08-01 TO REDWOOD COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR THE WOOD CREEK ESTUARY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

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MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

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

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Signature on File
Roy Curless
Secretary

Signature on File
Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services