

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

March 31, 2010

PRESENT:

Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Marks

ABSENT:

None

President Curless called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:05 p.m.

President Curless announced there was no Closed Session.

Director of Administrative Services led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Wilson asked for Item (f) to be pulled for further discussion.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF THE REMAINDER OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. COMMISSIONER MARKS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Item (f): Commissioner Wilson asked if Director of Maritime Commerce would be an appropriate appointment as the Harbor District representative on the Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area. CEO responded Director of Maritime Commerce could be the representative; however he does not have the historical knowledge CEO does. District Dockmaster is the co-chair of the committee.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF NOMINATION OF DAVID HULL AS HARBOR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE HARBOR SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY AREA. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

CEO REPORT

- ❖ 3/18: CEO Chaired the Harbor Safety Committee meeting.
- ❖ 3/22-25: CEO travelled to Washington DC to attend AAPA and CMANC conferences. While there he met with representatives from Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressman Thompson's offices. He said the main discussion point is to get Congress to view the maritime highway, roads and rail as all one system, not separate entities.
- ❖ 3/26: The Budget Committee met.
- ❖ The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the District's upland dredge disposal site is available for comment.
- ❖ 3/23: Director of Conservation attended the County Board of Supervisors meeting, where the Board approved the rest of the Headwaters funding for the socioeconomic impact assessment related to the MLPAL study.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ 3/20: She and her husband Paul celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary.
- ❖ The Humboldt County Women for Commercial Fishing is working on promoting Humboldt Wild Seafood and a party for local boat owners and crew members will be held on May 1st to celebrate the promotion of the local products.
- ❖ This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Pellegrini family fishing in Humboldt Bay.
- ❖ 3/31: A meeting will be held in San Francisco for local people to meet with Congressman Thompson regarding the possible closure of salmon season.
- ❖ Impact Assessment, the company collecting the socioeconomic impact information, will interview Paul Pellegrini in the new couple of weeks.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Stated he missed the last Humboldt Bay Symposium planning meeting.
- ❖ Reported he helped Friends of the Dunes on March 20 remove some of the 2,000 tires buried on their site to protect the bunker. The property is being readied for their bunker remodel.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Stated he bought a fishing license and went fishing.

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Thanked Commissioner Wilson for his "tireless" efforts on behalf of Friends of the Dunes.
- ❖ Met with Commissioner Curless and the District employee union representatives.
- ❖ Reported Freshwater Tissue still plans to open the mill later this year. Currently unemployed mill workers are working with Congressman Thompson's office and the Employment Development Department to expedite funds for retraining.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Stated he will be attending the upcoming wave energy committee meeting to explain the Board of Commissioners' previous action of filing as an intervenor and to support the wave energy project with some concerns.
- ❖ Attended the MPA committee meeting and heard the economic study will be full funded.
- ❖ Reported he and Commissioner Wilson will finalize the report to the Economic Development committee and have their last meeting on April 28. He said the report and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in May.

OTHER

CEO presented the new logo for the Humboldt Bay Symposium 2010, which is a modification of the logo from the Humboldt Bay Symposium 2008 by Gary Bloomfield.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 2010/11 Budget Workshop.

CEO gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Commissioners highlighting potential revenue enhancements and expense reductions. A \$0.50 per foot increase to Woodley Island slip fees was included to allocate to Fund Balance Reservations for future dredging expenses. He also discussed case histories of lost business opportunities due to the absence of the railroad.

Discussion was held regarding the railroad and the mud tax assessed on marina tenants and on Corps of Engineers channel maintenance funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Richard Marks
Secretary

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Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services