

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

August 26, 2010

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Marks

ABSENT:

None

President Curless called the Executive Closed Session to order at 6:05 p.m.

President Curless adjourned the Executive Closed Session to order at 6:59 p.m.

President Curless called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:08 p.m.

President Curless lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Russ Gans, in District Counsel's absence, reported on the Executive Closed Session as follows: Status of negotiations with the Harbor District labor union – Instructions were given to the negotiating team and no other action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Lyon said he is working to get a full-time dredge here, one that would be owned by the Harbor District, not the Corps of Engineers. He said there are people here who would donate money for this effort. Mr. Lyon also said the environmentalists need to prove what is wrong with bringing back the railroad. He said a team effort is needed and asked the Harbor District to get behind his efforts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ 8/23-24: All three TIGER II grants were submitted. Two previously submitted marine highway projects were conditionally approved.
- ❖ 8/25: Commissioner Pellegrini and CEO met with the Governor's Office on Economic Development in Sacramento on funding for the pulp mill. The Governor's Office has done all they can to help; now the focus is on federal lenders. Governor Schwarzenegger, Congressman Thompson and Senator Chesbro wrote support letters.
- ❖ CEO delivered a tideland lease application for the artificial reef to the State Lands Commission office while in Sacramento.
- ❖ Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers found a company in Harbor, Oregon to construct artificial reef modules, but found they were too expensive to purchase. Since the company already had two modules built, they are donating them to the Harbor District and will be placed on Woodley Island on August 31.
- ❖ Board consideration was previously given to purchase a compressor, but it was decided there was not enough use to justify the purchase. The main use is to put air in the Travelift tires. Director of Facility

Maintenance found a reconditioned one from the USCG for free, which is now installed and operational saving the District thousands of dollars per year in compressor rental.

- ❖ Through RCAA and CA Coastal Conservancy funds, dog waste stations were installed at King Salmon beach. Staff has received thanks from many King Salmon residents.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ 8/25: Commended staff for their efficiency and dedication of their educating the Governor's staff of the issues facing Humboldt Bay. She said when they met, the staff knew what the issues were and why it is important to keep Humboldt Bay viable. Many at the State level are working hard for the success of the pulp mill.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Had a meeting with District staff, Steve Spain and Andy Colonna on how to make easier the process of getting the recorded Board meetings on air.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Commended Commissioner Pellegrini and staff for working for the success of the pulp mill. He said short sea shipping is a real possibility and these are very positive avenues of growth for Humboldt Bay.
- ❖ Met with Stas Margaronis on his ship-building project for Fields Landing. He said the labor union are supportive.

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Said the ship-building project for Fields Landing would employ hundreds of people, but will take private funding to get started.
- ❖ Thanked Commissioner Pellegrini for traveling to Sacramento to lobby for the pulp mill and local workers.
- ❖ Said it was good to see a ship in port.

Commissioner Curless:

- ❖ Reported he attended his class reunion last weekend.
- ❖ This next weekend Fortuna will be the site of Hops in Humboldt.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Said the negotiations with the District's employee union are ongoing.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Said there is broad-based agreement for the "Emerald" array on the MLPA and it will likely be the array recommended for the Mendocino-Humboldt-Del-Norte area. He said there is a petition for Senator Chesbro to delay the MLPA decisions for six months.

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE DISTRICT SPONSORING AN IFQ WORKSHOP.

Commissioner Higgins said he has lined up several interested presenters to discuss fisheries management of groundfish and Amendments 20 and 21 of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan. He said the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center is available on November 6 for a half-day workshop. The rental is approximately \$275.

COMMISSIONER WILSON MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICT SPONSORING AN IFQ WORKSHOP. COMMISSIONER HIGGINS SECONDED.

Commissioner Wilson asked how much staff time would be involved. Commissioner Higgins stated he would need help with the programs and public service announcements.

Commissioner Pellegrini said she commended Commissioner Higgins' enthusiasm for this issue, but it is a coast-wide issue that has been ongoing for five years. The Harbor District is too small and it is too late to take up the charge now.

Commissioner Higgins said this is an important public service and no one is promoting public conversation. He said he would remove the motion from the table because he is being met with ingratitude. He is worried about the privatization of fisheries and as a community we should be worried about how fishing will be done in the future.

Commissioner Wilson said sponsoring a workshop is not the same as stating a position. He suggested the workshop be held in the Harbor District's meeting room at no charge.

Andy Colonna asked if there would be overlap with the MLPA. Commissioner Higgins said Pacific Fisheries Management Council sets the regulations for groundfish and rockfish and dictates those to the Department of Fish & Game, so there is no overlap.

Commissioner Marks said he did not have enough information to vote on the subject.

Commissioner Curless said he will support the workshop if it is held at the Harbor District. The other Commissioners agreed.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Signature on File
Richard Marks
Secretary

Signature on File
Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services