

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

July 14, 2011

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Marks

ABSENT:

Commissioner Curless

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

President Wilson asked former Commissioner Ron Fritzsche to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Bilderback, a member of the local longshoreman union, asked about the nature and scope of the TJS Leasing and Holding Company project at Redwood Marine Terminal. CEO responded the Board is at the beginning of the lease negotiations for log and lumber exports. The ERTN approved a six-month period for TJS to work out the details of their project and develop performance factors. The Board is not to the point of negotiating the actual lease with TJS. Commissioner Higgins said TJS made a public presentation to the Board during which they showed the company to be a key player with the Port of Astoria and proved to have the capital and capacity for their local project.

Ron Fritzsche said he recently traveled to Manzanillo, Mexico, the largest Mexican West Coast port. On the north end of the large bay is the port and the resorts are situated at the south end. There is virtually no unemployment and large numbers of the new houses and businesses. The Kansas City Southern Railroad feeds Mexico. Manzanillo also has a large mangrove swamp that is being bulldozed to make room for the increased port capacity. Dr. Fritzsche suggested the Harbor District's port associations develop a hemisphere-wide strategy to protect natural areas and utilize those ports that are already developed.

Damien Mooney asked what is the length of time TJS is asking for on their lease. CEO responded negotiations are not to that level yet.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ 6/30: Commissioners Wilson and Higgins, District Counsel and CEO met with representatives from the Timber Heritage Association regarding the ERTN on the Samoa Shops Complex.
- ❖ 7/4: CEO reported the fireworks show was a success and District staff did a great job on the presentation of Woodley Island, parking and overall crowd control.
- ❖ 7/11: The District's new Director of Conservation, Dan Berman, started work.
- ❖ 7/14: Commissioners Pellegrini and Higgins, CEO, Director of Conservation, Adam Wagschal and others attended the North Coast Local Agency Coastal Coordination Committee meeting. MPA and collaborative fisheries issues were discussed.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Reported Russ Frasier, a longtime employee of Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, passed away and a celebration in his memory will be held at the Mad River Community Center at 2:00 p.m. on July 17.
- ❖ Said Commissioner Curless and his wife, Laurada, are the Grand Marshalls of the Fortuna Rodeo Parade to be held at noon on Saturday, July 16.
- ❖ Attended the NCLACCC meeting. She said there was discussion on upland dredge disposal sites, permitting and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- ❖ Said she heard the celebration of Woodley Island Marina's 30th Anniversary was dropped due to a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Board and asked why.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Reported his salmon fishing on the Trinity River was unsuccessful.
- ❖ Stated there was good discussion at the NCLACCC meeting regarding fisheries data collection coordinated by the Harbor District.

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Said there has been a lot of activity lately increasing commerce through chip exports. He said he is a proponent of finished products out of raw resources.
- ❖ Reported he will be out of town during the time Woodley Island Marina's 30th Anniversary celebration was scheduled.

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2011-10 A RESOLUTION IN THE MEMORY OF DR. GEORGE ALLEN.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2011-10 A RESOLUTION IN THE MEMORY OF DR. GEORGE ALLEN. COMMISSIONER MARKS SECONDED.

CEO stated he was proud to be a part of presenting this resolution to Dr. Allen's family. He said Dr. Allen is the reason he is in his position today; Dr. Allen convinced CEO to come to HSU from Oregon. Dr. Allen, through his work at Humboldt State University, set many standards and baselines for ocean and estuary research.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER CURLESS – ABSENT
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS – AYE
COMMISSIONER MARKS – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

CEO presented the resolution to Mrs. Allen and her daughters, Stasia and Terrell.

Commissioner Higgins stated Dr. Allen's interest and enthusiasm never waned.

Todd Van Herpe said he was a student of Dr. Allen's and said he appreciated Dr. Allen's part in the "wastewater wars" that today ensures the health of Humboldt Bay.

Ron Fritzsche said he met Dr. Allen as an undergraduate in 1964. He said the importance of baseline knowledge of fisheries and Dr. Allen's extensive surveying pre-pulp mill demonstrates the fauna then and now. Dr. Allen's publication on the listing of fish in Humboldt Bay is the baseline used today. Dr. Fritzsche also said Dr. Allen highlighted the contribution of women to fisheries. He said "We will all miss George, but will all still 'flush with pride'".

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

President Wilson adjourned the Executive Closed Session at 8:14 p.m.

President Wilson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 8:14 p.m.

CEO reported the Executive Closed Session as follows: Conference with Real Property Negotiator regarding potential lease terms of District property to Timber Heritage Association, potential lease terms of District property to TJS Leasing and Holding Company and potential lease terms of District property to Taylor Mariculture, Inc. – No action taken.


The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Ronnie Pellegrini, Secretary

RECORDED BY:



Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services