

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

January 8, 2026

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District met in regular session on the above date, Regular Session met at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodley Island Marina meeting room, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501.

CLOSED SESSION – CANCELLED

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BENSON
 DALE
 KULLMANN
 NEWMAN
 NORTON

ABSENT: NONE

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: No reportable action.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

COMMISSIONER DALE MOVED TO KEEP OFFICERS THE SAME FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026:
STEPHEN KULLMANN CHAIR, CRAIG BENSON VICE CHAIR AND AARON NEWMAN SECRETARY.
COMMISSIONER NORTON SECONDED.

VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following individuals addressed the Commission regarding subject matters not on the regular session meeting agenda: No one.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Adopt Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on December 11, 2025
 - b) Approval of Employment Contract Extension/Amendment for Executive Director
- COMMISSIONER DALE MOVED ACCEPT CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A-B.
COMMISSIONER NEWMAN SECONDED.

Adopted Minutes for January 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.
Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON
Noes: NONE
Absent: NONE
Abstain: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Correspondence Received
 - I. None received.
- b) Executive Director's Report
 - I. Executive Director presented Executive Director's report.
- c) Staff Reports
 - I. District Staff presented a report.
- d) District Counsel Report
 - I. No report.
- e) District Treasurer Report
 - I. No report.
- f) District Engineer Report.
 - I. No report.
- g) District Planner Report
 - I. No report.
- h) Commissioner and Committee Reports
 - I. Commissioners reported on recent activities and subcommittees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **Receive Status Update Regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project**
 - I. District Staff presented the item.
 - II. The Commission discussed the item.
 - III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. Colleen Clifford, Amy Jester and Kerry Venegas commented.
 - IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.
 - V. Discussion item only, no formal action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-01, A Resolution Designating Business Matters, Appointment and Authorization for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District for Calendar Year 2026**
 - I. Executive Director presented the item.
 - II. The Commission discussed the item.
 - III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. No one commented.
 - IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER DALE MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-01, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BUSINESS MATTERS, APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

b) Consider authorizing the execution of a Municipal Finance Equipment Lease – Purchase Agreement with Ford Motor Credit for the acquisition of Two (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Fleet Trucks for District Facilities Operations

- I. Executive Director presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. Carla Osborn commented.
- IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER BENSON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL FINANCE EQUIPMENT LEASE WITH FORD MOTOR CREDIT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO 2026 FORD F-150 FLEET TRUCKS.

COMMISSIONER NORTON SECONDED.

VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Noes: BENSON

Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

c) Consider Authorization of an Amendment to Contract Between The California Public Employees' Retirement System and The Board of Commissioners of The Humboldt Bay Harbor Recreation and Conservation District by Adopting Resolution 2026-02

- I. Executive Director presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. No one commented.
- IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER NORTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2026-02.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

d) Consider Adopting Resolution 2026-03: Establishing Findings Relative to Harbor District Permit 2025-05 for the CalTrout Elk River Estuary Restoration Project; Making CEQA Responsible Agency Findings; and Approving Permit 2025-05 with Conditions

- I. District Planner presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Kullmann opened the item to public comment. Andrea Hilton commented.
- IV. Chair Kullmann moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER NEWMAN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2026-03 ESTABLISHING FINDINGS RELATIVE TO HARBOR DISTRICT PERMIT 2025-05 FOR THE CALTROUT ELK RIVER ESTUARY RESTORATION PROJECT; MAKING CEQA RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS; AND APPROVING PERMIT 2025-05 WITH CONDITIONS INCLUDING CHANGING ITEM NUMBER 4 IN THE TERMS AND CONDITONS TO A TEN (10) YEAR TERM.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, KULLMANN, NEWMAN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

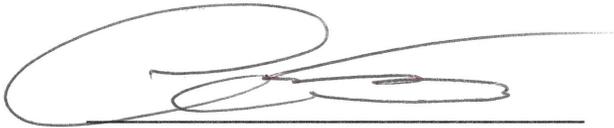
Absent: NONE

Abstain: NONE

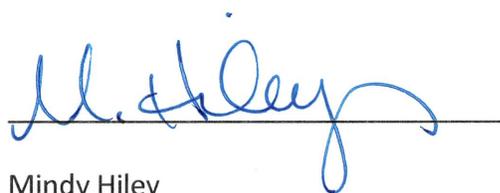
ADJOURNMENT – 7:37 P.M.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:



Aaron Newman
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners



Mindy Hiley
Director of Administrative Services