

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

**25 September 2003**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Pellegrini  
Commissioner Curless  
Commissioner Fritzsche  
Commissioner Ollivier

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner Hunter

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. District Counsel reported the items of discussion: Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations lawsuit and the August 2003 claim for damages by Ray and Barbara Vasconcellas.

Closed session adjourned at 6:42p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice-President Fritzsche at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken. Vice President Fritzsche led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported the following items were discussed during Closed Session: Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations lawsuit and the August 2003 claim for damages by Ray and Barbara Vasconcellas. No action was taken.

Vice President Fritzsche stated that an item of Unfinished Business would be taken out of order.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2003-07 COMMENDING DAVID MCGINTY.**

Commissioner Fritzsche read the resolution commending David McGinty for his 39 years of service to the City of Eureka. During Mr. McGinty's tenure, he worked on several waterfront and harbor area projects consistent with the mission of the Harbor District.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2003-07 COMMENDING DAVID MCGINTY. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED. ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE  
COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE  
COMMISSIONER FRITZSCHE – AYE  
COMMISSIONER HUNTER – ABSENT  
COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER – AYE

Commissioner Fritzsche presented Mr. McGinty with his framed resolution. Mr. McGinty thanked the Commissioners and expressed his appreciation that he was able to be a part of so many worthwhile projects during his career.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kaye Strickland asked if a new date had been set for the representatives of the Port of Oakland to visit the Port of Humboldt Bay. Commissioner Ollivier responded that Tay Yoshitani and other Port of Oakland representatives would be here on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Melvin McKinney asked about the status of the Humboldt Bay Management Plan and if there were plans to obtain additional funding for the report.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

COMMISSIONER CURLLESS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR.  
COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

### **CEO REPORT**

There was no CEO report since he was absent.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT:** None

**STAFF REPORT:** None

### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Pellegrini reminded everyone that the Humboldt Bay Maritime Expo will be held on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm. The main purpose of the Expo is to honor the Coast Guard and local fishermen and will include activities such as Celebrity Chef Salmon Barbeque, tour of the USCG Buoy Tender Aspen and many others.

Commissioner Curless stated he is looking forward to the Celebrity Chef Salmon Barbeque so he can show off his secret salmon recipe.

Commissioner Ollivier reported on the Port of Oakland representatives' visit to the Port of Humboldt Bay on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Fritzsche reported that he attended the Gilbert Ichthyological Society meeting at the Newport Hatfield Marine Science Department. Discussion included the impact on fish of placing pilings in the water and the impact on fish habitat by Remotely Operated Vehicles.

Commissioner Fritzsche reported that the Mariculture Monitoring Committee meeting September 10<sup>th</sup> and there were several reports, both written and oral, that were discussed. The Annual WRAC report was presented; the preliminary report on the study of the effects of eelgrass on salmonids in Humboldt Bay to date reporting the absence of salmonids in the eelgrass beds was discussed; Susan McBride presented her report which surveyed the interaction of juvenile rockfish and eelgrass; and Bryant Chesney reported on NMFS's responsibility to make recommendations based on very little information.

Commissioner Ollivier asked Commissioner Fritzsche if there has been any change in the abundance of eelgrass in Humboldt Bay in the last ten years. Commissioner Fritzsche reported there has been no change.

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Fritzsche reported he and Commissioner Curless, the Finance Advisory Committee, met to discuss the Scope of Duties for the Treasurer. Slight modifications were made to the Scope that was presented at the last meeting and will be before the Commissioners for consideration tonight.

**OTHER:** None

### **NON-AGENDA**

Kaye Strickland asked when the Humboldt Bay Management Plan would be ready.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**B. CONSIDERATION OF SCOPE OF WORK FOR TREASURER SERVICES AGREEMENT.**

COMMISSIONER CURLLESS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE TREASURER SERVICES AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED.

David Elsebusch asked if there was an hourly rate. Commissioner Fritzsche responded that the annual cost to the Harbor District would not exceed \$24,000 as written in the agreement. Mark Wetzel stated that the billings would continue as they are now in that a detailed reporting of the hours and hourly rate of pay for the individuals performing accounting services would be presented monthly for payment.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING FOR FILING PERMIT NO. 2003-05 TO NAIM AND LOUISE OBEJI FOR THE RENOVATION OF BOAT LAUNCHING AND MARINA FACILITIES AT EZ LANDING.**

COMMISSIONER CURLLESS MOVED FOR ACCEPTING FOR FILING PERMIT NO. 2003-05 TO NAIM AND LOUISE OBEJI FOR THE RENOVATION OF BOAT LAUNCHING AND MARINA FACILITIES AT EZ LANDING. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED.

Commissioner Curless stated he felt the completed permit application was not clear enough as to the detail of the dock location, number of piles to be driven, and eelgrass mitigation, but is very happy the work is being done.

District Counsel stated the permit application is not specific enough on the detail of the work to be done in the water in the way of the dock specifics, ramp and pilings location, etc. Staff was directed to request a supplement to the application that would answer in detail the questions of the Board and District Counsel.

COMMISSIONER CURLLESS AMENDED HIS ORIGINAL MOTION AS FOLLOWS: ACCEPT FOR FILING PERMIT NO. 2003-05 TO NAIM AND LOUISE OBEJI FOR THE RENOVATION OF BOAT LAUNCHING AND MARINA FACILITIES AT EZ LANDING AND THEN REFER THE PERMIT APPLICATION TO CEO AND DISTRICT COUNSEL TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAIL. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Signature on File  
Ronnie Pellegrini, Secretary

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Signature on File  
Patricia L. Tyson, Admin. Assistant