

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

2 December 2004

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Fritzsche

ABSENT:

Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Ollivier

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:46p.m.

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

District CEO reported that during Closed Session the Kuiper mariculture leases, Humboldt Bay Forest Products lease, Louisiana-Pacific tideland leases, Fur Breeders lease and Woodley Island Marina slip rentals were discussed, but no action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Elsebusch suggested the newly formed Rail and Port Infrastructure Task Force is duplicating efforts of the Harbor District and that the two should combine forces.

Moss Bittner stated there is a meeting in Oakland on December 8 & 9 regarding congestion and clean air issues relevant to the Bay Area and Port of Oakland. He suggested that representation from the Harbor District would be beneficial.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Fritzsche asked for clarification of the items of closed session and to make clear that Commissioner Curless's final motion under the discussion of the Mills Act, a New Business item, was to restate his original motion to oppose the Mills Act.

COMMISSIONER FRITZSCHE MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR AS AMENDED. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

CEO REPORT

- v Congress passed the Omnibus Bill. The Corps of Engineers received \$2.864 million for O & M of Humboldt Bay, although \$5.5 million was requested. The bar and entrance to Humboldt Bay will be dredged, but not the inner channels. It is estimated that \$6.03 million will be requested for Federal FY 2006 to cover the additional dredging necessary to make up for the dredging not approved in 04/05. \$123,000 was approved for the study of long-term shoaling, although \$200,000 was requested. Also, the idea to bring the dredge Wheeler to Humboldt Bay for storage was dropped at the Federal level. Congress did not pass a WRDA this year, which included the provisions to eliminate restrictions on the dredges that maintain Humboldt Bay. TEA-21 was again not reauthorized by Congress. Amending the Passenger Services Act to assist the Port of Humboldt Bay in attracting cruise ships was not even introduced in the last legislative session. CEO noted however that Senator's Boxer, Feinstein and Representative Thompson have all worked hard on the above issues.
- v A luncheon honoring several Corps of Engineers employees who are retiring will be held on December 16th.

- √ 12/16: The County's Notice of Preparation of a Draft Program EIR for the County's redevelopment plan and Scoping meeting will be held.
- √ Ongoing efforts to obtain the various permits required for the maintenance dredging of Woodley Island Marina and several Eureka sites.

DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

President Pellegrini reported that she participated in a mock parent policy council for North Coast Children Services, which served to train incoming parent policy council representatives for the Head Start program. She stated her oldest daughter was a Head Start student and that it was enjoyable to be on the other side of the table. President Pellegrini wishes the program and its participants well.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AND LESSOR'S CONSENT FOR ASSIGNMENT OF FUR BREEDER'S AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE TIDELAND LEASE TO HUMBOLDT BAY FOREST PRODUCTS.

President Pellegrini stated that she pulled this item from consideration due to the need for further information. This item will be brought back to the Board of Commissioners on December 16th.

B. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATING RON FRITZSCHE TO SERVE ON THE MLPA STATEWIDE INTERESTS GROUP.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED TO NOMINATE RON FRITZSCHE TO SERVE ON THE MLPA STATEWIDE INTERESTS GROUP. COMMISSIONER FRITZSCHE SECONDED.

CEO reported that this Blue Ribbon Task Force of the Marine Life Protected Areas will review statewide issues and is intended to be made up of representatives from varying geographical areas.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Signature on File
Ronald A. Fritzsche, Secretary

Signature on File
Patricia L. Tyson, Admin. Assistant