

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

**13 April 2006**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Curless  
Commissioner Pellegrini  
Commissioner Wilson  
Commissioner Ollivier

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner Hunter

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Pellegrini at 7:02 p.m.

President Pellegrini led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported on the items discussed during Closed Session: real property negotiations on the South Bay portion of Harbor District property in Fields Landing, Samoa Shops property and negotiations with the employee union. No action was taken on the items of discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR.  
COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

**CEO REPORT**

- ✓ 3/28-29: California Dept. Fish & Game Oil Spill Prevention Response held a summit meeting in Sacramento. It was a venue for the chairs of the individual Harbor Safety Committees to meet and compare each Safety Committee's programs and discuss changes in the State statute that originally created Harbor Safety Committees.
- ✓ 4/2-4: CEO attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual China Conference held in Oakland. The conference was co-sponsored by the Port of Oakland.
- ✓ CEO reported the Draft EIR for the Humboldt Bay Management Plan was distributed today. The comment period runs from April 14 – May 29. Hard copies to read are available at all local libraries and CDs and hard copies may be purchased at Kinko's.
- ✓ CEO read an e-mail message from USEPA commending the Harbor District for their fruitful collaboration on the Humboldt Bay Management Plan.

**DISTRICT COUNSEL'S REPORT:** None

**STAFF REPORT:** None

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Curless reported there are two new Fortuna Council Members, John Campbell and Patrick Whitchurch, and one re-elected Council Member, Dean Glaser.

Commissioner Wilson stated he attended a Humboldt Bay Trails Trust mixer.

Commissioner Wilson stated he received a copy of a letter written by President Pellegrini to many state legislators in support of a West Coast salmon fishery disaster. He said he felt humans caused the problem; therefore, there should be a human resolution.

Commissioner Ollivier stated he talked with Rich Trygar, formerly with Westfall Stevedore, and he was satisfied working with SSA.

President Pellegrini stated she was not at the last Board meeting because her oldest daughter turned 16.

President Pellegrini reported crab season is winding down since the largest local buyer is not buying product any longer. She said it is imperative a solution is found for the dwindling commercial salmon season. The local fishermen are being hurt financially.

President Pellegrini reported she was the opening speaker at a leadership conference for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at HSU sponsored by 4-H. She said there were about 100 kids in attendance.

President Pellegrini stated she had made the last of her China Trip presentations.

President Pellegrini clarified the difference between the current Corps of Engineers maintenance dredging of the bar, entrance and inner channel and the maintenance dredging of Woodley Island Marina and several City of Eureka waterfront sites that is expected to start in November 2006. Several people, including the media, have asked questions about the dredges currently working in Humboldt Bay. CEO stated the dredges would be in Humboldt Bay until April 21<sup>st</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>. The dredge Yaquina has been reassigned from the inner channel to the middle ground of the entrance so the dredge Essayons can concentrate on the bar and entrance. The severity of the storms in the last couple of months has created more shoaling in the entrance than the original surveys showed that were taken at the end of January.

#### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Pellegrini stated Commissioner Hunter is recuperating from a surgical procedure and she wished him a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Wilson reported he met with Commissioner Hunter, Conservation Specialist and Doug Renwick of CopiaGroup to discuss ways to reformat the District's website. Public comments for improvements to the site are being accepted.

Commissioner Wilson said he and Commissioner Hunter, the Advisory Committee Advisory Committee, continue to meet to discuss formats and standards for the Board's committees.

##### **a) Port of Oakland Advisory Committee Update**

CEO reported he met with Port of Oakland representatives while he was in Oakland for the China Conference. CEO read a portion of a letter from the Port of Oakland stating that the Port of Oakland Board would like the Harbor District Board to visit the Port of Oakland for further discussion of the MOU between the two ports. CEO also read a portion of another letter from the Port of Oakland detailing the Port of Oakland's support of container barge service between the two ports has been established through the Short Sea Shipping Project.

CEO also reported that Jerry Bridges, Port of Oakland, is on the AAPA Board of Directors. Mr. Bridges attended a committee meeting on legislative policies and carried the request for the removal of the Corps' dredges restriction.

Commissioner Wilson asked CEO how much the Short Sea Shipping grant is. CEO responded \$276,000.

##### **b) Long-Term Sediment Management Study Update: None**

## **OTHER**

### **Humboldt County Infrastructure Projects Update**

Kirk Girard, Director of Community Development Services for the County of Humboldt, spoke to the Board of Commissioners about the current issues common to both the County and the Harbor District: 1) the General Plan update and the infrastructure concerns for future development; 2) Redevelopment Agency; 3) the efforts to permit the town of Samoa; and 4) large truck access on Highways 299 and 101.

Commissioner Ollivier asked Mr. Girard about the cost of the sewer system projected on Samoa. Mr. Girard responded \$2-4 million is estimated in the Samoa Town Master Plan.

Marcus Brown asked if the Hammond railroad site was part of the Samoa Town Master Plan. Mr. Girard answered the railroad site is actually outside of the Master Plan project.

Melvin McKinney asked about the Lidar technology, showing houses in the timberlands. Mr. Girard stated Lidar imagery was used in urban areas for topographical detail.

Penny Elsebusch asked if there would be any workshops for special districts prior to the May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting on the County's Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Girard stated there would be two meetings, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Andy Colonna asked about the difference between the Humboldt Bay Management Plan and the County's General Plan relative to the laws that manage both and whether there has been a coordinated effort between the two. Mr. Girard responded that each have different charters and land use authority. He said the Harbor District's charter drives the Humboldt Bay Management Plan but there is overlapping jurisdiction between the Management Plan and the County's General Plan.

**NON-AGENDA:** None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY FY 2006/07 BUDGET.**

CEO reported the budget presented at this meeting is the same budget presented at the last meeting, with a few notable exceptions – grant revenues and expenses are included and the Fund Balance Reservations chart was revised to include a "Totals" column.

District Treasurer stated the Fund Balance Reservation Totals column equals approximately \$3.6 million.

Commissioner Wilson asked if there would be any more budget workshops. CEO replied the adoption of the preliminary budget starts the clock on the public review time.

Commissioner Wilson said that he did not feel the money received from Louisiana-Pacific for the Chemical Dock should be in the category of Marine Terminal Improvements since there has not been a feasibility study done showing the project would be worth pursuing. He asked if there is a General Fund category the money could be put in. CEO replied the Marine Terminal Improvement category is a placeholder for the money and the Board of Commissioners has the discretion to put the money in the account they feel is appropriate.

Commissioner Wilson asked if it is safer to have the money allocated to a specific account than to leave in Unrestricted Funds. CEO replied that it is more appropriate because it takes Board approval to remove it from a fund reservation. Also, CEO stated, because the money was received from a tideland dock acquisition, the money should be spent on a tideland project. Commissioner Wilson suggested the money should be distributed between all tideland categories. CEO said the Marine Terminal Improvements category applies to all docks owned by the Harbor District and the Harbor Improvement category is for projects such as shoal management.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to leave the Louisiana-Pacific money where it is for now and to consider a change in the future.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY FY 2006/07 BUDGET. COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED.

David Elsebusch asked if it was expected there would be any other changes to the budget. He thanked the Board of Commissioners for the clarification of the Fund Balance Reservations.

Commissioner Wilson said that conservation and recreation have 3% each of the Fund Balance Reservations and he would like to see more allocated to each category.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING FOR FILING PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 06-01 BY COAST SEAFOODS TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE DREDGING ACTIVITIES.**

CEO reported this is the first step in the permit process. He said 3,800 cubic yards of material would be removed by a clamshell excavator and transported to an upland disposal site.

President Pellegrini said it is ironic that this project will most likely be permitted before the Harbor District's maintenance dredging project since the Coast Seafoods site was originally part of the Harbor District's/City's project.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED TO ACCEPT FOR FILING PERMIT APPLICATION NO. 06-01 BY COAST SEAFOODS TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE DREDGING ACTIVITIES. COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

### **B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2006-03 AUTHORIZING DAVID HULL, PATTI TYSON AND SUZIE HOWSER TO ACQUIRE FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY.**

CEO stated every three years, the California State Agency for Surplus Property requires an updated resolution from the Board of Commissioners authorizing the staff listed to purchase surplus property. CEO said the surplus property yard is in Sacramento and when he is down there, he frequently drives through to see if there is any equipment the Harbor District may be interested in purchasing. A security cart was purchased through this program for \$50 several years ago.

COMMISSIONER OLLIVIER MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2006-03 AUTHORIZING DAVID HULL, PATTI TYSON AND SUZIE HOWSER TO ACQUIRE FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCY FOR SURPLUS PROPERTY. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED.

David Elsebusch asked if the CEO had a limit of his purchasing authority. It was explained that CEO had a limit of \$500 without Board authorization and also the budget included authorized purchases.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Commissioner Pellegrini – Aye  
Commissioner Curless – Aye  
Commissioner Wilson – Aye  
Commissioner Hunter – Absent  
Commissioner Ollivier – Aye

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS:** None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

\_\_\_\_Signature on File\_\_\_\_\_  
Roy Curless, Secretary

\_\_\_\_Signature on File\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia L. Tyson, Admin. Assistant