

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

May 14, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Hunter

The Closed Session was called to order at 6:08 p.m. Closed Session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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

Melvin McKinney led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported on the items discussed during Closed Session: Status of negotiations with the Harbor District employee union and Real Property Negotiations regarding the Timber Heritage Association and Freshwater Pulp Leases. No action was taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melvin McKinney reported PG&E will have a wave action meeting on May 18. He asked if PG&E had approached the Harbor District to discuss the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ 5/1: Installation of the current meter at Fairhaven dock has been completed. The meter will not only track currents but also will record any tsunami currents.
- ❖ Harbor District maintenance staff has been busy at Fields Landing Boat Yard.
- ❖ Maintenance staff went to Shelter Cove today to do the annual pre-fishing season maintenance repairs on the boat launch and fish cleaning station. This work is coordinated with the work done by the Resort Improvement District.
- ❖ 5/13: The Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee met.
- ❖ 5/11: The first North Coast Local Interest Marine Protected Area Workgroup Meeting was held.
- ❖ 5/12-14: CEO chaired and coordinated the California Maritime Leadership Symposium held in Sacramento. President Hunter gave a presentation on the Humboldt Bay Harbor District and Commissioner Wilson also attended. As Chair of CMANC, CEO was presented a resolution congratulating CMANC on fifty years by Sen. Lowenthal.
President Hunter stated he was impressed with how knowledgeable the maritime industry is of Humboldt Bay and he said this is due to the CEO's presence at these meetings. He said the CEO has worked very hard and it has paid off throughout the State.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

Director of Administrative Services reported she and Harbor District Clerk attended the California Maritime Leadership Symposium to staff the registration table and to assist the CEO and others.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ 5/19: PG&Es wave energy meeting will be held at the Wharfinger Building.
- ❖ 5/11: Attended the community MLPA work group meeting. A subsequent meeting will be held on June 1 at 3 p.m.; venue will be announced.
- ❖ 5/13: Attended the Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting; recreation was the topic. The next meeting will focus on harbor issues.
- ❖ Took the on-line class for ethics training on the Fair Political Practices Commission website and received her completion certificate.

Commissioner Curless:

- ❖ Attended the Fortuna High School scholarship dinner. He said \$20,000 in scholarships was awarded to several students.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Attended the California Maritime Leadership Symposium and reported on the valuable information he gleaned from several speakers and one-on-one conversations with other attendees.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Reported on the recent MLPA meeting, where there was wall-to-wall people. He said Commissioner Pellegrini chaired the highly productive meeting and there was consensus the process for determining areas of closure are not adequate and many are concerned with the outcomes. The next meeting will be held on June 1st.
- ❖ The Economic Development Committee meeting focusing on harbor and infrastructure needs was held on May 27th and was also very productive.

Commissioner Hunter:

- ❖ Reported on his participation at the California Maritime Leadership Symposium. He said the overall message of the symposium was all the California ports are ready and available to help each other. Many of the ports are facing the same issues as Humboldt Bay, but are expanding because there will be a need in the not too distant future. Commissioner Hunter complimented staff for their work at the symposium.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-05 TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT.**

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-05 TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFONRIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED.

CEO reported this grant would provide a storage trailer on Woodley Island for oil spill response equipment.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Commissioner Pellegrini – Aye
Commissioner Curless – Aye
Commissioner Wilson – Aye
Commissioner Higgins – Aye
Commissioner Hunter - Aye

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LES FERNANDES, DBA *FISH ON BAIT, TACKLE AND CHARTERS* TO OPERATE A CHARTER SPORTFISHING BUSINESS FROM WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA.

CEO reported the North Coast will be only place in the State for salmon fishing for ten days at the end of August. Many charter operators have called to inquire about moorage. CEO said staff has been working with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Main Street on advertising for this event.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF FOR THE APROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH LES FERNANDES, DBA *FISH ON BAIT, TACKLE AND CHARTERS* TO OPERATE A CHARTER SPORTFISHING BUSINESS FROM WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA. COMMISSIONER HIGGINS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF TRAVEL EXPENSES AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE DISTRICT'S DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA RAPID ASSESSMENT TRAINING, JUNE 22-24, 2009 IN NAPA, CA.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRAVEL EXPENSES AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR THE DISTRICT'S DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA RAPID ASSESSMENT TRAINING, JUNE 22-24, 2009 IN NAPA, CA. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED.

CEO reported the District's Planner, Dr. Chad Roberts, has helped develop the wetlands monitoring system through grant funding. He said it was important for the District's Director of Conservation to also be trained.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS

CEO reported HSU is studying the effects of cord grass removal on macro invertebrate communities.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Signature on File
Mike Wilson

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Patricia L. Tyson

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