

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

August 27, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins

ABSENT:

Commissioner Hunter

Vice President Curless called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Higgins led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Curless announced there was no Closed Session prior to the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ 8/24: CEO reported an Administrative Permit has been issued to Simpson Timber Company for the Simpson Drainage Swale Remediation Project, including a set of conditions discussed by the Board of Commissioners at their last meeting.
- ❖ 8/21: District coordinated a meeting with various local and state agency representatives to discuss the upcoming 10-day recreational salmon season. CEO stated there is much preparation being done to ensure safe and enjoyable short recreational salmon season.
Eureka's Weather Service office has added many links to relevant information on their website, including links to fishing regulations, bar forecast model, buoy locations, etc.
Woodley Island Marina has had requests for slips for 105 additional boats. CEO stated kudos should be given to the commercial fishing fleet for not returning to port during the salmon season, which allows the District to utilize their slips for the salmon season.
- ❖ Federal stimulus grants – TIGER program: CEO reported the Harbor District was selected by CalTrans to receive approximately \$10 million for the Humboldt Marine Highway Modernization Project, consisting of four "shovel ready" projects. This was essentially a pre-application effort. Final applications are due to the US Department of Transportation in mid-September. CEO stated the final decision should be known by mid-January 2010.
Commissioner Wilson said the long-term shoal management study was removed from the list of projects, but CEO continues to pursue funding for the valuable project.
- ❖ CEO reported Director of Maritime Commerce has been successful in getting the West Coast Corridor Coalition to write an application to MARAD for a West Coast Marine Highway Corridor designation.
- ❖ 8/26: CEO made a presentation to the District's Economic Development Committee on recreation in Humboldt Bay.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Reported on the upcoming salmon season and the excitement in the fishing community. She said she was concerned with the out-of-town boaters who are not familiar with the Humboldt Bay bar and entrance.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Went abalone fishing near Pt. Arena.
- ❖ Will fish off Shelter Cove during the salmon season.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Attended the District's Economic Development Committee meeting on August 26. He said CEO and others made informative presentations. He said it is important to know the economics of creating infrastructure that attracts businesses that provide good jobs in order to keep families in Humboldt County.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Also attended the District's Economic Development Committee meeting. He said Dr. Ann Lindsay made a presentation on how costly it is if exercise is not a part of a person's life. The September meeting will focus on restoration of Humboldt Bay and the October meeting will be on fishing and aquaculture. Commissioner Higgins said the Committee hopes to present a final report to the Board of Commissioners in the next several months.
- ❖ Reported the MPA committee is discussing what would a science-based area delineation look like. Commissioner Pellegrini asked why this has not been done in the 10 years since the Marine Life Protection Act was passed.

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PERMIT AND AGREEMENT TO OPERATE A CHARTER SERVICE WITH LEFORIS ROBINSON OF *BLUE DOLPHIN SPORTFISHING* TO OPERATE A SPORTFISHING CHARTER SERVICE FROM WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF PERMIT AND AGREEMENT TO OPERATE A CHARTER SERVICE WITH LEFORIS ROBINSON OF *BLUE DOLPHIN SPORTFISHING* TO OPERATE A SPORTFISHING CHARTER SERVICE FROM WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS

CEO reported an administrative permit was issued to Simpson Timber Company for the Simpson Drainage Swale Remediation Project.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Mike Wilson
Secretary

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Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services