

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

March 17, 2010

PRESENT:

Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Marks

ABSENT:

None

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

President Curless announced there was no Closed Session.

President Curless led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ Completion of the Woodley Island Marina work dock repairs is one week away. CEO reported the work dock will be like new and District Maintenance staff has done the majority of the work, potentially saving the District tens of thousands of dollars.
- ❖ Planning is ongoing for the Humboldt Bay Symposium.
- ❖ 3/4: The Budget Committee met and will meet one more time prior to the first budget presentation on March 31.
- ❖ 3/4-5: CEO attended a CAPA meeting in Sacramento. Discussions center around port security, green programs and the state of the State; also discussed was air quality issues facing ports and preparation for the upcoming AAPA meeting in Washington DC.
- ❖ 3/16: CEO was interviewed on Jefferson Public Radio on the artificial reef program.
- ❖ Harbor Maintenance Tax update: The federal government only spends one-half of the tax collected on channel maintenance. HR4844, part of the WRDA bill, will provide 100% to be spent on harbor maintenance.
- ❖ Director of Conservation and CEO participated on a conference call with other agencies on regional sediment management. The District is the lead on this project.
- ❖ Director of Conservation has placed ads for graduate students to apply for work on the collaborative fisheries research project, which is grant funded.
- ❖ Charter boat agreements for a part of the collaborative fisheries research project will be considered for approval at the Board of Commissioner's next Board meeting.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT

Director of Administrative Services reported the District received two refund checks from SDRMA for longevity in the Workers Compensation and Property/Liability Insurance Funds. The District has been a member in these two programs for over three years.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Attended a breakfast on the LC1091.
- ❖ Reported discussion about crab pot limits is ongoing.
- ❖ Reported on the status of recreational salmon fishing season; commercial fishing will be better in Oregon than in California. Details on length of time and limits are still being discussed.
- ❖ Stated there will be a May 1 party for fishermen and their families and the Humboldt Women for Commercial Fishing "Humboldt Wild Seafood" logo, stickers, hats, banners, and meat tags will be unveiled. Commissioner Pellegrini said the Headwaters Fund assisted with the funding.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Attended the World Aquaculture Society Conference. He said most of the sessions he attended were on sustaining and integrating aquaculture on the West Coast. He said vendors are looking for anywhere on the West Coast to build onshore/offshore aquaculture and the number of jobs per dollars invested is high. Commissioner Wilson also took part in two tours.
- ❖ Reported he has discussed with CEO the possible creation of an informal 1st Congressional District Port and Marina Coalition, a partnership of the Harbor District and the Port of West Sacramento to form one entity to work with Congressman Thompson on grant applications, appropriations requests and port and harbor support.

Ted Kuiper thanked Commissioner Wilson for attending the World Aquaculture Society Conference. He urged the Board to incorporate in the annual budget funds for someone to attend this annual meeting. Aquaculture could be a major employment opportunity for Humboldt Bay.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Related the history of his Father born on St. Patrick's Day and his Mother's passing on St. Patrick's Day and his annual celebration of his parents on this day.

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Met with CEO and Rick Martin of the North Coast Air Quality Management District to discuss air quality issues facing dock operators.
- ❖ 3/4: Took his required Ethics Training class, taught by District Counsel for California Special Districts Association.
- ❖ Attended the recent MLPA meeting and was overwhelmed by the amount of the information available.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Stated his assigned session for the Humboldt Bay Symposium on shoreline protection and revetment on Humboldt Bay is progressing.
- ❖ Reported the Budget Committee met and the future is grim for the District if things stay steady. He said one contentious issue is how to plan for future dredging costs of Woodley Island Marina.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Reported the last meeting of the Economic Development Committee will take place on the last Wednesday in April, which will allow time for the committee members to provide Commissioners Wilson and Higgins with conclusions and feedback.
- ❖ Talked with a FERC representative and was told that PG&E can request an extended time frame and larger project area under FERC regulations. Commissioner Higgins stressed the local fishermen's interest for their livelihood in this project.
- ❖ Stated the MPA oversight committee is not active at present.

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Met with Commissioner Curless to discuss beginning negotiations with the employee union representatives on March 29.

OTHER

Status of West Coast Marine Highway Corridor Designation

On March 3, Director of Maritime Commerce attended a West Coast Corridor Coalition meeting at the Port of Los Angeles office. The main goal of this group is to find a collaborative solution to fight the congestion challenge on the West Coast. MARAD also gave an update on the marine highway at this meeting, stating the application for the West Coast marine highway is currently in process.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH COAST SALMON AND MARINE SCIENCE CENTER PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH COAST SALMON AND MARINE SCIENCE CENTER PROJECT. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED.

Dave Hankin of Humboldt State University told the Board the North Coast Salmon and Marine Science Center is not a new idea. Humboldt State University would like to have a satellite marine science center on Humboldt Bay; three potential sites have been identified. Appropriations requests have been made of Senators Boxer and Feinstein and Congressman Thompson for funding support. Currently public support is being garnered.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2010-06 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING STATE OR FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2010-06 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APPLICANT'S AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING STATE OR FEDERAL DISASTER ASISTANCE FUNDING. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE
COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS – AYE
COMMISSIONER MARKS – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2010-07 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHORT SEA SHIPPING AND A WEST COAST MARINE HIGHWAY.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2010-07 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SHORT SEA SHIPPING AND A WEST COAST MARINE HIGHWAY. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED.

Stephen Pepper thanked the Board of Commissioners, CEO and Director of Maritime Commerce for all their work on his behalf.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE
COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS – AYE
COMMISSIONER MARKS – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Richard Marks
Secretary

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Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services