

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

**September 15, 2011**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Pellegrini  
Commissioner Curless  
Commissioner Wilson  
Commissioner Higgins  
Commissioner Marks

President Wilson called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 4:05 p.m.

President Wilson asked Ted Kuiper to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mitch White, Taylor Mariculture, stated CEO David Hull is an asset to the Harbor District and the community. Mr. White also gave the Board a letter of support for Mr. Hull. He urged the Board to renew Mr. Hull's contract.

Ron Fritzsche, former Commissioner, said he was on the Board of Commissioners when Mr. Hull was hired. At that time, he said, there was a lack of focus by the District on conservation and recreation. Mr. Hull has given a more rounded approach to the broad spectrum of issues facing the District in the areas of harbor, recreation and conservation. The District is more active in the area of conservation, with the Humboldt Bay Management Plan, the Mariculture Monitoring Committee, ballast water exchange, hiring the first Conservation Director and now a Director of Conservation Division. Mr. Hull is well-connected through his work with the City of Arcata and the City of Eureka, where prior to his arrival the District's relationship with the City of Eureka was strained; not so now. The only concern when Mr. Hull was hired was his lack of focus on port development. Through his tenure and maturity, he has become more active port development, which rounds out the District's mission. Mr. Fritzsche asked the Board to continue with David Hull as CEO.

Todd Van Herpe, Humboldt Bay Oyster, stated David Hull has been an effective leader and a valuable resource. He has a vast knowledge of public policies, is instrumental in the promotion of the Adopt-the-Bay program and has hired a good fit for Director of Conservation, Dan Berman. Mr. Van Herpe expressed his support for continuing Mr. Hull's contract.

Ted Kuiper said he has been involved with the Harbor District since the mid-1970's. David Hull is an exceptional public servant: he is open-minded, bounces back from adversity, and maintains a cheerful nature when dealing with multiple-year projects. Mr. Kuiper had also given the Board a letter of support for Mr. Hull citing some of Mr. Hull's accomplishments.

The Board of Commissioners adjourned to Executive Closed Session at 4:14 p.m.

President Wilson adjourned the Executive Closed Session at 5:10 p.m.

President Wilson called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 5:15 p.m.

Upon return to open session, District Counsel Paul Brisso reported the Commission discussed employee evaluation, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957. The following action is reported out of the Closed Session: Chief Executive Officer David Hull is placed on paid administrative leave through the end of the business day of September 23, 2011, at which time his employment is terminated. All five members of the Commission were present and voted on the action, and the vote was unanimous.

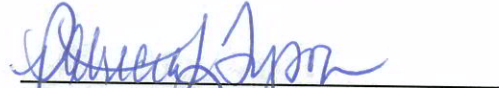
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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

  
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Ronnie Pellegrini, Secretary

RECORDED BY:

  
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Patricia L. Tyson  
Director of Administrative Services