

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

DATE: December 1, 2011

TIME: 6:00 p.m. Executive Closed Session
7:00 p.m. Regular Session

PLACE: Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room

The Meeting Room is wheelchair accessible. Accommodations and access to Harbor District meetings for people with other handicaps must be requested of the Director of Administrative Services at 443-0801 five (5) working days in advance of the meeting.

1. Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
 - a. Move to Executive Closed Session pursuant to the provisions of the California Government Code Section 54956.8 (Conference with Real Property Negotiator)
 1. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
Negotiating Parties: Paul Brisso, District Counsel; Mike Wilson, Board President; Patricia Tyson, Interim Chief Executive Officer

Under Negotiation:
 - 1) Potential lease terms for District property acquisition from Pacific Gas and Electric Company.
 - 2) Potential lease terms of property to Timber Heritage Association.
 - 3) Potential lease terms of District property to TJS Leasing and Holding Company, Inc.
 - 4) Potential lease terms of District property to Taylor Mariculture, Inc.
 - 5) Potential lease terms of District property to Freshwater Tissue Company.
 - 6) Possible acquisition of approximately 570 acres of north bay tidelands currently owned by Eugene Gabrych.
2. Adjourn Closed Session
3. Call to Order Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. and Roll Call
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Public Comment

Note: This portion of the Agenda allows the public to speak to the Board on various issues not itemized on this agenda. A member of the public may also request that a matter appearing on the Consent Calendar be pulled and discussed separately. Pursuant to the Brown Act, the Board may not take action on an item that does not appear on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes regarding each item on the Agenda. Each speaker is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes during the PUBLIC COMMENT portion of the Agenda regarding items of special interest to the public not appearing on the Agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners. The three (3) minute time limit may not be transferred to other speakers. The three (3) minute time limit may be extended by the President of the Board of Commissioners or the Presiding Member of the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting of the District. The three (3) minute time limit for each speaker may be enforced by the President of the Board of Commissioners or the Presiding Member of the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting of the District.

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6. Consent Calendar

Note: All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine by the Board of Commissioners and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is required, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

- a. Consideration of approval of minutes from the September 28, 2011 Special Board meeting.
- b. Consideration of approval of minutes from the October 7, 2011 Special Board meeting.
- c. Consideration of approval of minutes from the October 13, 2011 Board meeting.
- d. Consideration of approval of minutes from the October 27, 2011 Board meeting.

7. Communications and Reports

- a. Interim Chief Executive Officer's Report
- b. District Counsel's Report
- c. Staff Reports
- d. Commissioner Reports
- e. Advisory Committee Reports
- f. Other

8. Non Agenda

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration of adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Demolition of Redwood Marine Terminal Building 14.
- b. Consideration of adopting Resolution 2011-18 which establishes findings relative to the proposed actions by the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District in the demolition of Redwood Marine Terminal Building 14.

10. New Business

- a. Consideration of Resolution 2011-19, A Resolution declaring the 1985 Chevrolet S-10 Truck as surplus property and for the disposal of surplus personal property belonging to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District.
- b. Consideration of approval to proceed with Redwood Marine Terminal (Berths 1 & 2) waterfront transportation access planning using available U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funding.
- c. Consideration of letter to Helmut H. Portmann, National Data Buoy Center, requesting the recovery, repair and re-deployment of NOAA Buoy 46022.
- d. Consideration of Resolution 2011-20, A Resolution commending Ronnie Pellegrini for her service as Commissioner of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District.
- e. Consideration of Resolution 2011-21, A Resolution commending Roy Curless for his service as Commissioner of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District.

11. Administrative and Emergency Permits

12. Adjournment

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

December 1, 2011

PRESENT

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Marks
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Higgins

President Wilson called the Executive Closed Session to order at 6:00 P.M.

President Wilson adjourned the Executive Closed Session at 6:28 P.M.

President Wilson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 P.M.

President Wilson asked Commissioner Curless to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

District Counsel reported on the items discussed during Executive Closed Session as follows: Potential lease terms for District property acquisition from Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Potential lease terms of property to Timber Heritage Association; Potential lease terms of District property to TJS Leasing and Holding Company, Inc., Taylor Mariculture, Inc., and Freshwater Tissue Company; Possible acquisition of approximately 570 acres of north bay tidelands currently owned by Eugene Gabrych – no action to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jan Kraepelien asked the Board again why it was so important to terminate David Hull, the former CEO, the way that it was done, with a phone call. Mr. Kraepelien called Mr. Hull a reputable, trusted person, and stated that the quick termination has raised suspicions in the public. Mr. Kraepelien said Mr. Hull commented in the *Times-Standard* that he did not violate any laws or moral codes. Mr. Kraepelien called Mr. Hull the Father of Waterfront Revitalization. He asked the Board to issue a statement stating that Mr. Hull did not violate laws, and asked if there was a political agenda regarding Mr. Hull's termination. Mr. Kraepelien would like a third party to look at this issue to help salvage Mr. Hull's reputation.

Lawrence LaBranche stated he wished to see the property Timber Heritage Association (THA) is currently leasing donated to the Association or be given a long-term lease so they can receive grant funds. Commissioner Wilson disagreed, stating a long-term lease is not needed to receive grant funds. The District has communicated clearly that they are ready to work with THA to help get grants. Commissioner Higgins said he would like to work out the short-term lease conditions first.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Higgins asked for Item (c) to be pulled for further discussion.

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

Item (c): Commissioner Higgins asked to add to the portion in the Public Comment section on the October 13, 2011, minutes where he called Jan Kraepelien's dedication to David Hull commendable. He said his comment in the minutes should state he wished Mr. Kraepelien would stop purveying misinformation to the County Board of Supervisors regarding the personnel matter of the CEO's termination and the unanimous decision the Board made.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2011, MINUTES WITH AMENDMENT. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

INTERIM CEO REPORT

- ❖ Congratulated Commissioners Curless and Pellegrini for their guidance and dedication to the District.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

- ❖ Has recently worked with District Staff on proposal packages for side scan sonar and surveillance system purchases.

STAFF REPORT

- ❖ Director of Facility Maintenance thanked Commissioners Curless and Pellegrini for a job well done.

COMMISSIONERS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ No report.

Commissioner Curless:

- ❖ No report.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Met with the CEO Process Committee members separately to update the job description. A draft should appear before the Board at the next meeting.
- ❖ Met with Timber Heritage Association.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Reported the Smith River fish are not biting.
- ❖ Reported that he has been working on the Eel River regarding pollution and water conservation. There has been an influx of salmon in the river, enough so that even long-term observers are astounded.
- ❖ Has been working on the Klamath River representing small Indian tribes. Wanted to comment that the Klamath deal is not what it seems. Pointed out the website klamather.org.
- ❖ Reported he believes the Dog Policy Committee has come to an amicable compromise between marina tenants and the District's Dog Policy. An area on Woodley Island will be designated as a dog "relief" area.
- ❖ Participated in a North Coast Local Agency Coastal Coordination Committee meeting. Discussion centered around creating a co-management plan to the Harbor District collecting fish stock data in the region to help maintain and conserve them, as well as allowing access to them.
- ❖ Met with the CEO Selection Committee to update the job description for the CEO, discuss the use of headhunters or strictly advertising, media costs and strategy.
- ❖ Stated Lawrence LaBranche's comments regarding Timber Heritage Association are being considered and discussed among THA and District Board members.
- ❖ Handed out an article on catch-shares with the Nature Conservancy leasing permits to boat owners at Half Moon Bay.

Commissioner Marks:

- ❖ Thanked Commissioner Curless for working with him on the Committee for Union negotiations. Stated he has been a negotiator for a Union before, but had to take a different seat this time negotiating for the District.
- ❖ Thanked Commissioner Pellegrini for the wealth of information she gave to him when he was running for Commissioner.
- ❖ Is sad to see Commissioners Curless and Pellegrini leaving, but excited to see Commissioners-Elect Aaron Newman and Greg Dale coming in. Stated they are great representatives for their community.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION OF REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL BUILDING 14.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF ADOPTING THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND ASSOCIATED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE DEMOLITION OF REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL BUILDING 14. COMMISSIONER MARKS SECONDED.

Director of Conservation stated this project is for an old warehouse on a dock that has been severely damaged by storms and by the earthquake of January 2010. There were a few comment letters received during the 30-day public comment period that have been addressed in the Staff Report. This project is consistent with the Humboldt Bay Management Plan and CEQA. The demolition will take the building down to the dock surface.

Commissioner Higgins asked if any part of the building is reusable. Director of Conservation stated it is not, although there is time to get a third opinion if needed. Director of Facility Maintenance stated he examined the area for that purpose and found nothing there to reuse.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2011-18 WHICH ESTABLISHES FINDINGS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ACTIONS BY THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THE DEMOLITION OF REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL BUILDING 14.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2011-18 WHICH ESTABLISHES FINDINGS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED ACTIONS BY THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THE DEMOLITION OF REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL BUILDING 14. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED.

Director of Conservation stated the language of the Resolution is a little different from normal since this is an action taken by the District instead of a permit.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-19, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE 1985 CHEVROLET S-10 TRUCK AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR ADOPTING RESOLUTION 2011-19, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE 1985 CHEVROLET S-10 TRUCK AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL (BERTHS 1 & 2) WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PLANNING USING AVAILABLE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) FUNDING.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL (BERTHS 1 & 2) WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PLANNING USING AVAILABLE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) FUNDING. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED.

Commissioner Wilson said there was some discussion at the September 9, 2011, Board meeting regarding the use of these funds. Two concepts were developed. The first was an option for an East-West railroad route feasibility study, the second was development of Redwood Marine Terminal. The Board had about a week to make a decision. In September, Commissioner Wilson asked CalTrans why the District had such a short time, and they replied the District actually had months. Commissioner Wilson later met with CalTrans and HCAOG, looking at alternatives for existing projects. This was a round table style meeting with people calling in from Sacramento. One of the questions asked was whether these funds could be used for the marine highway project. The answer was no, because the funds could not go retroactive. Commissioner Wilson said it is good that the question was asked, though, because it made people aware there were gaps between funding and the marine highway. Commissioner Wilson stated the District owns the Field's Landing Boat Yard and the

Redwood Marine Terminal. The proposed project would develop the Redwood Marine Terminal. Also, there is a disconnect on Highway 255 to the Samoa waterfront. Currently there are four Exclusive Rights to Negotiate in place on that same terminal and there are some easement issues.

Commissioner Higgins stated the Redwood Marine Terminal has some easement concerns. This project would help plan efficient transportation. The District needs to secure access to the dock for short sea shipping. These funds can be used to obtain better access to the property the District owns.

Commissioner Marks stated he and Commissioner Wilson have recently met with dock operators on issues of concern.

Commissioner Curlless asked what the deadline is for using or losing the funding.

Commissioner Wilson stated the first billing has to be done in March 2012 and a work plan has to be in place by then.

Andy Colonna asked the Board who would do the CEQA documentation.

Commissioner Wilson stated the District would, and the costs would be covered by this funding.

Bill Barnum, a Eureka native, stated he and friends 20 years ago founded the Humboldt Bay Alliance for Economic Development that tried to get communities to donate money for development. Mr. Barnum is very interested in local history and economic development. Mr. Barnum learned more than 20 years ago there was an alternative railroad route approach. PALCO influence prevailed and the rail went south to the Bay Area where the markets were. In 1891 Jess Lentell surveyed Fairhaven and Samoa and came up with another view. He was commissioned to get a route to Tehama and Shasta counties. These notes have been reviewed by Mike O'Hern, local appraiser. Mr. Barnum presented a map of a retracement of the route east. This route avoids the soils of the main stem of the Eel River, but once it gets to the Klamath River, is in a rocky environment. Mr. Barnum would like to see the grant money spent on a feasibility study for an East-West railroad route. Mr. Barnum stated he has spoken with Mr. O'Hern, who could get back to the Board within two weeks with a written proposal within the \$275,000 budget to give a preliminary railroad feasibility analysis. Mr. Barnum said the railroad route going south is dead.

Pete Oringer stated until there is an Environmental Impact Report, there is no idea if the route south is dead. Mr. Oringer said this is a similar situation to 1990 when there was the question of building a public terminal or deepening the port. The Port was deepened because there cannot be a public terminal without a deeper port. Mr. Oringer reported that if this area does not provide a complete transportation infrastructure, we suffer as a Port. He said that there is money available for coastal-dependent areas. Mr. Oringer would like to see the grant funds spent on a railroad feasibility study. He would like to know if public agencies in this area are supportive of the railroad. There has been no answer so far. Humboldt County has lost projects due to the absence of railroad. Mr. Oringer asked the Board to table this item for full discussion with the new Commissioners.

Tina Christiansen said she agreed with Bill Barnum and stated many people do not wish to live here, not due to the fog, but because of what has happened to our community. She however said this area should try to bring industry here, not fight it.

Commissioner Pellegrini stated her support for the railroad; and stated the Board has never taken a position on this matter. She said the District has an asset that they do not have good access to. Commissioner Pellegrini reported that even if the District decided to sell that property, the buyers would have the same access issues.

Sid Berg stated he opposes this motion and supports a railroad feasibility study. He strongly urged the Board not to vote on this matter tonight. Mr. Berg said Redwood Marine Terminal has not been used in

100 years or so and the District would not get another chance to fund the feasibility study, and that it could help since this area is geographically challenged.

Lawrence LaBranche said he thought it would be interesting to see what could happen with a feasibility study. He said we do not know what the next century will bring.

Jan Kraepelien said he supports the railroad study and asked the Board to delay their decision until the next meeting.

Bill Bertain, Chairman of RAPIT (Rail and Port Infrastructure Task Force), asked the Board to table this item or modify it, and supports the railroad feasibility study for the possibility of the train going east. He stated the re-establishment of the railroad going south still has a good chance. Mr. Bertain reported that investors would like to see receptiveness for investment. He stated spending these funds on a feasibility study could market the Port if the eastern route was feasible. He would like to see this item tabled until the new Commissioners take office. Mr. Bertain said while he was talking on the phone to an acquaintance from Humboldt County currently in Washington, D.C., this person said that investors would like to see the District and other local governments showing a receptiveness for the East line in order for the investors to show interest. A feasibility study is precisely something they would want to hear about. Mr. Bertain reported that there is money to invest. He said that the Redwood Marine Terminal will not be a significant help to Humboldt Bay unless there is a railroad. There will be jobs with a railroad and the Harbor District will have additional revenue. He asked the Board to wait two weeks or a month to decide on this item. He suggested the District market the Port with a feasibility study.

Tim, a delegate of Labor Local 139, fully agreed with Sid Berg's comments. He asked the Board to table the item until the new Commissioners take office.

Commissioner Wilson stated he believes the Commissioners sitting currently have the ability to make decisions.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS PULLED HIS SECOND ON THIS MOTION. COMMISSIONER WILSON SECONDED.

Marion Brady stated she is excited about the possibility of the funds being spent on a feasibility study for the railroad to further develop the Port.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED TO TABLE CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL (BERTHS 1 & 2) WATERFRONT TRANSPORTATION ACCESS PLANNING USING AVAILABLE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) FUNDING. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED.

Commissioner Wilson said the East-West corridor for rail is not in any of the District's Management plans, and he does not believe this will be the last money awarded that could fund this project. He said when trying to gain community support, dragging it through a divided Board is not the way to do it. Commissioner Wilson stated his reasons for not tabling this matter.

Commissioner Curless requested more time so that more information will be available.

Commissioner Pellegrini suggested if the matter was tabled, it could be put on the next agenda.

Commissioner Wilson stated input from other agencies would be helpful

Mike Newman said he is in favor of tabling for further discussion and review.

Sid Berg supported tabling.

Commissioner Higgins stated the District has assets that are underutilized, although he understands the passion of those who have come to make comments. He said the railroad east is a challenging venture and is going to be extremely expensive and is speculative; developing Redwood Marine Terminal is tangible and touchable. Rail is not the District's core business.

Commissioner Marks said the proposed project will produce business now and is tangible. The District could have a dock where people are jostling to do business right now. He said he has always publicly supported the railroad, but the East-West rail corridor is something that has never been brought before this Board to discuss. He requested the supporters of the East-West rail route bring forth documentation at the next Board meeting of something tangible. He also asked why the District would do a feasibility study if there is no operator.

MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONERS WILSON AND HIGGINS DISSENTING.

C. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER TO HELMUT H. PORTMANN, NATIONAL DATA BUOY CENTER, REQUESTING THE RECOVERY, REPAIR AND RE-DEPLOYMENT OF NOAA BUOY 46022.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF LETTER TO HELMUT H. PORTMANN, NATIONAL DATA BUOY CENTER, REQUESTING THE RECOVERY, REPAIR AND RE-DEPLOYMENT OF NOAA BUOY 46022. COMMISSIONER MARKS SECONDED.

Commissioner-Elect Aaron Newman stated this buoy is vital for fishermen crabbing in the winter. The swell of Buoy 22 is the first thing fishermen look at to determine if they are going out fishing that day.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

D. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-20, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RONNIE PELLEGRINI FOR HER SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2011-20, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING RONNIE PELLEGRINI FOR HER SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER MARKS SECONDED.

District Counsel stated Commissioners Pellegrini and Curless should not vote on their Resolutions since there is a conflict of interest. He also suggested a "technical violation", meaning they not have to leave the room when the Resolutions are being discussed.

Commissioner Wilson read Resolution 2011-20.

Commissioner Higgins commented that truer words were never spoken. He also said the idea Commissioner Pellegrini had that allowed a committee to be formed to comment on our fisheries as a region is going to have value for decades.

Commissioner Wilson said he considers Commissioner Pellegrini a very good friend and has learned a lot.

Commissioner Marks is honored to have had the opportunity to know Commissioner Pellegrini.

Commissioner Curless said since Commissioner Pellegrini has a summer home in the 2nd District, he is going to try to convince her to run for Supervisor.

Michelle Collins of Commercial Fishermen's Wives of Humboldt thanked Commissioner Pellegrini for being part of the District and out in the public for many years with no support. Ms. Collins is glad there are a couple of other good folks coming onto the Board to make the voice of the commercial fishermen heard.

Jan Kraepelien thanked Commissioner Pellegrini. Mr. Kraepelien also stated David Hull put in 15 years and got no congratulations.

Commissioner Higgins said Mr. Kraepelien's comments are in extremely poor taste.

Tina Christiansen let Commissioner Pellegrini know how great she is. Ms. Christiansen said she appreciated the Board not letting David Hull's personnel matter go public. She supports Commissioner Pellegrini for County Supervisor.

Pete Oringer thanked Commissioner Pellegrini.

Sid Berg thanked Commissioner Pellegrini for her leadership.

Bill Bertain stated Commissioner Pellegrini has been good for her community.

Karen Brooks commented that Commissioner Pellegrini has shown distinction in public service. She has galvanized the District and she thanked her.

Bill Barnum said he does not know what the Port will do without a capable woman to lead it.

Lawrence LaBranche wished Commissioner Pellegrini good luck in her future endeavors.

Commissioner-Elect Greg Dale thanked Commissioner Pellegrini for her intelligence and dedication, and for her efforts for her community.

Commissioner-Elect Aaron Newman said he appreciates Commissioner Pellegrini's friendship and counts on her to keep him on track so he can do half as good of a job.

District Counsel commented he has always been very impressed with Commissioner Pellegrini's breadth of knowledge and dedication. He says it has been a privilege to work with and beside her.

Commissioner Pellegrini reported that her children were seven and ten years old when she started as a Commissioner. They are now 19 and 21, with one married. She had just turned 35 years old. She stated she has so many people to thank, including her husband, Paul, and good friends Phil and Marie Gutierrez. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to be a Commissioner and stated it has been a privilege.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2011-21, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROY CURLESS FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

COMMISSIONER MARKS MOVED FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2011-21, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING ROY CURLESS FOR HIS SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED.

Commissioner Wilson read Resolution 2011-21 and added that Commissioner Curless had worked on the Budget Committee.

The Resolution stated that the Upland Dredge Disposal Site will now be called the "Roy Curless Dump Site."

Commissioner Marks stated Commissioner Curless still played softball in his 70's and hit his last homerun around the age of 65 in baseball. Commissioner Marks congratulated him with the good work he has done with the Fortuna Rodeo.

Commissioner Higgins reported he will miss Commissioner Curless' straight talk.

Commissioner Wilson said he has learned much from Commissioner Curless, especially in the last two years. He considers him a friend and loves his style.

Commissioner Pellegrini had a message from Commissioner Curless' son, John, and his family, since they could not be at the meeting. John Curless asked Commissioner Pellegrini to state that Commissioner Curless was a great father and role model and thanked him for his service. Commissioner Pellegrini, for herself, thanked Commissioner Curless for being her friend. She stated he was a little leery about her in the beginning but thanked him for giving her a chance, especially when the Board made Commissioner Pellegrini the first female President of the Board and sent her to China. She stated that Commissioner Curless is old school and it is appreciated. His word is his bond. She thanked him for his service.

Commissioner-Elect Greg Dale stated there is not a lot of interest in the Harbor in their District outside of Shelter Cove. He said Commissioner Curless has done a good job bringing the Harbor home to their community and stated Commissioner Curless is very respected in his community. Commissioner-Elect stated Commissioner Curless should consider running for Supervisor. He thanked Commissioner Curless for his mentoring and stated he is proud to be his friend.

Commissioner-Elect Aaron Newman thanked Commissioner Curless.

Tina Christiansen said Fortuna and Southern Humboldt are proud of Commissioner Curless.

Casey Allen, Vice-President of Humboldt Saltwater Anglers, thanked Commissioner Curless for his support of the artificial reef program.

Karen Brooks thanked Commissioner Curless for being such a mentor and also thanked Commissioner Curless' wife. She stated public service is a thankless job.

Bill Bertain said he remembers watching Commissioner Curless play baseball. Mr. Bertain also stated Commissioner Curless has great stories and should consider hosting a radio show. He thanked Commissioner Curless for his service in France in the early 1950's U.S. Army Signal Core. Mr. Bertain said he recently discovered that Commissioner Curless' father was a local government hunter and knew the hills very well. Commissioner Curless' father knew a lot about the Eastern railroad route. Mr. Bertain gave Commissioner Curless a copy Jess Lentell's reconnoitering notes.

Bill Barnum said term limits were never intended for politicians like Commissioner Curless, so well liked. Mr. Barnum thanked Commissioner Curless for his service.

District Counsel reported that it has been great working with Commissioner Curless and stated the District will lose a wealth of institutional knowledge with Commissioner Curless leaving. District Counsel has always considered Commissioner Curless the "John Wayne" of the District and stated Commissioner Curless has a physical presence, but quiet. District Counsel said that people know Commissioner Curless means what he says and that his comments have been thought out. He said it has been an honor to work with Commissioner Curless.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

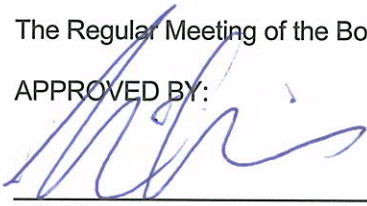
Commissioner Curless stated sometimes he has gotten impatient, especially with permits, in particular Shelter Cove. Shelter Cove took 11 years of permits and two and one-half weeks of work. Commissioner Curless stated he appreciates everyone's comments and that his dad was a government hunter for 37 years. His father knew everything about the mountains. Commissioner Curless' father recommended a slightly different route on the Eastern railroad route. He stated that being a Commissioner has been fun, with good and bad times. Commissioner Curless will be 82 in February.

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: NONE

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 9:02 P.M.

APPROVED BY:



Mike Wilson
President

RECORDED BY:



Kim Farrell
Clerk