

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

8 May 2008

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Hunter
Commissioner Higgins

President Hunter announced there was no Closed Session.

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

President Hunter led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hunter asked Commissioner Curless to speak of Roger Rodoni, Humboldt County Supervisor who was killed in a car accident recently. Commissioner Curless, who has known Mr. Rodoni for many years, related heartwarming stories. President Hunter asked for a Moment of Silence in honor of Mr. Rodoni.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melvin McKinney said he had heard a boat building company was interested in coming to Humboldt Bay and he wondered if the Harbor District had taken an interest in the company. He said if the finances look good, the Harbor District should take a good look at the prospect.

Kaye Strickland said she attended the Humboldt Bay Symposium and stated CEO and staff deserves credit for putting on an interesting meeting. She said she was impressed with the large agenda for the meeting.

Dennis Mayo thanked the Board of Commissioners for taking the time to remember his friend, Roger Rodoni. He also wanted to bring attention to the MLPA North/Central Regions plans online. He thanked the Board for their timely submission of the letter regarding the rockfish closure. He said he did not know what the outcome would be, but there were many letters submitted and he appreciated the support.

Susan Penn asked about placing more recycling bins around the marina in the hopes more people would use them if they were easily seen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ The dredge Yaquina left Humboldt Bay on April 14. The dredge Terrapin Island, which took the place of the dredge Essayons this year, had dredged 280,000 cubic yards by April 26th and will dredge a total of 750,000 cubic yards at the bar and entrance and another 250,000 cubic yard around Buoy 9 before it leaves Humboldt Bay.
- ❖ CEO stated he has been working with Melissa Vaughn and Supervisor Smith on developing a playground area at Fields Landing. He said initially Ms. Vaughn was interested in the Sea Scouts building on the Harbor District property next to the boat yard, but that the park area near the Fields Landing Boat Ramp renovation project is now being considered.
- ❖ PG&E and Winzler & Kelly are working on the CEQA documentation for the pipeline removal project.
- ❖ TranSystems is making good progress on the Redwood Marine Terminal Feasibility Study and hopes to have a draft available by the end of May.
- ❖ CEO reported there were more than 200 attendees and 49 speakers on the first two days of the Humboldt Bay Symposium 2008, April 24 & 25, and 15 different activities on Saturday, April 26. The Steering

Committee had their last meeting today to recap the meeting and the next planning meeting will be held in July 2009.

- ❖ 4/26: CEO and District Planner met with new Director of Conservation Adam Wagschal, who was introduced at the Symposium.
- ❖ 4/30-5/1: CEO attended a CMANC meeting in Sacramento. The meeting was held concurrently with California Maritime Month. Discussion at the meeting centered on a WRDA amendment introducing the dedication of 30% of the Harbor Maintenance Tax that is collected by the federal government to be returned back to the state of origin for federal channel maintenance.
- ❖ 7/1: CEO will become the Chairman of CMANC on July 1 and will continue to serve as President of CAPA. Both organizations will hold their Fall meetings in Eureka this year.
- ❖ While in Sacramento, CEO met with CAPA legislative advocate to continue working on obtaining state funding for the shoaling feasibility study in Humboldt Bay.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT

District Counsel reported he worked with CEO and Commissioners Higgins and Pellegrini on the letter to Department of Fish & Game requesting documentation of the scientific data used to make the determination for the rockfish closure. He said no response has been received and a formal Public Records Information Act request was sent today. Department of Fish & Game has ten (10) days to respond to the request.

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Reported the Humboldt Bay Symposium was well-organized and she received good feedback from attendees.
- ❖ The memorial service for Roger Rodoni was a great tribute to him, bringing together a diverse group of friends and acquaintances.
- ❖ Thanked CEO for following up with Melissa Vaughn and Supervisor Smith. She said she was trying to work with the local church in Fields Landing on a possible venue for the community center.
- ❖ Working on a bill currently in Congress regarding health insurance for the fishermen.
- ❖ This week a local group of fishermen will be attending the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha. She attended the meeting last year to make a request to Warren Buffet to remove the dams on the Klamath River.

Commissioner Curless:

- ❖ Reported he had a partial knee replacement recently and is healing just fine.
- ❖ Upon Roger Rodoni's passing, his wife Johanna has been appointed by Governor to complete his term as Humboldt County Supervisor for the 2nd District. Mr. Rodoni's campaign committee will continue to support his election. If Mr. Rodoni's campaign is successful and gets 50% plus one vote, probably Johanna Rodoni would serve the next two years, not four years, and then she would have to run in the next general election.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Requested continued discussions about recycling options for the marina. CEO said he would work with the maintenance department to place additional recycling containers at the marina.
- ❖ Symposium was great! He congratulated CEO and staff and said Jeff Robinson would have been proud. He said his only complaint was there was no fresh half and half for the coffee.
- ❖ Asked about the possibility of video-taping the Board meetings. CEO stated he is pursuing options.
- ❖ Met new Director of Conservation Adam Wagschal and was impressed. Commissioner Wilson is looking forward to having Mr. Wagschal as part of the Harbor District staff.
- ❖ A shipbuilder interested in locating at the Redwood Marine terminal met with Commissioner Wilson and Harbor District staff.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Said he benefited from the Humboldt Bay Symposium. It was extremely well done.

- ❖ 5/1: Attended the Department of Fish & Game meeting on the rockfish closure in Trinidad. He suggested a committee be set up consisting of HSU professors, local science people, sport and recreational fishermen to work as an oversight panel.

Commissioner Hunter:

- ❖ Thanked CEO for changing the Harbor District message on KINS radio to reflect the District's new vision statement: Local leadership, Regional stewardship, Global significance.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER

Presentation on future Woodley Island development – Ken Bates

Mr. Bates said he has served on the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee three times and has observed the proposed general development trends for Woodley Island. He gave an historical account of the development of Woodley Island, including the building of the marina, weather station and consideration of dry stack storage. He recounted the proposal of a hotel/restaurant and the California Coastal Commission's concerns.

Mr. Bates asked the Board of Commissioners to discontinue consideration of development of the west end of Woodley Island. He suggested alternative venues if more office space or meeting space is needed.

Mr. Bates stressed Woodley Island is one of the few open spaces in Eureka city limits; it is clean, safe and handicap accessible.

CEO stated a 2-story mixed-use facility had been approved for the west end of Woodley Island in the early 1980's. In 2003-2004 the Small Business Development Center was commissioned by the District to see if the business model and permits were still valid. The study determined that the permits are still good for mixed use, an interpretive center, Harbor District offices, restaurant and re-creation of the lighthouse house.

Mr. Bates said there are many local restaurants struggling to survive and public agencies should not be in competition with private industry.

Presentation on Woodley Island Mooring Policy – Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association

Ken Bates thanked the Board for the informative discussion regarding mooring rates at Woodley Island Marina during the last Board meeting. He handed the Board a letter from Humboldt Fishermen's Marketing Association, Inc. outlining some suggestions to maximize occupancy and revenue at Woodley Island Marina. He said it was apparent the rates need to be increased, but maybe with more occupancy the rates may not have to be increased as much as originally suggested.

Commissioner Pellegrini said she felt the marina slips should be filled as much as possible; side tie the transient vessels. She said Ordinance 9, marina rules and regulations, and Ordinance 17, anchoring ordinance, need to be reviewed and updated.

President Hunter appointed Commissioners Curless and Pellegrini as the Ordinances 9 and 17 committee to work with staff to review the two ordinances.

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO PERMIT WITH TIM AND SHERRY KLASSEN, REEL STEEL CORPORATION, DBA REEL STEEL SPORTFISHING TO OPERATE A CHARTER SERVICE OUT OF WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT AND FIRST AMENDMENT TO PERMIT WITH TIM AND SHERRY KLASSEN, REEL STEEL CORPORATION, DBA REEL STEEL SPORTFISHING TO OPERATE A CHARTER SERVICE OUT OF WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR AUDITOR SERVICES WITH DEMELLO, MCAULEY, MCREYNOLDS AND HOLLAND, LLP, CPAS, FOR FINANCIAL AUDITS OF THE HARBOR DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2008, 2009, AND 2010.

COMMISSIONER CURLESS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR AUDITOR SERVICES WITH DEMELLO, MCAULEY, MCREYNOLDS AND HOLLAND, LLP, CPAS, FOR FINANCIAL AUDITS OF THE HARBOR DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2008, 2009, AND 2010. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE TIMELY APPROPRIATION OF SALMON DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.

Commissioner Pellegrini stated the Secretary of Commerce Gutierrez issued a salmon fishing failure declaration, which now allows Congress to move forward on relief funds for those affected fishermen. She suggested the Harbor District's Washington DC lobbyist, Will Edington, could help hand-deliver the letters to the appropriate people.

CEO said Mr. Edington is a good person to hand-deliver the letters and introduce the subject matter.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED TO APPROVE WORKING WITH HARBOR DISTRICT WASHINGTON DC LOBBYIST TO APPLY THE NEEDED PRESSURE TO GET THE TIMELY APPROPRIATION OF SALMON DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS. COMMISSIONER HIGGINS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ken Bates said relief funds are needed badly by the local fishermen.

Commissioner Curless suggest contacting Congressman Nick Rahall for his support.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS

CEO stated an administrative permit was issued to CJ Ralph for culvert repair.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

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Roy Curless
Secretary

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Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services