

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

September 14, 2009

PRESENT:

Commissioner Pellegrini
Commissioner Curless
Commissioner Wilson
Commissioner Higgins
Commissioner Hunter

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

Commissioner Pellegrini led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

CEO REPORT

- ❖ Salmon Season: CEO reported 121 salmon season slip sign-ups were received; 40 cancelled due to weather, lack of fish, etc.; and the majority of the 81 left the marina before the end of the salmon season. On 9/10, the coordinating agencies held a "hot wash" to discuss the successful and unsuccessful preparations. The majority of the agencies felt that the agencies had done an adequate job of preparation as most participants had a good time and there were no major incidents in spite of the bad weather and the lack of fish. CEO reported the Harbor District netted approximately \$5,300 for the 10-day season.
- ❖ 9/9: Humboldt Bay Management Plan Advisory Committee meeting was held.
- ❖ A response was received to the June 1 letter sent to Mike Chrisman Secretary of California Natural Resource Agency regarding the MLPA process for the North Coast Study Region.

DISTRICT COUNSEL REPORT: None

STAFF REPORT: None

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Reported she has received complaints from marina tenants who own fiberglass boats. Tuna carcasses are being dumped in the marina and they adhere to fiberglass causing potential harm to the boats. CEO said he would look into the situation and report to the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting.
- ❖ Said there was a recent situation of a sea lion lunging at a person standing on one of the marina docks. CEO stated the sea lion was actually attracted to a garbage can containing tuna carcasses.
- ❖ Stated she had no luck halibut fishing, but the coho salmon were plentiful, even though they were "catch and release".
- ❖ Reported her husband's truck took first place in its class during the Cruisin' Eureka event this last weekend.
- ❖ Was happy to announce her oldest daughter is engaged to be married.

Commissioner Curless:

- ❖ Stated there may be a potential buyer for the Mario's Marina property in Shelter Cove.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ Said from the comments he heard, the salmon season was well-received.
- ❖ Attended the Organic Planet Festival.
- ❖ Spoke with Bob Simpson, owner of the Freshwater Tissue Company. Mr. Simpson said CalPERS denied his request for funding, but that he is pursuing other options.
- ❖ Reported the candidates for Division 4 are promising, in his estimation. He thanked Commissioner Hunter for his many years of service to the Harbor District.

Commissioner Hunter:

- ❖ Reported he missed the last Harbor District meeting because his wife was in the hospital. She has since had surgery and is on the mend.

Commissioner Wilson:

- ❖ Stated at the last NCRA meeting, there was a review of NCRA's debts and schedule of payments. He said the Harbor District was low on the list. He asked CEO to investigate and report to the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting. District Counsel stated if there is no repayment in December 2009 by NCRA of the \$170,000 owed to the District, foreclosure would begin on NCRA's collateral.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Hunter:

- ❖ Reported the Human Resources Advisory Committee will meet next week with the District's employee union representatives.

Commissioner Pellegrini:

- ❖ Said the response from Secretary Chrisman was disappointing to those people working diligently on the local MLPA North Coast Interest Work Group. Commissioner Higgins said the group will continue to craft a strategy beneficial for this area. He said Rick Starr of the Morro Bay SeaGrant will be invited to speak at an upcoming MLPA Interest Group meeting. Mr. Starr was successful in obtaining grant dollars for collaborative fisheries studies.

Commissioner Higgins:

- ❖ The next Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting will be held on September 30 and will focus on restoration. October's meeting will focus on aquaculture activities.

OTHER: None

NON-AGENDA: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-09 TO SIMPSON TIMBER COMPANY ESTABLISHING FINDINGS FOR THE SIMPSON DRAINAGE SWALE REMEDIATION PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER WILSON MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-09 TO SIMPSON TIMBER COMPANY ESTABLISHING FINDINGS FOR THE SIMPSON DRAINAGE SWALE REMEDIATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI SECONDED.

Andy Lojo, Project Manager, gave an update to the Board of Commissioners on the project, stating mobilization has begun and invited the Board of Commissioners to visit the project site.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS – AYE
COMMISSIONER HUNTER – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

B. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PERMIT NO. 09-05 TO SIMPSON TIMBER COMPANY FOR THE SIMPSON DRAINAGE SWALE REMEDIATION PROJECT.

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF PERMIT NO. 09-05 TO SIMPSON TIMBER COMPANY FOR THE SIMPSON DRAINAGE SWALE REMEDIATION PROJECT. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

C. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-10 TO THE CITY OF EUREKA ESTABLISHING FINDINGS FOR THE PALCO MARSH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1A.

COMMISSIONER WILSON MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2009-10 TO THE CITY OF EUREKA ESTABLISHING FINDINGS FOR THE PALCO MARSH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1A. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED.

Lisa Shikany, Project Manager for the City of Eureka, updated the Board of Commissioners on the project, stating the bid opening will take place tomorrow, September 15.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

COMMISSIONER PELLEGRINI – AYE
COMMISSIONER CURLESS – AYE
COMMISSIONER WILSON – AYE
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS – AYE
COMMISSIONER HUNTER – AYE

MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

D. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF PERMIT NO. 09-06 TO THE CITY OF EUREKA FOR THE PALCO MARSH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1A.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED FOR THE APPROVAL OF PERMIT NO. 09-06 TO THE CITY OF EUREKA FOR THE PALCO MARSH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT PHASE 1A. COMMISSIONER CURLESS SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EMERGENCY PERMITS: None

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:

Signature on File
Mike Wilson
Secretary

Signature on File
Patricia L. Tyson
Director of Administrative Services