

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

**May 20, 2016**

**PRESENT:**

Commissioner Doss  
Commissioner Dale  
Commissioner Wilson  
Commissioner Marks

**ABSENT:**

Commissioner Higgins

Vice President Wilson called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 12:16 p.m.

District Treasurer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kent Sawatzky said in the legal profession there is a saying "give them enough rope and they will hang themselves". The rope gets longer through collusion and unfair monopolistic business practices, such as the potential conversion from farmland to oyster beds or when one business has 90% of the market. Also fair business practices allow anyone who is leasing tidelands for oyster cultivation the same rate as Coast Seafoods Company.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY FY 2016/17 BUDGET.**

Director of Administrative Services reported the budget presented to the Board is the same budget presented to them at their last meeting. The adoption of this budget then begins the 30 day public comment period, after which the Board will hold a public hearing and conduct the first and second readings and adoption of the FY 2016/17 Budget. The Board may hold any additional special meetings on the budget as they feel are needed.

Commissioner Wilson reported he and Commissioner Dale met earlier in the day with the Coastal Commission staff regarding the potential of the restaurant on Woodley Island and ongoing budget consideration. Within the Preliminary Budget there are proposed uses for the location, such as picnic tables, barbeques and allocation for design work. Commissioners Wilson and Dale are reviewing staffing levels, consideration of hiring additional staff or consultants; but will stay within the budget allowance. This next budget year will be a year of no additional projects; finish what has been started.

Kent Sawatzky said projected revenue is off by 32%; the Board should prioritize projects now. He said he appreciates fiscal responsibility. The marina operated at a loss for years, but now has a positive cash flow. This budget is better than some in the past.

Commissioner Doss asked for a placeholder be set aside to update the District's rail study and transportation options in light of the situation of Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade. The rail study was done in an economic downturn and should be updated.

Commissioner Wilson said an estimated cost of an update should be obtained from the consultants.

Monte Provolt offered his help with the updated study. He said he has lots of information from farmers in Oroville and the Central Valley. Transportation options should be researched. Nick Angeloff has been lobbying in Washington DC and has a lot of information. Commissioner Wilson asked Mr. Provolt to forward the information they have to the Board. Mr. Provolt said the Board should be looking 20 years into the future.

District Treasurer said it is a good time to catch our breath with this budget and it is necessary to increase the District's cash reserves.

COMMISSIONER MARKS MOVED FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY FY 2016/17 BUDGET.  
COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

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Greg Dale  
Secretary



RECORDED BY:

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Patricia Tyson  
Director of Administrative Services

