



REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors
At the Prosperity Center, 520 E Street, Eureka
August 28, 2017 6:30 pm
Minutes

I. Call to Order & Flag Salute

Chair Michael McKaskle called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Present: Michael McKaskle, Neal Latt, Dennis Mayo, Sue Long, Frank Wilson, Patrick O'Rourke, Virginia Bass, Tyler Holmes, David Tyson, Summer Daugherty, John Woolley, Nancy Koke, James Baker; Alternates Brett Watson, Richard Marks

Absent: Greg Dale, Sofia Pereira, Marian Brady

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino

Guest: Matthew Marshall

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Mayo/Bass: Motion to approve Agenda for August 28, 2017.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S/P: Woolley/Daugherty: Motion to approve minutes from June 26, 2017 RREDC Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None.

IV. Program – Matthew Marshall, Executive Director, Redwood Coast Energy Authority – Update

on the Implementation of the Community Choice Energy Program Rollout is on track for 2017 target; how to read the monthly bill to understand savings on electricity use; a rates comparison mailer will be sent out jointly by PG&E and RCEA; increased solar on Humboldt grid is setting evening prices at a higher rate; how to design a better tiered rate structure for our area; 600 out of 600,000 customers have signed up for 100% renewable power source; looking into how we can help public agencies, CSDs, Cities, with solar projects.

V. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: O'Rourke/Tyson: Motion to accept Agency-wide Financial Reports for June 30, 2017 and July 31, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports – No Action Required

A. Loan Portfolio Report: June 2017 and July 2017.

B. Executive Director's Report: Gregg Foster informed Board about upcoming payoffs on some loans and new loans in the pipeline; Fly Humboldt's disappointment that PenAir has ceased servicing our airport despite this being a high performing region for them; anticipating Volaire Aviation's strategic plan for local airports; Met with IBank regarding Digital 299 Project; and encouraged the board to attend the Redwood Coast Broadband Forum September 14th.

VII. Old Business

A. Update and Discussion on Providing Support for Digital 299 Broadband Project via California IBank Program Gregg Foster answered Board's questions about construction costs; RREDC's possible role in seeking funding for the \$15 million balance for this \$70 million project;



RREDC attorney Russ Gans' assessment of how RREDC would be protected and he will come before the Board before any final action is taken by RREDC.

VIII. New Business

A. Consideration of Letter of Opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Counties: Contracts for Personal Services

M/S/P: Mayo/Latt: Motion to send a letter of opposition to AB 1250 to Senator McGuire.
Motion passed unanimously.

M/S/P: Woolley/O'Rourke: Motion to send a second letter to Assemblyman Wood requesting that should AB 1250 pass the Senate, a change is made during Reconciliation that would exempt Humboldt County from its requirements. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Election of Vice-Chair to Replace Sofia Pereira, City of Arcata

M/S/P: Woolley/Bass motion to nominate Patrick O'Rourke to serve as Vice Chair of RREDC Board of Directors beginning with the September meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Member Agencies Reports

A. Rio Dell – Frank Wilson: As private citizens, running a booth at the Ferndale Fair with Marcella Clem to inform public about Hwy 101 Safety Corridor Indianola by-pass scheduled to begin 2020-21 but facing a \$25 million shortfall due to Cal Trans/ Coastal Commission wetlands replacement issue.

B. Arcata – Brett Watson introduced himself, he took Mark Wheatley's seat on the city council after serving for 5 years on Arcata's Economic Development Committee; he'll be filling in for Sofia Pereira on RREDC Board until December.

C. Humboldt Bay Harbor – Richard Marks: Jack Crider, Executive Director, has resigned to take a water district job in New Mexico. He will work through October, possibly longer if needed.

D. Blue Lake – Summer Daugherty: *LA Times* featured Blue Lake's all female city management team in an article; City of Blue Lake elected RCEA's 100% renewal energy source option.

X. Agenda/Program Requests for future Board Meetings None added.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Santino, Recorder

Michael McKaskle, Chair