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REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Regular meeting of the Board of Directors

At the Prosperity Center 520 E Street, Eureka, CA

March 27, 2017

6:30 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order & Flag Salute

Chair Michael McKaskle called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Nancy Koke, Michael McKaskle, Bruce Rupp, Marian Brady, Dennis Mayo, John Woolley, Frank Wilson, Sofia Pereira, Tyler Holmes, Patrick O'Rourke, David Tyson, James Baker and Alternates Mike Wilson and Richard Marks

Absent: Virginia Bass, Greg Dale, Sue Long, Summer Daugherty

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino

Guests: Randy Weaver, Janet DePace, Lynette Mullen, Scott Kender

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Mayo/Tyson: Motion to approve Agenda for March 27, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S/P: Woolley/Holmes: Motion to approve minutes from February 27, 2017 RREDC Board Meeting. Motion passed with Dennis Mayo, who was absent for that meeting, abstaining.

III. Public Hearing for Draft FY 2017-2018 RREDC Budget

At 6:35 pm Michael McKaskle opened the Public Hearing. Gregg Foster gave a summary of the proposed budget and answered questions. Actual presentation of the budget will be at the April 24th Board meeting.

M/S/P: Woolley/Tyson: Motion to close public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None.

V. Program – *Randall Weaver, North Coast Labor Market Consultant, Employment Development Department – Housing Affordability in Humboldt County*

Randy Weaver presented data and answered questions on the state of housing availability in Humboldt County; ratio of local incomes v. housing prices; how lack of housing inhibits recruitment of out of area professionals and factors into HSU's enrollment; challenges of obtaining real time housing data; financial advantage of infilling neighborhoods with additional housing but meeting with resistance to increasing density.

VI. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: O'Rourke/F. Wilson: Motion to accept Agency-wide Financial Report: January 31, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Reports – No Action Required

A. Loan Portfolio Report: January 31, 2017

B. Executive Director's Report: Gregg Foster reported on RREDC Loan Activity; planning September Broadband Forum; CALED conference; PenAir's successful use of California Redwood



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Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District · Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District
County of Humboldt · Hoopa Valley Tribe · Redwoods Community College District

Coast-Humboldt County Airport; Assisted in packaging HAF loan to build additional commercial kitchens at Redwood Acres; discussions regarding solar installations on public buildings.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

A. Reappointment of Loan Committee Members

M/S/P: Mayo/Rupp: Motion to reappoint the following members of the Loan Committee for an additional 2-year term:

- Financial Institution: Phil Sullivan, Coast Central Credit Union.
- Financial Institution: Christopher Nelson, Umpqua Bank.
- RREDC Board: John Woolley.
- Member-at-large: Dan Sweet (previously served as rep from Coast Central Credit Union).

Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of Letter of Support for St. Joseph Hospital's Residency Program

M/S/P: Rupp/Woolley: Motion to have Staff write letter of support to our legislators with RREDC Board President's signature, after review by Dr. David O'Brien. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on Housing Affordability in Humboldt County

Board voiced considerable interest in RREDC hosting a summit on housing, to include builders, city planners, bankers, the public, developers with experience in high density housing. Staff will engage Lynette Mullen to research and coordinate the event.

D. Discussion and Consideration of Position and Letters of Support for pending legislation AB 1410 co-authored by Senator Mike McGuire and Assembly Member Jim Wood.

M/S/P: Rupp/Mayo: Motion to have Staff write letter of support for AB 1410 to Legislators with RREDC Board President's signature. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Member Agencies Reports

Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District – Bruce Rupp said Michelle Fuller is taking Aldaron Laird's place on their board. She is focused on watershed health and economic sustainability.

McKinleyville CSD – Dennis Mayo said their new board member is Mary Burke, a project manager with California Trout.

XI. Agenda/Program Requests for future Board Meetings

Board suggested holding a meeting at the airport;
Community Choice Aggregate Energy – Redwood Coast Energy Authority;
Hearing from NextGen Eureka when their message is ready

XII. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Santino, Recorder

Michael McKaskle, Chair