



REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors
At the Prosperity Center, 520 E Street, Eureka
May 22, 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, Neal Latt, James Baker, Dennis Mayo, Sue Long, Frank Wilson, Patrick O'Rourke, Summer Daugherty and Alternates Mike Wilson, Natalie Arroyo, Dendra Dengler, Richard Marks.

Absent: Tyler Holmes, David Tyson, Marian Brady, John Woolley, Sofia Pereira, Virginia Bass, Greg Dale.

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino.

Guest: Michael Ort, Inyo Networks.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Mike Wilson/Mayo: Motion to approve Agenda for May 22, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S/P: O'Rourke/Daugherty: Motion to approve minutes from April 24, 2017 RREDC Board Meeting with one correction: VIII. Member Agency Reports A. Patrick O'Rourke is not Ferndale's alternate on the RCEA Board. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

Introductions to new and returning members and alternates.

IV. Program – Inyo Networks CEO Michael Ort – Digital 299 Broadband Project

Mr. Ort presented Inyo's proposed 170-mile broadband project features including 6 Nodes (regeneration stations), enough reliable capacity for 100 years of ever increasing use, connecting education, government, medical and public safety entities; the considerations in choosing the route. Eureka's port is desirable as a cable landing site because it is the shortest route to Hong Kong and has a legacy asset - existing pipe from the Pulp Mill into the ocean at Samoa/Manila that could be re-purposed for this. He addressed the board's economic development questions about who benefits from high-speed broadband, how it will be powered, who is funding it, and if the \$15 million gap in total \$70 million funding might come from the IBank (California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank).

M/S/P: Mike Wilson/O'Rourke: Motion to move agenda item IX.C. Discussion of Providing Support for Digital 299 Broadband Project via California IBank Program, to this point in meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S/P: Mike Wilson/O'Rourke: Motion to support staff in researching RREDC's role as conduit in IBank option to help fund Inyo's Broadband 299 Project. Motion passed with Michael McKaskle abstaining.

V. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: Long/Mayo: Motion to accept Agency-wide Financial Reports for April 30, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.



VI. Reports – No Action Required

A. Loan Portfolio Report: March 31, 2017

B. Executive Director’s Report: Gregg Foster answered questions from board.

VII. Old Business

None.

VIII. New Business

A. Appointment of Small Business Owner/Manager to Loan Committee

M/S/P: Mayo/Long: Motion to appoint Small Business Owner Bruce Rupp to the Loan Committee for a 2-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion and Potential Adoption of changes to Deferred Compensation Plan

M/S/P: Mike Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution 17-01 to adopt changes to the Deferred Compensation Plan as presented by staff.

Discussion of changes, and concerns about language in the third RESOLVED section.

Board Member Neal Latt made a Friendly Amendment to strike the language “members of the Board are hereby jointly and severally” and state instead “the Board is authorized to take such actions as they deem necessary”. The Friendly Amendment was accepted by Mike Wilson.

M/S/P: Dennis Mayo seconded Mike Wilson’s motion with the addition of Latt’s friendly amendment. Voting aye: Nancy Koke, Michael McKaskle, Neal Latt, James Baker, Dennis Mayo, Sue Long, Frank Wilson, Patrick O’Rourke, Summer Daugherty, Mike Wilson, Natalie Arroyo, Dendra Dengler, Richard Marks. Voting nay: 0

IX. Member Agencies Reports

A. Redway – Michael McKaskle: cannabis residue found in their sewage pipes.

B. Humboldt Bay Harbor District – Richard Marks: a new CDI client, Perciforms Group may rent a 40,000 sq ft warehouse for organic aquaponics and fish farms plus a potential hatchery in Eureka. They will share the space with Taylor, Pacific Seafood and a sea salt business; Harbor District is also pursuing a solar power project.

C. Orick – Nancy Koke: after a 1 ½ year engineering study a new tank and Cluster Waste Water System being installed.

D. Trinidad – James Baker: shoring up the lighthouse slide still in progress; Coastal Commission review June 1 to address Short Term Rentals issue; Cell towers to be removed from Trinidad Head as the leases have run out.

E. Eureka – Natalie Arroyo: Trail Summit event June 3rd at the Wharfinger Building; Kinetic Race needs financial help, if the race misses a year it is improbable it can get a new permit.

F. Blue Lake – Summer Daugherty: City Council seeking replacement for John Sawatzky who resigned; June 2nd Mad River Grange meeting re: rezoning, rebranding Business Park.

G. McKinleyville – Dennis Mayo: Pony Express Day and Rodeo May 31-June 4.

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

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Santino, Recorder

Michael McKaskle, Chair