



**Redwood Region Economic Development Commission  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
At the Prosperity Center, 520 E St. Eureka, CA  
July 24, 2017 3:00 pm  
MINUTES**

**I. Call to order**

Michael McKaskle called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

**Present:** Patrick O'Rourke, Michael McKaskle, Sofia Pereira, Marian Brady, John Woolley, Nancy Koke

**Absent:** Sue Long

**Staff Present:** Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino, Carol Moorehead, Virginia Fisher

**II. Approval of agenda and minutes**

**M/S/P: Brady/Pereira: Motion to approve agenda for July 24, 2017 and Minutes from June 26, 2017.** Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Public Input – for non-agenda items**

None.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. ResolutionCare Update**

Gregg gave an update on the issues ResolutionCare is having with meeting operating expenses while waiting for reimbursements for provided services, and the ongoing work of getting them on track before their expansion, and possibilities of lending partners going forward.

**V. New Business**

**A. Loan Approval or Denial: Red Front Store & Francis Creek Inn**

Carol Moorehead introduced loan: Brenda Vait requests a \$480,000 loan to purchase commercial real estate and business known as the Red Front Store and Francis Creek Inn at 577 Main Street, Ferndale, CA. The loan would be collateralized by RREDC holding a first deed of trust on 577 Main Street, Ferndale, key person life insurance, UCC-1 filing on Red Front Store and Francis Creek Inn's new and existing equipment, inventory and all business assets. Loan would be 10% fixed, 10-year term with 25-year amortization; funded 50% RREDC EDA 2/50% Headwaters.

**M/S/P: Woolley/Pereira: Motion to approve \$480,000 ten-year term loan to Brenda Vait to purchase Red Front Store & Francis Creek Inn as presented by staff.** Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Request for Loan Amount Increase: Humboldt Bay Social Club**

Gregg Foster gave an overview of why Jon O'Connor, RREDC loan client in good standing, has requested an additional \$45,450 to RREDC loan #20168 to help mitigate cost overruns.

**M/S/P: Pereira/Brady: Motion to approve increasing the original term loan #20166 amount of \$120,000 to \$165,450 to Jon O'Connor Humboldt Bay Social Club, as presented by staff.** Motion passed unanimously.



**C. Authorization to Apply to the Humboldt Area Foundation and St. Joseph Hospital to Support the Development of Comprehensive Countywide Housing Strategy Recommendations**

Gregg Foster reported that Lynette Mullen's preliminary work assessing the state of affordable housing in Humboldt County (through interviews with stakeholders) on behalf of RREDC Board of Directors, has an opportunity to go further. St. Joseph Health System and Humboldt Area Foundation suggest she apply for HAF's Community Grant Program, to support identifying countywide strategies to increase the supply of affordable and workforce housing.

**M/S/P: O'Rourke/Pereira: Motion to authorize RREDC staff to prepare and submit a Grant Application to the Humboldt Area Foundation and St. Joseph Health System to fund a project to identify and recommend countywide strategy recommendations to address affordable and workforce housing. Motion passed with Nancy Koke abstaining.**

**VI. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.**