



Redwood Region Economic Development Commission
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REDWOOD REGION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Regular meeting of the Board of Directors
At the Prosperity Center, 520 E Street, Eureka
October 23, 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, Frank Wilson, Patrick O'Rourke, Summer Daugherty, Marian Brady, Virginia Bass, Dennis Mayo, John Woolley;
Alternates Brett Watson, Ed Duggan, Richard Marks

Absent: Sue Long, Sofia Pereira, Greg Dale, Nancy Koke, David Tyson, Tyler Holmes, James Baker

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Virginia Fisher

Guests: Rob Holmlund, David Loya

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Duggan/Bass: Motion to approve Agenda for October 23, 2017 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S/P: Woolley/Daugherty: Motion to approve minutes from September 25, 2017 RREDC Board meeting. Motion passed with Virginia Bass and Dennis Mayo abstaining as they did not attend the September meeting.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None.

IV. Program – Economic Development Implications of Sea Level Rise around Humboldt Bay –

Rob Holmlund – City of Eureka's Director of Development Services, Economic & Community Development, and David Loya – City of Arcata's Community Development Director. Messrs. Holmlund and Loya discussed how their two cities are responding to sea level rise and its potential effect on low-lying ag and waterfront properties. Each pointed out that much of the developed areas being affected are already reclaimed tidal lands. Using low, medium, and high sea level projections, each showed how these areas can continue to be protected with man-made barriers for many years to come. Each City is currently preparing plans and policies to address this issue into the distant future. The City of Arcata website on the issue is <http://www.cityofarcata.org/759/Sea-Level-Rise>. The City of Eureka's Adaptation Planning report is posted at http://www.eureka2040gpu.com/Links/pdfs/COE%20SLR%20Adaptation%20Plan_Final_161230.pdf

M/S/P: Daugherty/Woolley: Motion to move Agenda Item VII. Old Business to follow IV. to allows the guests to discuss the topics with the board. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion of State of California's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Redesign Process Holmlund and Loya gave an update on the redesign process. Draft program and policy changes are expected in January 2018.

B. Update and Discussion on Providing Support for Digital 299 Broadband Project via California IBank Program Gregg Foster informed the Board that the project proponents, Inyo Networks, are working with the Rural Counties Representatives of California (RCRC) to identify

appropriate financing mechanisms after the California IBank determined that the project was not eligible for their Infrastructure Finance program.

V. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: O'Rourke/Woolley: Motion to accept Agency-wide Financial Reports for September 30, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports – No Action Required

A. Loan Portfolio Report: September 2017, Gregg Foster answered any questions.

B. Executive Director's Report: Gregg Foster spoke about the airport forum he attended; scheduling a Fly Humboldt steering committee meeting; RREDC's 40th anniversary; loan requests received by RREDC this month; EDA reporting; community outreach; making the areas of the Prosperity Center used by County ADA compliant at the DOJ's decree; and office for rent.

VIII. New Business

A. Process for Updating the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

Gregg gave an update on CEDS and answered questions regarding the update process being led by the County of Humboldt.

IX. Member Agencies Reports

A. Blue Lake – Summer Daugherty: Opening Emporium Holiday Market on Hatchery Road; received grant for Annie & Mary Trail.

B. Rio Dell – Frank Wilson: HWMA Recycling.

C. Ferndale – Patrick O'Rourke: Parking survey.

D. Willow Creek – Ed Duggan: Downtown sewer system.

E. Arcata – Brett Watson: Trail Ribbon Cutting 11/19 10am I Street.

F. Eureka – Marian Brady: 10/25 noon Samoa Cookhouse meeting of the Harbor Working Group.

X. Agenda/Program Requests for future Board Meetings November: Broadband; January: Rob Holmlund on changing building restrictions to meet housing gap

XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Santino, Recorder

Michael McKaskle, Chair