



Redwood Region  
Economic Development  
Commission

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**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the RREDC Board of Directors**  
**January 26, 2015**

**I. Call to Order and Flag Salute**

Chair Julie Fulkerson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Julie Fulkerson, Linda Atkins, Michael McKaskle, Mike Wilson, Mark Wheatley, David Tyson, John Sawatzky, Dennis Mayo, Frank Wilson, Ken Mierzwa, Bruce Rupp, Mark Lovelace

**Absent:** Virginia Bass, Nancy Koke, Mike Davis, John Woolley, Sue Long

**Guests:** Richard Marks and Luke Bruner, California Cannabis Voice Humboldt, Mark Wetzel CPA and Aaron Weiss CPA, David L. Moonie & Co.

**Staff Present:** Virginia Fisher, Nancy Garrett

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

It was suggested to change the order of the agenda and have item VII F, Approval of FY 2013/2014 Audit come after Public Input. **M/S: Wheatley/Rupp to approve agenda, with changes, for January 26, 2015 and minutes of November 24, 2014**

Motion passed unanimously

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

None

**IV. Program – Cannabis Initiative: The Economic Aspects of Current Conditions and Impacts of Legalization: Richard Marks, Luke Bruner, California Cannabis Voice Humboldt.**

Luke Bruner presented a discussion on the beneficial aspects of a potential Cannabis Land-Use Ordinance on the economy of Humboldt County.

**V. Financial Reports – Action Required**

Acceptance of Agency wide Financial Reports: November 30, 2014, December 31, 2014:

**M/S/P: Lovelace/Atkins to approve the financials as presented.** Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Reports – no action required**

**A.** Loan Portfolio Report: November 30, 2014, December 31, 2014. Report submitted; no action needed.

**B.** Executive Directors Report: Report submitted; no action needed.

**C.** Executive Committee minutes of November 24, 2014: no action needed

**M E M B E R   A G E N C I E S**

City of Arcata • City of Blue Lake • City of Eureka • City of Ferndale • City of Fortuna • City of Rio Dell • City of Trinidad  
County of Humboldt • Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District • Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District  
Humboldt Community Services District • Manila Community Services District • McKinleyville Community Services District  
Orick Community Services District • Redwoods Community College District • Hoopa Valley Tribe  
Willow Creek Community Services District • Orleans Community Services District • Redway Community Services District

## VII. New Business

### A. Election of Board Officers and Executive Committee Members

Two positions, Chair of the Board of Directors, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and two member-at-large positions on the Executive Committee needed to be filled. Nominations were as follows:

#### Chair of the Board of Directors, 2015

**M/S: Wilson/Mierzwa** to nominate Sue Long  
Long elected unanimously.

#### Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, 2015

**M/S: Wilson/Mierzwa** to nominate Nancy Koke  
Koke elected unanimously.

### B. Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 3-Year Term, 2015-2018

**M/S: McKaskle/Wheatley** to nominate Ken Mierzwa  
Mierzwa elected unanimously.

#### Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 1-Year Term, 2015-2016

**M/S: Wilson/McKaskle** to nominate Linda Atkins  
Atkins elected unanimously.

Returning Executive Committee members are Julie Fulkerson, Past Chair, John Woolley, Virginia Bass, members-at-large.

### C. Appointment of Board Secretary:

**M/S: Wheatley/Rupp:** to appoint Virginia Fisher Board Secretary.  
Motion passed unanimously

**D. New RREDC board member orientation:** An overview of RREDC, its goals and processes, is available to new and returning board members and alternates. Let staff know if you would like to schedule a time to meet.

**E. Authorization of Member of Board of Directors as new Signatory on Tri Counties Bank accounts. M/S: Wilson/McKaskle:** to add Linda Atkins as new signatory on accounts.

**F. Adoption of audit for FY 2013-2014:** Aaron Weiss CPA and Mark Wetzel CPA were present and gave a brief overview of the audit.  
**M/S: Rupp/Wilson to adopt the audit for FY 2013-2014 as prepared by Aaron Weiss, CPA and staff of David L. Moonie Co.** Passed unanimously.

## IX. Old Business

**A. Fly Humboldt!** Julie Fulkerson reported that the \$1 million goal has been met. Fundraising will continue.

**B. Air Charter Service Update:** Bruce Rupp reported on January 23, 2015 meeting. Committee would like to further contract with Kieran Mannion to contact 20 air charter operators about their interest in locating in Humboldt County at cost of \$1000.

- IX. Member Reports/Updates**  
City of Trinidad; Humboldt Bay Water, Humboldt Bay Harbor District.
- X. Agenda Requests for February 24, 2014**
- XI. Adjourn**  
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Nancy Garrett, Recorder

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Julie Fulkerson, Chair