



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, CA

September 28, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to Order & Flag Salute

Chair Sue Long called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Present: Sue Long, Nancy Koke, Linda Atkins, John Sawatzky, Mike Davis, Dennis Mayo, Michael McKaskle, Bruce Rupp, John Woolley, David Tyson, Mark Wheatley, Julie Fulkerson, Mike Wilson, Mark Lovelace

Absent: Frank Wilson, Virginia Bass, Ken Mierzwa.

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Mayo/Wilson: Motion to approve agenda for September 28, 2015 and minutes from August 24, 2015 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input – non-agenda items

None

IV. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: McKaskle/Atkins: Motion to Accept Agency-wide Financial Reports dated August 31, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Reports

A. Loan Portfolio Reports for August 31, 2015. No action needed.

B. Executive Director's Report Gregg Foster presented his report dated September 24, 2015 covering the Loan Program, Broadband challenges, Fly Humboldt related work, and Miscellaneous Activities since the last meeting (see attached). No action needed.

C. Minutes of Executive Committee submitted for August 24, 2015 (not approved yet). No action needed.

VI. Old Business

A. Adoption of the EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan and Resolution Certifying That Adoption

M/S/P: Wilson/Atkins: Motion to adopt the EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan as presented and approve the Resolution Certifying that Adoption. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion of Potential Actions in Response to Telecommunications Outage of Sept. 3, 2015

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

Gregg Foster and Connie Stewart – Executive Director California Center for Rural Policy – gave a quick history of Broadband lines, discussed outage affecting AT&T customers including some emergency services because they do not use redundant line; current legislation re: deliberate and accidental cuts to the lines; why it isn't just a company problem but a community safety issue; writing letter as a board to AT&T demanding an explanation; sharing letter with other communities at risk.

M/S/P: Fulkerson/Rupp: Motion to authorize Executive Director to send letter to AT&T regarding this matter and to sign letters on behalf of this board as needed. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of Letter of Support to the California Advanced Services Fund for the "Digital 299" Project

M/S/P: Woolley/Rupp: Motion to write letter of support for Inyo Networks' request for funding from the CASF for Digital 299 Project. Motion passed with Mike McKaskle and John Sawatzky dissenting.

VIII. Special Presentation

Nicole Morrow, Executive Director of Headwaters Fund answered questions about their charter regarding restrictions on their investments and what they can lend.

IX. Member Reports

A. Manila – John Woolley said the "Sandy Outpost" is going through positive changes with a new school, social services program and Lighthouse Plaza.

B. Redway – Mike McKaskle shared that both of their water pumps failed and had to be replaced, and a new Brewery was denied because they didn't pass a capacity analysis.

C. Nancy Koke reported on her experience at the NC Environmental Law Forum she attended in September. Presentation documents will be made available on the RREDC website. The group discussed water consumption by the cannabis industry on the Mad River etc. and need for enforcement.

D. McKinleyville – Dennis Mayo summarized the benefits of attending the Special District Conference where they were given Special Recognition for the intensive public policy training they have undergone as a board; which brought them together across political differences, and reduced their insurance rates.

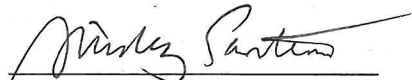
X. Agenda/Program Requests for next meeting

No special requests.

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Shirley Santino, Recorder


Nancy Koke, Vice-Chair