



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

**April 25, 2016**

**6:30 pm**

**Minutes**

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

Chair Nancy Koke called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Present:** Nancy Koke, John Woolley, David Tyson, Michael McKaskle, Mike Wilson, Marian Brady, Mike Davis, Dennis Mayo, Ken Mierzwa, Sue Long, Bruce Rupp, Julie Fulkerson, Mark Wheatley, John Sawatzky and Virginia Bass

**Absent:** Frank Wilson

**Staff Present:** Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino

**Guests:** Keith Snow-Flamer, Marty Coehlo

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

**M/S/P: Woolley/Bass:** Motion to approve agenda for April 25, 2016 Board Meeting and Minutes from March 28, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

None

**IV. Program – College of the Redwoods President and CEO Keith Snow-Flamer and Executive Director of**

*College Advancement Marty Coehlo: Revising CR's Education Master Plan to meet Humboldt County's employment and economic development needs;* guests asked for input from RREDC Board for CR's 2017-2021 strategic planning. Board's suggested curriculum additions included Waste Water Treatment Certification, Aviation Sciences, CNC Machinery operation, Problem-solving skills.

**V. Consent Calendar**

**M/S/P: Woolley/McKaskle:** Motion to Accept Agency-wide Financial Reports dated March 31, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Reports**

**A. Loan Portfolio Report** for March 31, 2016 was presented by Gregg Foster. No action needed.

**B. Executive Director's Report** given verbally by Gregg Foster. He covered EDA Conference in D.C. including EDA "Economic Resiliency" investment preparing for natural disasters – Gregg will give our EDA Rep a tour of our airport in May to see how it could qualify; working with Headwaters Fund to analyze their loan program performance; discussing with HAF how lending locally can get a better return; spoke at Redwood Acres Cannifest; success of PenAir launch party at airport April 21. No action needed.

**MEMBER AGENCIES**

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. Old Business**

**A. Approval of FY 2016/2017 Budget**

Gregg Foster answered questions about the draft FY 2016/2017 budget.

**M/S/P: Tyson/Mike Wilson:** Motion to Approve FY 2016/2017 Budget as presented.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. Authorization for Chair of the Board of Directors to sign a letter of support for H.R.4487 relating to the defederalization of EDA Revolving Loan Funds**

**M/S/P: Tyson/Mike Wilson:** Motion to authorize RREDC Board Chair to sign and send letter of support for H.R.4487. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Discussion and Consideration of Letter Regarding "Last Chance Grade" Highway 101 Project**

**M/S/P: Mike Wilson/Fulkerson:** Mike Wilson made a motion to authorize RREDC Board Chair to sign and send letter of support for the Last Chance Grade Project. John Woolley offered a friendly amendment to ask Congress to expedite the funding process for the project for the health and safety of our communities. Amendment accepted. Fulkerson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**X. Member Reports**

**A. Manila** – John Woolley reported that they have about 1000 residents; Redwood Coast Montessori has been great for the community; Lighthouse Plaza not open yet; Closure of SPI sawmill will cause a 10% reduction in revenue from lost sewer/water fees etc.

**B. Rio Dell** – Frank Wilson was unable to attend, will give his report at May meeting.

**C. Dennis Mayo** gave update on Prop. 218: Article X amendment is dead; water rates will see a dramatic increase in the Districts.

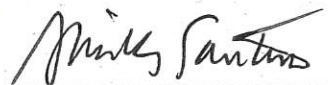
**XI. Agenda/Program Requests for a future meeting**

No suggestions.

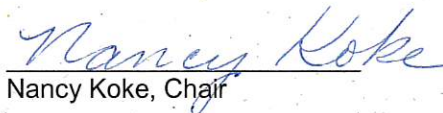
**XII. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Shirley Santino, Recorder



Nancy Koke, Chair