



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

August 22, 2016

6:30 pm

Minutes

I. Call to Order & Flag Salute

Chair Nancy Koke called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

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

Absent: Mike Wilson

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino

Guests: Angie Lottes, Paul Helliker

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Mayo/Bass: Motion to approve agenda for August 22, 2016 RREDC Board Meeting and Minutes from July 25, 2016 RREDC Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None

IV. Program – Angie Lottes, Biomass Program Coordinator, The Watershed Center

Ms. Lottes discussed with the board current biomass initiatives; state of local power plants; forest health and Governor Brown's "emergency proclamation" to assist dying trees; collaborative planning being done through the Statewide Wood Energy Team (SWET) to implement a viable biomass energy industry in Northern California; Gasifying wood into natural gas and the value of biochar.

[After the presentation at 7:40 pm Frank Wilson left meeting]

V. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: Rupp/Sawatzky: Motion to Accept Agency-wide Financial Reports dated June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Loan Portfolio Reports for June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016 were presented by Gregg Foster. No action needed.

B. Executive Director's Report given verbally by Gregg Foster: speaking at Prosperity Group Business Leaders Luncheon; Ramone's ribbon-cutting at airport; managing during staff medical leave. 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

None

VIII. New Business

A. Authorize RREDC Executive Director to sign EDA Contract for Recapitalizing RLF

M/S/P: Rupp/Fulkerson: Motion to authorize Executive Director Gregg Foster to sign a contract with the EDA for the Grant to Recapitalize RREDC's RLF. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Board Prioritization/Strategic Planning Session

Gregg Foster asked for volunteers for an Ad Hoc committee to help plan the session. Mike Wilson, Julie Fulkerson, Dennis Mayo, Bruce Rupp, Mark Wheelley all stepped forward.

C. Approval of Staff Recommendation to Modify the EDA Revolving Loan Fund Plan to include streamlined process for Microloans up to \$50,000.

M/S/P: McKaskle/Fulkerson: Motion to approve modifying EDA RLF to include use for microloans up to \$50,000. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Member Reports

A. Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District – Bruce Rupp described their ongoing water resource planning process; importance of maintaining control of Humboldt's water; completed pipelines and other community projects; water and economic development; studying how best to use our excess water.

B. Humboldt Community Services District – David Tyson said a practical point of view is needed for a proper flow study in the augmentation of stream flows for fisheries; a rate study for the City of Eureka is being conducted by an outside firm.

C. City of Arcata – Mark Wheelley reported on low and moderate income housing projects; billboard removal; rise of Hep C and heroin overdoses have police now carrying Narcan; traffic challenges; elections and North Country Fair coming up.

X. Agenda/Program Requests for a future meeting

Funding Solar Panels for Public Facilities
Humboldt County's critical need of a Slaughterhouse

XI. Closed Session

**Per California Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation;
Title: Executive Director**

Gregg Foster and Shirley Santino stepped out of the meeting at 8:15 pm to allow Board discussion of preferred methods for Executive Director's performance evaluation. An Ad Hoc committee was formed to design the rubric for the evaluation, comprised of: Julie Fulkerson; Mark Wheelley; Bruce Rupp; John Woolley.

Committee reconvened into open session. No action taken.

XII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Santino, Recorder

Nancy Koke, Chair