



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

July 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, Michael McKaskle, Marian Brady, Dennis Mayo, Sue Long, Julie Fulkerson, Mark Wheatley, John Sawatzky, Frank Wilson, Mike Wilson and Alternate Barbara Hecathorn

Absent: David Tyson, Ken Mierzwa, Bruce Rupp, Virginia Bass, Mike Davis

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino

Guest: Marcella Clem

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Mayo/Frank Wilson: Motion to approve agenda for July 25, 2016 RREDC Board Meeting and Minutes from May 23, 2016 RREDC Board Meeting. Motion passed with Julie Fulkerson recusing herself from approving the minutes as she was not in attendance May 23, 2016.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None

IV. Program – Marcella Clem, Executive Director, Humboldt County Association of Government discussed Transportation half-cent Sales Tax Ballot Measure

Ms. Clem presented the results of the Humboldt County Transportation Issues Survey conducted in May 2016; Humboldt County road and transit projects at risk due to State transportation funding cuts; the Self-Help County Coalition; and discussed the board's concerns about proposed solutions, priorities and how to reassure the public that this tax money would be well-spent.

V. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: Mike Wilson/Wheatley: Motion to Accept Agency-wide Financial Reports dated May 31, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports

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

B. Executive Director's Report from July 21, 2016 Gregg Foster explained the RREDC - Headwaters Fund Loan Portfolio Performance chart and potential for FY 2017. No action needed.

VII. Old Business

None

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

VIII. New Business

A. Presentation on Staff Goals for FY 2017 Board requested measurable targets be added to staff document and a Board brainstorming session to update RREDC Board priorities from Fiscal Year 2014.

B. Selection of Auditor for 2016-2018 Fiscal Year Audits

M/S/P: Woolley/McKaskle: Motion to select CPAs David L. Moonie & Co. to audit RREDC for Fiscal Year Audits 2016-2018. Motion passed unanimously.

[At 7:40 pm Mark Wheelley had to leave the meeting]

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. City of Blue Lake – John Sawatzky said that the Annie & Mary Day and Mad River Festivals were successful; City Council closed session discussions are underway regarding the temporary closure of Blue Lake Power Plant and the laying off of 16 employees.

B. Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District Alternate Barbara Hecathorn requested that we wait until Bruce Rupp can present the report, so the slot was given to Rio Dell.

B. Rio Dell – Frank Wilson reported that after numerous extra meetings, the City Council voted down a marijuana deal that would have brought 3 dispensaries and increased concentration of grows into their town of 3500 residents; Wildwood Days are ahead which are always fun.

C. McKinleyville CSD – Dennis Mayo said that they are working on their Open Space Maintenance Plan; Eureka Natural Foods about to open; state-of-the-art gymnasium planned; progress on treatment plant and fire hydrants; planting 600 trees at the Coho perk pond to take up affluent; partnership with HBMWD.

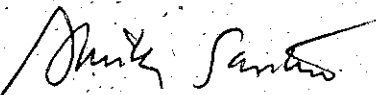
X. Agenda/Program Requests for a future meeting


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XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Shirley Santino, Recorder


Nancy Koke, Chair