



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

May 23, 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, Mike Davis, Dennis Mayo, Sue Long, Julie Fulkerson, Mark Wheatley, John Sawatzky, Virginia Bass and Alternate Barbara Hecathorn

Absent: Frank Wilson, David Tyson, Mike Wilson, Ken Mierzwa, Bruce Rupp

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Shirley Santino

Guest: Malinda Matson

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Sawatzky/Wheatley: Motion to approve agenda for May 23, 2016 Board Meeting and Minutes from April 25, 2016 Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None

IV. Program – Malinda Matson, Economic Development Representative for Northern and Coastal California, Economic Development Administration, will provide updates on EDA programs

She covers 38 counties in California and thanked RREDC board and staff for being their best performing RLF, applauds how the Prosperity Center works, Humboldt's entrepreneurial spirit, and importance of diversification of economy. She addressed the board's questions.

V. Consent Calendar

M/S/P: Fulkerson/Sawatzky: Motion to Accept Agency-wide Financial Reports dated April 30, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Reports

A. Loan Portfolio Report for April 30, 2016 was presented by Gregg Foster. No action needed.

B. Executive Director's Report Gregg Foster corrected date of report to May 21, 2016, and answered questions from the board. 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. Approval of Renewal of Lease with Ronald Pileggi for 520 and 530 E Streets

M/S/P: Wheatley/Mayo: Motion to renegotiate lease with landlord Ron Pileggi as recommended by Executive Committee, from a 10-year to a 5-year initial term.

B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Humboldt for Headwaters Participation in New EDA Recapitalization Grant

M/S/P: Brady/Bass: Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Humboldt for Headwaters Participation in New EDA Recapitalization Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Member Reports

A. Rio Dell – Frank Wilson was unable to attend.

B. Eureka – Marian Brady reported that “The Lodge” project is going well – 49 apartments for low-income seniors on E St. – vastly improving the neighborhood; bay is being dredged; 2 cruise ships coming in 2017; city received application for a Cannabis testing lab; Arts & Culture commission looking for 2 additional members; vehicle abatement volunteers helping EPD; low impact landscaping experiment; property owners being canvassed about waterfront open space.

X. Agenda/Program Requests for a future meeting

Disaster Preparedness – Rapid Recovery and Economic Re-Tooling
Hold a Board Meeting at the Airport

XI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Santino, Recorder

Nancy Koke, Chair