

**Minutes
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 24, 2011**

- I. **Call to Order and Flag Salute**

Chair Tyler Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Present: Dendra Dengler, Julie Fulkerson, Tyler Holmes, Bud Leonard, Mike Losey, Mark Lovelace, Ken Mierzwa, Mike Newman, Bruce Rupp, Sherman Schapiro, Frank Scolari, Mike Wilson
Absent: Kristina Combs, John Rogers, Tom Ross, Alex Stillman, Bill Wennerholm
Guests: Nancy Cook, Orick CSD, Tony Smithers, Humboldt Convention & Visitor's Bureau
Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Bonnie Smoller
- II. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

M/S/P: Wilson/Lovelace to approve agenda of January 24, 2011 and minutes of October 25, 2010
- III. **Financial Reports**

M/S/P: Wilson/Rupp to approve financial reports for October 31, 2010, November 30, 2010 and December 31, 2010
- IV. **Reports**
 - A. Loan Portfolio Report: October 31, November 30 and December 3, 2010; no action needed
 - B. Executive Director Report: no action needed
 - C. Executive minutes of November 4, 2010; no action needed
- V. **Public Input – for non agenda items**

None
- VI. **Program: Tony Smithers, Humboldt Convention & Visitor's Bureau: Humboldt Tourism Business Improvement District:** Mr. Smithers spoke about the benefit of forming a tourism business improvement district (TBID) in Humboldt County as an alternative funding source for tourism promotion.
- VII. **Old Business**
 - A. **Report on Process for Updating the Humboldt County Comprehensive Economic Plan Strategy:** Executive Director updated the board of Directors on the County's update of the CEDS and the RREDC led meetings on community infrastructure projects.
- VIII. **New Business**
 - A. **Request for Letter of Support for Aquaculture Permitting Project Sponsored by the Humboldt Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District:**

M/S/P: Fulkerson/Lovelace to authorize staff to draft a letter of support to the Humboldt County Headwaters Fund Community Investment Fund for a grant application from the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation & Conservation District that will result in permits for increased aquaculture production in Humboldt Bay. RREDC staff has been working with District staff and local aquaculture businesses to develop the application.

B. Request for Approval of Contract and Budget Information for Mead & Hunt for Services in Support of Airline Meetings at the Network 101 Conference:

M/S/P: Schapiro/Rupp to approve a contract with airline consultant Mead & Hunt to assist RREDC and the County of Humboldt Aviation Division staff with recruitment meetings with airlines conducted during the Network USA 101 conference to be held in early March.

C. Consideration of Position of Retaining State Redevelopment Agencies and Enterprise Zones: The governor's proposed budget cuts, which may eliminate or severely cut funds for redevelopment agencies, could be devastating for Humboldt County economy. Staff will gather information from (local agencies) for an in-depth discussion at the February 28 board meeting.

D. Election of Officers for 2011

Three positions, Chair of the Board of Directors, Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors and one Member-at-large (one 3-year term) of the Executive Committee were on the agenda to be filled. Nominations were as follows:

Chair of the Board of Directors, 2011

M/S: Holmes/Schapiro to nominate Mark Lovelace

M/S: Scolari/Rupp to close nominations

Lovelace elected unanimously

Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors, 2011

M/S: Fulkerson/Rupp to nominate Mike Wilson

M/S: Leonard/Schapiro to close nominations

Wilson elected unanimously

Member-at-Large, Executive Committee, 3-Year Term, 2011-2014

M/S: Fulkerson/Lovelace to nominate Bruce Rupp

M/S: Leonard/Lovelace to close nominations

Rupp elected unanimously

Returning Executive Committee members are Tyler Holmes, Past Chair and Frank Scolari and Julie Fulkerson, members at large.

IX. Member Reports/Updates

Reporting were the City of Trinidad and the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District.

X. Agenda Requests for the February 28 Board of Directors Meeting

Medical marijuana dispensaries and the banking industry.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie Smoller, Recorder

Tyler Holmes, Chair

