

Redwood Region Economic Development Commission
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
January 28, 2013
5:30 p.m.
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: Julie Fulkerson, Nancy Koke, Mark Lovelace, Mike Newman, Bruce Rupp, Mike Wilson

Absent: None

Staff Present: Don Ehnebuske, Virginia Fisher

II. Approval of January 28, 2013 agenda and executive minutes of December 4, 2012

M/S/P: Newman/Fulkerson: 1). approve Dec. 4, 2012 minutes as written, 2) change the order of the January 28, 2013 agenda by moving item *IV. Closed Session* to the end of the agenda, after New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None

IV. Closed session: Per California Government Code Section 54957 Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Executive Director

M/S/P: Newman/Fulkerson: a motion was made at 6:10 p.m. to go into closed session.

V. Reconvene in open session

At 6:29 p.m. the group reconvened in open session No action taken.

VI. Old Business

A. Update on J.R. Stephens, Fire & Light and Stussi Loan

Not discussed. Information regarding these loans is included in the regular executive director report for the board of directors.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration to recommend adoption of FY 2011-2012 Audit to Board of Directors:

Mark Wetzel, CPA, David L Moonie Co. presented the audit and answered questions. There were no audit findings. **M/S/P: Rupp/Fulkerson: to recommend adoption of the FY 2011-2012 audit to the RREDC Board of Directors.** Motion passed unanimously.

B. Develop language for board to recommend adoption of the Prosperity 2012

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: In February RREDC will make a recommendation to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) regarding the adoption of the Prosperity 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Staff recommended having language in place for the approval of the document. Using the language devised by the Headwaters Fund as a model, staff incorporated the concerns of RREDC and wrote the following adoption motion: "*We move to approve recommending the adoption of the Prosperity 2012 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. We endorse this plan as a community roadmap to lead us to economic prosperity. RREDC is not committed to funding or supporting any specific project in the plan and will continue to*

evaluate funding requests and organizational priorities based on the merits of individual projects.”

It was proposed that the third sentence in the motion be changed to “*RREDC will continue to evaluate loan requests and organizational priorities based on the merits of individual projects.*” **M/S/P: Lovelace/Fulkerson: moved to recommend the wording of this motion, with the change, for the Prosperity 2012 CEDS.** Motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Consider declining Headwaters Fund Aquaculture grant and recommending transfer of funding to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District for similar purposes:** The HBHRC is in the process of purchasing the former Samoa Pulp Mill site with the intention of developing a commercial aquaculture facility. Transferring the funds directly to HBHRC would be a more effective use of Headwaters Fund monies.

M/S/P: Rupp/Lovelace: to decline the Headwaters Fund grant awarded to RREDC and recommend to the Headwaters Fund Board that those funds be awarded to the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District for planning activities relating acquiring the pulp mill site. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.