

**Meeting of the RREDC Board of Directors
July 25, 2011
Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

Chair Mark Lovelace called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Members Present: Joy Dellas for Dendra Dengler, Julie Fulkerson, Tyler Holmes, Nancy Koke for Kristina Combs, Mark Lovelace, Ken Mierzwa, Mike Newman, Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap for Bruce Rupp, Sherman Schapiro, Alex Stillman, Mike Wilson

Absent: Bud Leonard, Mike Losey, John Rogers, Tom Ross, Frank Scolari, Bill Wennerholm

Guests: Sid Berg, Bill Bertain, Janet DePace, Jackie Duschel, Sungnome Madrone, Carl Schoenhofer, Connie Stewart, Chris Weston

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Bonnie Smoller

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Two urgent items came up after the posting of the July 25 agenda which need action before the next scheduled board meeting. Item one is the approval of the contract with Mead & Hunt for an air service development program grant which is due August 2, 2011. The second item is a letter of support to the PUC for Redwood Coast Connect.

M/S/P: Holmes/Wilson to approve adding the urgent items under New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

M/S: Wilson/Stillman to approve May 23 agenda with the changes and the minutes of May 23, 2011. Ayes: Dellas, Fulkerson, Holmes, Koke, Lovelace, Mierzwa, Newman, Sopoci-Belknap, Stillman, Wilson; Noes: none; abstain: Schapiro. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Financial Reports

A. Agency-wide Financial Reports: May 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011: M/S/P: Wilson/Schapiro to approve reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

A. Loan Portfolio Report: May 31, 2011 and June 30, 2011: no action needed.

B. Executive Director Report: in writing; no action needed.

V. Public Input – for non-agenda items

Sid Berg, president of the Building and Construction Trades Council for Humboldt/Del Norte Counties is concerned about the lack of apprenticeship positions in local construction. He would like RREDC to address this situation on a future agenda.

VI. Old Business

A. Continuation of Discussion on Issues Relating to Export of Raw Logs from Humboldt County
Carl Schoenhofer, Vice President, General Manager, California Redwood Company spoke about how the export of raw and value added logs have helped their company during the drop in the housing market. The Asian market for low grade lumber continues to help keep their mills operating.

VII. New Business

A. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Selection of Candidates for the Board of Directors of the Special Districts Risk Management Authority (SDRMA) As a member of SDRMA, RREDC is asked to select up to three (3) candidates for the SDRMA election of officers. The

ballots are due on September 16, 2011. To allow time to research the qualifications of the candidates it was asked that this item on the August 22 agenda. No action taken.

- B. Consideration of Letter of Support of IP Networks Request for Additional Funds for the Highway 36 Humboldt-Trinity Counties Project (Resolution T-17227):** This letter would be signed by RREDC board chair, addressed to the director of the advanced services fund of the California Public Utilities Commission. **M/S/P: Holmes/Stillman to approve drafting a letter supporting IP Networks request for additional funds for Highway 36 Humboldt-Trinity Counties project.** Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Consideration of Letter to the North Coast Railway Authority Requesting that it Take Steps to Preserve Humboldt County Railroad Rights-of-Way, Including Investigation of Railbanking as a Method of Preservation:** After discussion, the item was tabled.

- D. Urgency Item: Request for Letter of Support for PUC Grant:** Connie Stewart, executive director of the California Center for Rural Policy (CCRP), asked for support for a grant application to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to fund broadband for underserved counties. RREDC will be written into the grant for organization and implementation of the Broadband Forum. **M/S/P: Wilson/Fulkerson to authorize staff to write a letter of support for the grant application.** Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Urgency Item: Approval of Contract with Head & Hunt for Preparation of Grant for the Small Community Air Service Development Program Grant Application:** RREDC and the Humboldt County Aviation Division want to pursue a grant application to the FAA Small Community Air Service Development Program. The application is due August 2. RREDC will be the lead agency for the project; the cost of the project will be split equally between RREDC and County Aviation. **M/S/P: Holmes/Schapiro to authorize approval of contract with Mead & Hunt for \$14,950 for the preparation and submission of the grant application.** Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Member Reports/Updates/Roundtable Discussion

Reporting: City of Ferndale

- IX. Agenda requests for August 22 Board of Directors Meeting:** Bob McCall, marketing director, Cypress Grove Chevre.

- X. Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT: Title: Executive Director; with respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to California Government Code subdivision (f) of Section 54957**

- XI. Adjourn**
The meeting adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Smoller, Recorder

Mark Lovelace, Chair