

**Meeting of the RREDC Board of Directors
July 26, 2010
Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

Chair Tyler Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Atkins, Dendra Dengler, Julie Fulkerson, Tyler Holmes, Mark Lovelace, Melissa Marks, John Rogers, Tom Ross, Bruce Rupp, Sherman Schapiro, Alex Stillman, Bill Wennerholm for Helen Edwards, Mike Wilson, Ken Zanzi

Absent: Kristina Combs, Ken Mierzwa, Frank Scolari

Guests: Kim Floyd, Project Director, Caltrans

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Bonnie Smoller

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The following corrections were made to the minutes of June 28, 2010. Item VIII C: "Atkins" was misspelled; Item VIII D, the word plan should be changed to report. **M/S/P: Lovelace/Fulkerson to approve July 26 agenda and minutes of June 28, 2010 as corrected.**

III. Financial Reports

A. M/S/P: Atkins/Wilson to approve agency-wide financial reports for June 30, 2010 as presented.

IV. Reports

A. Loan Portfolio Report: June 30, 2010: no action needed.

B. Executive Director Report: the report was given verbally. No action needed.

V. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None

VI. Special Presentation/Program: Caltrans: Overview of the Richardson Grove Operational Improvement Project: Kim Floyd, Caltrans Project Manager gave a presentation on the proposed Richardson Grove expansion.

VII. Old Business

A. Discussion of RREDC's Role in Supporting Implementation of the Humboldt Bay Economic Development Report: Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District (HBHRCD) Commissioner Mike Wilson led a discussion of the final summary report from the HBHRCD Economic Development committee. No action needed.

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion of Update of Humboldt County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): The County of Humboldt is in the process of updating the CEDS and has requested a time extension from the EDA to complete the update. RREDC is part of the regional support team that is the Redwood Coast Prosperity Network. CEDS will be the program for the August 23, 2010 board meeting. No action needed.

B. Discussion of Humboldt County “iHub” Application: The “iHub” (Innovation Hub) is an initiative from the Governor’s Office of Economic Development designed for “stimulating partnerships, economic development, and job creation around specific research clusters through state-designated iHubs”. As one of the partners, RREDC was designated to act as the iHub coordinator and point of contact to the Governor’s Office of Economic Development. Since March 2010 six geographic areas in the state have been designated as iHubs. The application process is ongoing; more will be selected. No action needed.

C. Authorization to Sign “Offer and Acceptance of Award Amendment” with Economic Development Administration: **M/S/P: Wilson/Atkins to authorize staff to sign agreement with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce approving the revolving loan fund administrative plan dated December, 31, 2009.**

D. Consideration of Letter of Support for CPUC Resolution T-17288 for Funding for the Redwood Telephone LLC Northern California Open Community Fiber Network Project: **M/S/P: Stillman/Rupp to authorize staff to send a letter to Jack Leutza, Director, Communications Division of the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) in support of Resolution T-17288 which proposes funding for the Redwood Telephone LLC Northern California Open Community Fiber Network Project.**

IX. Member Reports/Updates

Reporting were the County of Humboldt, City of Blue Lake and Redway CSD.

X. Agenda Item Requests for August 23, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

Requested were a report from Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District and an update of the Eureka Arcata airport.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Smoller, Recorder

Tyler Holmes, Chair