

**ADOPTED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

August 13, 2026

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District met in regular session on the above date, Closed Session met at 5:00 P.M. and Regular Session met at 6:00 P.M. at the Woodley Island Marina meeting room, 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501.

CLOSED SESSION – 5:01 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following individuals addressed the Commission regarding subject matters on the closed session meeting agenda: No one.

BUSINESS

- a) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT
Title: Special Counsel

REGULAR SESSION – 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BENSON
KULLMANN
NORTON

Commissioner Kullmann participated remotely pursuant to Government Code sections 54953.8 and 54953.8.3(c)(1), based upon a caregiving need involving a parent.

ABSENT: DALE
NEWMAN

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION: Commission met in closed session to consider the appointment of special counsel. Commission voted 3 to 0 to approve the appointment of the law firm Stoel Rives LLP to serve as special counsel with respect to permitting and environmental review associated with the Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal Project. Executive Director Mikkelsen was given authorization to sign the engagement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following individuals addressed the Commission regarding subject matters not on the regular session meeting agenda: Rod Gonzales and Sebastian Elrite.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Adopt Minutes for Regular Board Meeting on July 9, 2026.
- b) Adopt Minutes for Special Board Meeting on July 16, 2026

- c) Approve an Employment Agreement for Marina Manager
- d) Receive District Financial Reports for May 2026
- e) Approve a Purchase Order to Complete a Six-Month Contract with Express Employment Professionals for Three Harbor Maintenance Workers

COMMISSIONER NORTON MOVED ACCEPT CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A-E.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: BENSON, KULLMANN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

Absent: DALE, NEWMAN

Abstain: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Correspondence Received
 - I. Acknowledgement from SDRMA that the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District has had no paid claims on property/liability insurance coverage in the last 5 years.
- b) Executive Director's Report
 - I. Executive Director presented Executive Director's report.
- c) Staff Reports
 - I. Staff presented a report.
- d) District Counsel Report
 - I. No report.
- e) District Treasurer Report
 - I. No report.
- f) District Engineer Report.
 - I. Executive Director presented the District Engineer report.
- g) District Planner Report
 - I. District Planner presented a report.
- h) Commissioner and Committee Reports
 - I. Commissioners reported on recent activities and subcommittees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) **Receive Status Update Regarding the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project**
 - I. District staff presented the item with David Wills, Jon Finegold and Scott Lagueux of Moffat & Nichol.
 - II. The Commission discussed the item.
 - III. Vice Chair Benson opened the item to public comment. Rod Gonzales, Scott Frazier, Tina Manos, Todd Van Herpe, Sebastian Elrite, Sylvia Van Royen, Matt Simmons and Amy Jester commented.
 - IV. Vice Chair Benson moved the discussion back to the Commission.
 - V. Discussion item only, no formal action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Accept the Audit Report for the FY 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

- I. District Treasurer presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Vice Chair Benson opened the item to public comment. Rod Gonzales commented.
- IV. Vice Chair Benson moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER NORTON MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT REPORT FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: BENSON, KULLMANN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

Absent: DALE, NEWMAN

Abstain: NONE

b) Authorize the Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with Moffat & Nichol for the Continued and Expanded Planning, Permitting and Design Services, Funded by the California Energy Commission Waterfront Facility Improvement Program – OSW 25

- I. Executive Director presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Vice Chair Benson opened the item to public comment. No one commented.
- IV. Vice Chair Benson moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER NORTON MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH MOFFAT & NICHOL FOR THE CONTINUED AND EXPANDED PLANNING, PERMITTING AND DESIGN SERVICES, FUNDED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION WATERFRONT FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OSW 25.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED.

Ayes: BENSON, KULLMANN, NORTON

Noes: NONE

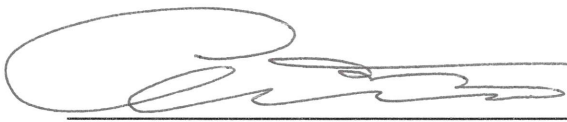
Absent: DALE, NEWMAN

Abstain: NONE

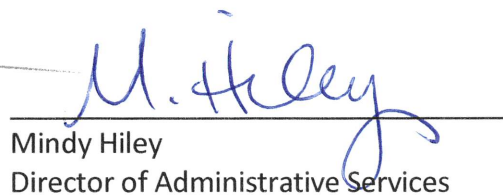
ADJOURNMENT – 8:20 P.M.

APPROVED BY:

RECORDED BY:



Aaron Newman
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners



Mindy Hiley
Director of Administrative Services