

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

November 9, 2023

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

CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 P.M.

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

BUSINESS

- a)** CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Property: All or Portions of Humboldt County Assessor Parcel Nos.: 401-112-024-000, 401-031-040-000, 401-031-078-000, and 401-031-083-000, and portions of the tidelands along the Samoa Peninsula adjacent to Redwood Marine Terminal I. Agency negotiator: Larry Oetker, Executive Director; Ryan Plotz, District Counsel. Negotiating parties: Crowley Wind Services, Inc. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.
- b)** Public Employee Appointment: Legal Counsel

REGULAR SESSION – 6:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: BENSON
DALE
HIGGINS
KULLMANN

ABSENT: NEWMAN

QUORUM: YES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

REPORT ON SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION: No reportable action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following individuals addressed the Commission regarding subject matters not on the regular session meeting agenda: No one.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- a)** Adopt Minutes for October 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- b)** Receive District Financial Reports for August 2023
- c)** Receive District Financial Reports for September 2023

- d) Review and Approve a Lease Agreement with the City of Eureka
- e) Review and Approve an Assignment of Lease Agreement to Holdfast Seafoods, LLC
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED TO ACCEPT CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS A-E.
COMMISSIONER KULLMANN SECONDED.
VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.
Ayes: BENSON, DALE, HIGGINS, KULLMANN
Noes: NONE
Absent: NEWMAN
Abstain: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) Correspondence Received
 - I. Letter from Jared Huffman in Support of the MPDG Mega Grant (Attachment A)
- b) Executive Director's Report
 - I. Executive Director presented Executive Director's report.
- c) Staff Reports
 - I. Staff presented reports.
- d) District Counsel and District Treasurer Reports
 - I. No report.
- e) Commissioner and Committee Reports
 - I. Commissioners reported on recent activities and subcommittees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Receive an Update on the New Heavy Lift Marine Terminal to Support the Offshore Wind Industry**
 - I. District staff presented the item.
 - II. The Commission discussed the item.
 - III. Chair Dale opened the item to public comment. Elaine Monweb, Angel Martinez, Robin Grey-Stewart, Sean Marsh, Karry Venegas, Torri Polizzi and Carol Vander Meer commented.
 - IV. Chair Dale moved the discussion back to the Commission.
 - V. Discussion item only, no formal action was taken.
- b) **Consider Adopting Resolution 2023-19, A Resolution Electing to be Subject to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act at an Equal Amount for Employees and Annuitants**
 - I. Executive Director presented the item.
 - II. The Commission discussed the item.
 - III. Chair Dale opened the item to public comment. No one commented.
 - IV. Chair Dale moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-19, A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO BE SUBJECT TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL CARE ACT AT AN EQUAL AMOUNT FOR EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN SECONDED.

ROLL CALL VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, HIGGINS, KULLMANN

Noes: NONE

Absent: NEWMAN

Abstain: NONE

c) Consider Adopting Resolution 2023-20, A Resolution Repealing Resolution 2004-02, and Fixing the Employer's Contribution to the Harbor District Employee and Retiree Health Insurance Program

I. Executive Director presented the item.

II. The Commission discussed the item.

III. Chair Dale opened the item to public comment. No one commented.

IV. Chair Dale moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-20, A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 2004-02, AND FIXING THE EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE HARBOR DISTRICT EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS SECONDED.

VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, HIGGINS, KULLMANN

Noes: NONE

Absent: NEWMAN

Abstain: NONE

d) Consider Adopting Resolution 2023-21, A Resolution Establishing a Retirement System Pursuant to Section 218(d)(6) of the Federal Social Security Act Composed of Positions of Members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System within the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District

I. Executive Director presented the item.

II. The Commission discussed the item.

III. Chair Dale opened the item to public comment. No one commented.

IV. Chair Dale moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-21, A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A RETIREMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 218(D)(6) OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT COMPOSED OF POSITIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITHIN THE HUMBOLDT BAY HARBOR, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED.

VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, HIGGINS, KULLMANN

Noes: NONE

Absent: NEWMAN
Abstain: NONE

e) Consider Adopting Resolution No. 2023-22 Recognizing Executive Director, Larry Oetker, for His Years of Service to the District

- I. Chair Dale presented the item.
- II. The Commission discussed the item.
- III. Chair Dale opened the item to public comment. Amy Jester, Kerry Venegas, Mike Foget, and Leigh Pierre-Oetker commented.
- IV. Chair Dale moved the discussion back to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2023-22, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LARRY OETKER FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED.

COMMISSIONER KULLMANN AMENDED HIS MOTION TO INCLUDE RECOGNITION FOR ATTRACTING FIBER-OPTIC CABLE LANDINGS AT REDWOOD MARINE TERMINAL II.

COMMISSIONER BENSON SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION.

VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED, MOTION CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT.

Ayes: BENSON, DALE, HIGGINS, KULLMANN

Noes: NONE

Absent: NEWMAN

Abstain: NONE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Monthly Update on the Humboldt Bay Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Marine Terminal Project**

ADJOURNMENT – 7:32 P.M.

APPROVED BY:



Aaron Newman
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners

RECORDED BY:



Mindy Hiley
Director of Administrative Services

JARED HUFFMAN

2ND DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

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November 2, 2023

Honorable Pete Buttigieg
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

I am writing in support of the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District's application for FY 2023-2024 Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) Mega and INFRA funding for its Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal Project. This critical infrastructure would support California's burgeoning offshore wind industry and bring significant economic benefits to a historically disadvantaged rural community while supporting clean energy development needed to combat climate change.

The marine terminal project on Humboldt Bay in the north part of my congressional district will redevelop a 180-acre former industrial site along a federal navigation channel. Offshore wind developers would use the site to assemble wind turbines before towing them to Bureau of Ocean Management leased areas offshore. Significant workforce development, career advancement, and local business opportunities will result from these projects, including for local tribal members, tribal governments, and labor. The project has been supported by \$10.45 million in planning funds from the state and by \$8.8 million in United States Marine Highway Grant funds, and a 50 percent or higher match to the Mega and INFRA funds is expected.

This major port development nearest the most significant wind resources will make it a hub for offshore wind on the West Coast, increasing competitiveness by reducing travel between manufacturing hub, mar shalling port, and wind farm, and by reducing consumer costs. These projects are critical to meeting state and federal clean energy goals.

Please give the Humboldt Bay Harbor District's request for MPDG Mega and INFRA funding for its Offshore Wind Heavy Lift Multipurpose Marine Terminal Project your full and fair consideration. If you have any questions, please contact my Senior District Representative John Driscoll at (707)407-3585.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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