

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS OF THE
CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT**

January 2, 2008

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Garry Young
Patrick Bailey
Ron Phillips
John Yingst
Ray Martell

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Young, C.E.O./Harbormaster
Mike Scavuzzo, City Council
Michelle Ma, Triplicate
Kenneth Towe, Harbor RV Anchorage

Karen Phillips, P.S. Secretarial
Kathy Yingst, Public Member

Call to order.

President Young called the meeting to order in special session at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

Commissioner Phillips led the pledge.

**Consent calendar. Possible Board action. (Estimated time: 5 minutes).
REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A) Public comment: Requests to remove items from Consent Calendar.**
B) Motion to approve the following consent Calendar items.
i) Approval of the warrants issued since the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2007.
ii) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 2007.

No items were commented on or requested for removal from the agenda.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAILEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARTELL, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE CONSENT AGENDA, CONSISTING OF ITEMS A-Bi, AS PRESENTED. THE MINUTES WERE NOT APPROVED; AS THEY DID NOT APPEAR IN THE AGENDA PACKET AND WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

Public comment.

The following public comments were made: No public comments were made.

Discussion and consideration of rescinding Resolution 2006-3 and adopting Resolution 2008-1, a RESOLUTION ELECTING TO RESCIND ITS EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS WITH TIME-IN-GRADE EXCEPTIONS. Possible Board action.

C.E.O. Young reported on the resolutions and the research work to resolve the issue. Resolution No 2000-5, adopted in February 2000, required the District to pay 100% of the employees normal member paid contributions to the California Public Employees Retirement System (Cal PERS). In May of 2006, the District adopted Resolution No. 2006-03 as a cost saving measure, which required new employees to pay fifty percent (50%) of the normal member contributions until they have accrued five years service with the District. The Carpenters Union objected to the new rule (Resolution 2006-3) because it creates, in their opinion, two classes of employees. After looking into, and monitoring the program, it was found to be very time consuming and would cost the district over \$5,000 in bookkeeping and tracking and therefore staff suggests that the new resolution be adopted after rescinding Resolution 2006-3. The new resolution would have the District pay 100% of the contribution as in the past.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER YINGST, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED ON A POLLED VOTE, THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS APPROVED RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2006-3 AND ADOPTED NEW RESOLUTION 2008-1, ENTITLED, A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO RESCIND ITS EMPLOYER PAID MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS WITH TIME-IN-GRADE EXECPTIONS.

Discussion and consideration of authorizing the CEO to enter into a contract with Planwest Partners for permitting of the RV Park Model project at South Beach. Possible Board action.

C.E.O. Young reported on the placement of the RV park models at the west corner of Anchor Way and Starfish Way. The project is planned to improve the landscaping of this area of the harbor and will benefit the harbor financially with the nightly rentals. The cost of the preliminary feasibility study was estimated not to exceed \$5,000. Staff sees this progress important in the implementation of the Master Plan. George Williamson of Planwest Partners, Inc. has been retained to conduct a preliminary feasibility study and to identify the next steps in the process. Commissioner Phillips asked whether or not the Harbor would need a brokers license to rent the models out or whether or not it would be exempt from this rule. Staff will check with counsel about the licensing rules for special districts.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAILEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER YINGST, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THE CONTRACT WITH PLANWEST PARTNERS TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY FEASIBILITY STUDY TO IDENTIFY THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS.

Discussion and consideration of sending a letter of opposition to suspension of Proposition 1A. Possible Board action.

C.E.O. Young reported on the letter of opposition to the suspension of Prop 1A.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS APPROVED SENDING THE LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO EVERY CONCEIVABLE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATOR THAT WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT IN OPPOSING THE SUSPENSION OF PROP 1A.

Discussion and consideration of sending a letter of support for funding research into infectious diseases of Klamath River salmon. Possible Board action.

C.E.O. Young reported on the letter of support for funding to research infectious diseases in the Klamath River salmon. Staff included charts in the agenda materials with regard to the landing of salmon and the infection rates of salmon smolt on the Klamath River that may be causing the decline in the salmon fisheries on the river. The Klamath Common Ground Alliance, a group of otherwise embittered groups have banded together, asking the Harbor to support the letter supporting the funding for the research into infectious diseases on Klamath River salmon.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS APPROVED SENDING A LETTER, WITH THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE, IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR RESEARCH INTO THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF KLAMATH RIVER SALMON.

Committee from other standing and ad hoc committees.

The following committee reports were made: No reports were made.

C.E.O.'s report on current matters and issues planned or in progress.

The report consisted of the following topics: 1) Chartroom Lease – escrow documents have been signed today; 2) Harbor WiFi – Charter is ready to install the main cable connection, they will be sending proposed contracts this week so we can move forward with the WiFi installation; 3) Elephant Seal “Mr. Big” – died over the Christmas holiday, apparently from an infection that was not obvious on the outside; and 4) Repairs from the last series of storms – have been completed, just in time for the next series of storms.

Board comments.

The following board members made comments: Commissioner Yingst wished everyone a Happy New Year. Commissioner Young indicated that he would like to have the area in front of the men's restroom (that has flooded) fixed. Commissioner Bailey indicated that he was pleased with the WiFi and park model projects moving forward. Commissioner Phillips indicated that he would like to see the Harbor become “green” and he would like to see future planning include solar energy to ease the power bills, etc. He indicated that the Tall Masted Ships Festival will be held again this year and he will need to take himself off the committee at the Harbor level as RHS (his employer) sponsors the event. The date is tentatively set for the last weekend in April with one, possibly two ships. Commissioner Phillips indicated that RHS had received another grant for work crews and he would like to have them come to the harbor and work on breaking up the docks. Mr. Phillips also asked if there was any way that the Harbor could pay part of the cost of bringing the finance person up from Kennedy/Jencks to discuss funding and what funds could be spent on. A meeting has been scheduled regarding what funds could be spent on. Commissioner Yingst stated that the flag fund, he and Jim Snow started, is running low on funds.

Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the commission, President Young adjourned the meeting at 7: 16 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Garry Young, President

Patrick Bailey, Secretary

Approved this _____ day
of _____, 2008.