

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

June 16, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

James Ramsey
Scott Feller
Ron Phillips, Acting President

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Jack Reese, President
Ray Martell, Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT:

Richard Young, C.E.O./Harbormaster
Kenneth Towe, Harbor RV Anchor.
Wayne Gavin, Alber Seafood
Don Alber, Alber Seafoods

Karen Phillips, P.S. Secretarial
Bob Ginoccio
Paul Ronjoin
Kurt Madar, Daily Triplicate

6:30 P.M. The Board of Harbor Commissioners will meet in open session to discuss the following agenda items.

Acting President Phillips opened the regular session at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Feller.

Off Agenda – Closed Session.

Commissioner Feller indicated that a matter requiring action prior to the next regular session came to his attention subsequent to the posting of the agenda regarding real property negotiations. C.E.O. Young indicated that the matter was regarding Government Code Section 54959.8 - real property negotiations, address:161 Starfish Way, negotiators: Commissioners Ramsey and Feller and C.E.O. Young, Don Alber, under negotiation: lease and terms.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FELLER SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMSEY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MADE THE FINDING THAT THE MATTER AROSE SUBSEQUENT TO THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA, REQUIRED ACTION PRIOR TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AND ADDED THE CLOSED SESSION MATTER TO THE AGENDA AS REQUESTED.

The closed session appears later in the minutes.

Public comment.

The following public comments were made: None.

1. Consent agenda.

Public comment: Requests to remove items from the Consent Agenda may be heard at this time.

A) Approval of the warrants issued since May 19, 2009.

B) Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 19, 2009.

C) Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2, 2009.

There were no public comments or requests for removal of items from the consent agenda.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RAMSEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER FELLER, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AND ADOPTED THE CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF ITEMS 1.A-C AS PRESENTED.

2. Consideration of supporting the 40th Anniversary of the Great Gasquet Raft Race.

Discussion was held regarding the request to support the 40th Anniversary of the Great Gasquet Raft Race. C.E.O. Young indicated that the organizers of the Gasquet Raft Races have asked for a donation; however, they were not present at the meeting. There is no precedence for this type of request. Commissioners expressed concerns that the raft races do not affect the Harbor, are not linked to Harbor business, and the limited budget makes it difficult to support other events. No action was taken.

3. Discussion and consideration of insurance proposals for fiscal year 2010.

Discussion was held regarding the insurance proposals for FY 2010. Only one response was received from the present provider, Northwest Insurance Agency. Staff recommended that the proposal be accepted. Some changes will need to be made to the vehicles and drivers listed under the policy as they may no longer apply. The increase in the policy is about \$900 more than last year for a total of \$71,472.40.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FELLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RAMSEY, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AND ACCEPTED THE

INSURANCE PROPOSAL FOR FY 2010 AS PRESENTED BY BILL COCHRAN OF NORTHWEST INSURANCE AGENCY.

4. Discussion and consideration of the preliminary budget.

Discussion was held regarding the preliminary budget. C.E.O. Young presented a handout of the revised budget from the discussion and workshop of Saturday, June 11, 2009. Line item #6150 - Engineering was changed to \$1,000 by consensus of the Commissioners. Moorage rates were discussed and a survey of Coos Bay, Brookings, Crescent City, Woodley Island, Eureka Marina, Fort Bragg and Bodega Bay was presented, including a graph of the daily, monthly and annual rates for vessels 30' to 70' in length. Mr. Young indicated that a modest rate increase would be appropriate given the economic climate and the fact that the fees the Crescent City Harbor charges are substantially less than Woodley Island, which is the nearest comparable facility. No other action was necessary at this time. The final budget will be adopted at the July 21st meeting after being published. Several of the questions asked this weekend at the workshop will be completed and brought back by staff to the full commission.

5. Discussion and consideration of approving a joint letter to state officials regarding the Marine Life Protection Act initiative process for the North Coast Study Region.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed joint letter to state officials regarding the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative process. C.E.O. Young reported on the meeting held in Eureka recently and the list of concerns that were generated from that meeting. The proposed letter, by Adam Wagschal, Director of Conservations at the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, would be sent to, and signed by, a variety of elected officials/bodies. Chris Hegnes the manager of Englund Marine is working to get signatures of the local fisherpersons on a similar letter, according to Commissioner Phillips.

ON A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER FELLER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PHILLIPS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVED AND AUTHORIZED ALL THE CRESCENT CITY HARBOR COMMISSIONERS TO SIGN THE LETTER AS PRESENTED.

6. Committee reports from other standing and ad hoc committees.

The following staff and commissioners made reports regarding committee meetings or business: Commissioner Ramsey indicated that he had attended the Hospitality 101 luncheon, where they had some good ideas. He felt the meeting was interesting; Commissioner Feller attend two meetings, including the IGRC meeting, where all government agencies are expressing concern about the upcoming fiscal year because of the uncertainty surrounding funding; and Commissioner Phillips saw on the internet today and article regarding Prop 1A and taking the Harbor's funds. It looks like the Governor will not be able to do this.

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

There was no formal C.E.O.'s report; however, the verbal report consisted of the following topics: 1) CDBG meeting and chartered flight to Sacramento - several local community members are attending for the inner basin rebuilding, which would allow the program to begin next month, staff is optimistic; 2) Budget – has taken up much of the C.E.O.'s time; and 3) Garry Young's vessel - was saved from burning down to the waterline, he sends his thanks.

8. Board comments.

The following commissioners made comments, asked for clarification or requested items be placed on a subsequent agenda: Commissioner Feller indicated a pump house at the Ocean World that has been rebuilt and looks good, the fire of Garry's vessel was a stack fire, the fire department will review the Harbor's hydrants, some of which they did not know about; Commissioner Ramsey attend the bridge dedication and said that it was nice; Commissioner Phillips spent two nights in a yurt and enjoyed himself, the place he stayed seems to be full all the time and included a bathroom and shower, he noticed a large number of people traveling up and down the coast on bicycles, which might want to rent yurts should the Harbor decide to build them.

Closed Session.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 7:13 p.m. to discuss the real property negotiations as listed above.

The closed session was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. and the regular session was immediately reconvened.

Acting President Phillips announced that the following action was taken in closed session: the Commission gave instruction to the real property negotiators to negotiate a one year lease extension with rent the same as currently charged, the service charge for the treatment plant: from July – October 2009 \$2,500 per month and November 2009 – February 2010 \$4,000 per month and March-June 2010 \$2,500 per month, including other conditions as deemed appropriate by the lease negotiation committee.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, President Reese, adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m. until the next regular meeting scheduled on July 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Flynn Center, 981 H Street, Crescent City, California.

Jack Reese, President

Ray Martell, Secretary

Approved this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

