



SPECIAL MCRPD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CV Starr Community Center
300 South Lincoln Street
Fort Bragg, CA. 95437
Thursday, July 23, 2020
11:00 am

MINUTES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

DUE TO THE PROVISION OF THE GOVERNORS EXECUTIVE ORDERS N-25-20 WHICH SUSPEND CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT, AND THE ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO TO SHELTER IN PLACE TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THE MCRPD BOARD WILL BE PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE IN A SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23, 2020.

In compliance with the Shelter -in-Place Orders of the County and State, this meeting will be closed to the public. The meeting will be accessible to the public via the following URL and sign in code.

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1.0. CALL TO ORDER

Call to order

- The meeting was called to order at 11:02AM
- Board members present: Leslie Bates, Barbara Burkey, Bob Bushansky, John Huff
- Board members absent: Kirk Marshall

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- The agenda was adopted with no changes

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Beth Pine was present and wanted to speak to the Board and let them know that she had confidence in the current administration and that she was happy to see that the Board has representation from the South Coast. She stated her history with the MCRPD including being the District Administrator in the past.

4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Adopt Resolution 20-4 to enter into a partnership with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- M/S/C to adopt resolution 20-4 to enter into a partnership with the CDFW Bates/Burkey
- Burkey stated she felt the meeting should have been public and that public participation is needed in order to move forwards.
- Bushansky asked for clarification on what this partnership would mean.
- Huff stated that commitment was needed by the CDFW in order to allow staff to allocate time to this project.
- Burkey believed that the word partnership implies too much commitment.
- Bates stated that we should change the wording of partnership to agreement and that she was interested in learning more about the potential ideas that might come out of working with CDFW, she would like to keep the door open.
- Bushansky stated that the project proposed would need more discussion because it would require the MCRPD to change our charter/mission to include conservation.
- Huff stated that he believed that conservation falls into the category of parks.
- Burkey stated that conservation is different than a park and is not comfortable moving in that direction.
- Bates, Burkey and Bushansky all stated that the prior closed session meeting should have been a public meeting.
- Huff stated that it was closed because it was about the property that was in bankruptcy and proposed ways to use the property to get out of it. The intent was to get into more discussions.
- Bushansky mentioned that any closed session should be board members, top administrators and legal representatives only when needed. He mentioned that the Board looked at the idea of acquiring adjacent properties before and voted it was not a good idea and it's still not a good idea.
- Burkey stated that there was pressure put on from the CDFW's representative to move fast. Burkey feels that MCRPD should slow down and really go over all options for the district and its property. It would be nice to keep the options open with CDFW but needs to be done in a public setting. She also stated that the District needs to make a plan for the property and not just go with whatever idea is presented first.
- Huff stated that the CDFW does not want the property but CDFW wants to see it conserved. They have worked with MCRPD in the past with no commitment from MCRPD and that without one now they may walk away from us and not help in the future.
- Moneque Wooden pointed out that the way CDFW's plan was laid out the MCRPD would need to acquire the adjacent pieces of property in order to develop because all the MCRPD current property would be put into conservation.
- Huff stated that the bark dump property would be the only property CDFW would allow the MCRPD to develop a OHV park because it is already damaged.
- Bates suggested that MCRPD draft a letter of intent with CDFW rather than the resolution that was proposed.
- Bushansky mentioned that this is not the only door MCRPD has to look into for this property and that MCRPD needs to create a strategic plan. He gave a history of the Strategic Planning Committee and that it ended when the grants were frozen.
- Huff disagreed that the Strategic Planning was hinged on the OHV grants.
- Bates would like to develop a strategic plan at our next regular meeting and that all of the board needs to be involved in the process.
- Burkey agreed with Bates.
- Beth Pine spoke about the history of the bankruptcy and also the way that MCRPD has used agreements and resolutions in the past. She agreed that the District should prioritize the development a strategic plan. She mentioned that it might be a good idea to hire a firm to conduct and facilitate the development of the strategic plan.
- The Board voted on the motion for the resolution:

- Bates- No
- Burkey- No
- Bushansky- No
- Marshall- Absent
- Huff- Yes

4.2 Review letter to elected officials regarding the CVSCC transfer in 2012.

- Huff read aloud the letter.
- Carly Wells read recent emails with the OGALS
- Sarah Bradley spoke about the grants that have been frozen due to the transfer paperwork of the CVSCC to the City of Fort Bragg not being completed in 2012.
- Bates stated that it sounds like we are currently having conversation with OGALS and doing what needs to be done.
- Huff wanted something to be done now and not sit and wait.
- Bushansky commented that the communication lines are open and that we should wait until September if they miss the stated timeline of working on the issue then we will get more aggressive and send the letter.
- Carly Wells stated that she would save the letter in a September file to remind her to re-visit if the issue has not been resolved.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

- M/SC A Motion was made to adjourn the Meeting Bushansky/Burkey
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:01pm

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