



**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**C. V. Starr Community Center**  
**300 S Lincoln St**  
**Fort Bragg, CA 95437**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2017**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

- Meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm
- Board members present: Bill Hayes, Bob Bushansky, John Huff, Cesar Yanez, Kirk Marshall
- Board members absent: None

**2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Agenda was adopted with no changes
- M/S/C: Bushansky/Yanez/Unanimous

**3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS**

- None

**4.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION**

4.1 Public Hearing: MCRPD's application for a 2017 State of California OHV Restoration and Planning Grant.

- S. Huff: Provided a power point presentation of the recent history of the Districts Highway 20 property. The presentation included topics such as; the possible placement of 8,000 cubic yards of wood chips on the property by the City of Fort Bragg and the past clean-up efforts with the America Corps team. Current issues included remaining garbage, undesirable vegetation, erosion, illegal trail cutting, theft of lumber, trespassing, lack of maintenance and liabilities.
- The presentation included a segment on the positive impact of a successful Restoration Grant. Restoration in pygmy is difficult but not impossible. The restoration grant would contain the following elements: land survey, access control, removal of concrete chunks, installation of an electronic security system, removal of trash related to illegal OHV use, removal of pampas grass, restoration of the Pygmy forest and the installation of signage.
- The scope of work within Planning Grant would include implementation and completion of the following items: Environmental Impact Report, Soil Conservation Plan, Economic Impact Study, and a Recreation Plan, as well as, provide for CEQA compliance.
- Tina: Supports an OHV park and is in favor of grant application.

- C. Yanez: Reflected on past use of OHV on the property and knowledge of neighbor's concerns.
- J. Huff: Spoke of noise concerns versus well managed OHV area and managed expectations.
- S. Huff: Spoke about the value of the grant.
- D. Keyes: Stated that the grant does not mean an OHV area is the result.
- B. Hayes: Summarized the idea behind the grant application and the current problems.
- Erik Thorbecke: Talked about his adjacent 160 acres of property and that he has some Redwoods are 1,000 years old. He has concerns with noise and how development might affect the future use of his property.
- J. Huff: Talked about the yellow gate and illegal access.
- B. Bushansky: Provided reasons why the State of California would consider funding due to illegal use and access.
- Tina: Had questions regarding grant cost and scope of work.
- S. Huff: Spoke to the budget development process and grant deadline.
- David L: Had questions about DMV involvement.
- Scott Schneider: Asked about obtaining access to the grant documents.
- Erik Thorbecke: Has questions about the timetable.
- J. Huff: Responded to the question by stating that the decision regarding funding will be known by July 1, 2017 and the grant has a three year project timeline.
- Scott Schneider: Has questions about the possibility of not receiving grant funding and plans for future fencing.
- S. Huff: Explains that there is not enough money for MCRPD to do any planning or restoration work without other funding opportunities that will assist in this particular way.
- B. Bushansky: Talked about responsibility, liability and about attending the OHV Grant Workshop.
- Stacy Bradley: Had questions in regards to the fence and its design.
- Bill Huff: Had questions regarding security guard on site.
- B. Bushansky: Talked about current trespassing issues.
- Scott Schneider: Stated that he would like a copy of the scope of work for the grant.
- Brady: Spoke to the issue of acceptable decibels.
- Erik Thorbecke: Had questions regarding the grant step process and alternative develop plans.
- B. Bushanky: Answered the previous question with a description of alternative uses for the property such as: hiking, equestrians and ball fields.
- S. Huff: Talked about the attributes of a possible OHV park.
- B. Bushanksy: Spoke to the issue of responsible versus irresponsible uses of the property.
- S. Huff: Urged feedback on the web site starting March 7.

- Erik Thorbecke: Had questions regarding other alternative uses of the property as a result of the restoration grant.
- J. Huff: Spoke to the use of the property by the equestrian community and in particular by the Association of Riders.
- S. Huff: Explained the difference between the Restoration Grant and the Planning Grant.
- B. Bushanky: Talked about potential future use of the property.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.
- M/S/C: Bushanksy/Huff/Unanimous

Minutes recorded and submitted by Danny L. Keyes, District Administrator MCRPD/CV Starr Community Center.