



REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Remote Meeting
Wednesday, June 16, 2021
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

- Meeting called to order at 5:31pm
- Board members present: Bates, Burley, Bushansky, Dominguez
- Board members tardy: Huff arrived at 5:33pm

2.0 APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- The agenda was adopted with no changes.

3.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

- None.

4.0 STAFF REPORTS:

4.1 Administration Report

- Moneque Wooden gave her report. She noted that the August 2021 meeting will begin in person for board of directors' meetings.

4.2 Maintenance Report

- Paul Kelley gave her report. Burkey asked about the pool heaters. Paul reported that they have been repaired just today.

4.3 Guest Services Report

- Carly gave her report.

4.4 Recreation Programs Report

- Sonya gave her report.

5.0 OTHER REPORTS:

5.1 Friends of MCRPD

- Nothing to report.

5.2 South Coast

- Leslie Bates reported that the RCRC board is meeting with the architect to get a better idea of what kind of design for the pavilion should be. She also went to the Disc Golf clinic and said it appeared to have gone very well. There were about 20 kids who showed up and thanked Sonya very much for finally getting things going on the South Coast.

5.3 MECCA

- Nothing to report.

5.4 Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens

- Burkey reported that they are starting to use a new ticketing system. It is a subscription system rather than a pay as you use. It will provide a lot of data for marketing. They also received a PPE loan for \$467,000. They will

be raising admissions for the gardens, and they will be making a presentation to MCRPD board on that before acting.

5.5 Personnel Committee

- None.

5.6 Regional Park Committee

- None.

5.7 District Services Committee

- None.

5.8 Finance Committee

- Bushansky said like the last four to five months there is not much to report.

5.9 Ad Hoc Transfer Station Committee

- Nothing to report.

5.10 Board of Directors

- Nothing to report.

6.0 INFORMATIONAL ITEM

6.1 Receive informational proposal from Solid Waste of Willits regarding the possible use of the Mendocino Coast Recreation and Park Districts Hwy 20 property as a proposed waste transfer station.

- Jerry Ward from Solid Waste of Willits presented a slideshow with the proposal. With him were his son and Emmett Jones.
- Emmett Jones wanted to ask the board to give the Ad Hoc committee direction to meet with SWOW and come back to the Board in closed session to get to a real estate transaction proposal that the two entities thought feasible. It is traditional that the negotiations for real property meet in closed session first and then bring it to the public for a transparent discussion.
- Moneque read the written public comments that were sent in prior to the meeting. They are attached to the minutes.
- Jay McMartin-Rosenquist wanted to comment that if selling this part of the large parcel would help facilitate an OHV park with the remaining property and if it could lower the dump fees for those of us on the coast and allow for recreation on the property. She would like to see if we can work together as a community for lower prices for a transfer station.
- Keith Stiver wanted to comment that he is a resident that lives near the park property. He said it is known he is no big fan of Waste Management and looking for a new trash company is something he certainly supports. He was unimpressed with tonight's presentation with the lack of detail on questions that will be asked, such as protecting the water supply for the neighbors and city of Fort Bragg. He is concerned that he has not seen a lot of conversation in the presentations about the issues that will arise. He is neither in favor nor against the project but would like a more detailed presentation.
- Rixanne Wehren said the whole property has been evaluated by the native plant society most of the land has rare plants and areas that can be

used and cannot be used based on the findings.

- John Huff has a list of questions that he would like to have SWOW answer regarding storm water run-off concerns, general truck noise, animal nuisance, and litter. In addition, the proposed five acres is in middle of property and is zoned timber and doesn't feel district should be financing a private business and does not feel the district should be paying to rezone to industrial.
- SWOW answered there was not much detail because SWOW does not even know if the Board wants to entertain the idea. The facility would be completely enclosed and would alleviate a lot of the concerns mentioned above. The trucks coming in leave in the morning to collect the refuse, complete the route approximately eight hours later. The noise would be predominantly in the afternoon timeframe. SWOW would take care of any rezoning costs but needs to know if the board would like to entertain the idea. A turn lane would have to be dealt with by Cal-trans but is on the radar for them to complete. The Willits location has been there for over 20 years and is next to a school and they have had no complaints.
- Burkey said after re-reading the mission statement of the District she is seeing a philosophical problem with the proposal. A transfer station does not support the mission and she is very uncomfortable with the proposal.
- Huff responded that about a year ago Barbara wanted to get rid of the property and does not understand why an income making proposition she would be not ok with.
- Burkey wanted to state that she has softened her stance since then and thinks there are more possibilities for the property.
- Bushansky said that this should not be debated right now.
- Bates wanted clarification on whether this should be discussed right now.
- Emmett Jones wanted to state that this is not an action item, there is already an ad hoc committee, and they are just asking if the Board wants to engage in additional conversations with the ad hoc committee and bring it back to a closed session. SWOW would need a 120-day discussion period.
- Keith Stiver wanted to comment that the last time SWOW came before the Board previously and had been asked to represent themselves more and they have not done so for this meeting.
- Bates wanted to make the point that she thinks it is a little foolish to think about selling a 5-acre piece from within the property and thinks it could potentially be a problem pulling out one piece from the entire thing.
- Huff said all that SWOW are asking for is for them to be able to continue talks with the District Transfer Station Ad Hoc Committee
- Bushansky said they need a bigger discussion with the Board at another meeting in the future, and this is informational and needs to be brought back as a discussion item for the next regular meeting or hold a special meeting before.
- Burkey said she would like to be on the agenda in July and it will not be in closed session.

7.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Award MCRPD 2021 Recreational Services Grant

- Moneque gave an overview of the Recreation Services Award. MCRPD received one response to the grant and that was RCRC.
- Burkey recused herself due to having a family member on the RCRC Board of Directors.
- A motion was made to authorize the District Administrator to enter into a Recreations Services Grant Agreement with the Redwood Coast Recreation Center in the amount of \$2,500.
- M/S/: Huff/Bushansky
- Yeyes: Bates, Bushansky, Dominguez, Huff
- Abstain: Burkey

7.2 Review MCRPD FY2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

- AK Rosenquist gave the MCRPD FY2021-2022 Preliminary Budget presentation.
- A motion was made to approve the MCRPD FY2021-2022 Preliminary Budget.
- Bushansky dropped from the meeting during the presentation.
- M/S/C: Huff/Bates
- Yeyes: Bates, Burkey, Huff, Dominguez
- Absent: Bushansky

8.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under the consent calendar will be acted upon in one motion unless a board member requests that an individual item be taken up under DISCUSSION/ACTION

8.1 Approval of minutes for board meetings and standing committees: 05-19-2021 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes; 05-19-2021 Regular Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

8.2 Approval of financial documents, as recommended by the Finance Committee: MCRPD Financial Statement April 2021; CVSCC Financial Statement April 2021; MCRPD Check Register April 2021; CVSCC Check Register April 2021

- A motion was made to approve all items on the consent calendar.
- M/S/C: Bates/Huff/Unanimous
- Yeyes: Bates, Burkey, Dominguez, Huff
- Absent: Bushansky

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Anna-Kristina Rosenquist

From: Steve Colombi <scolombi@sonic.net>
Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Moneque Wooden
Subject: new dumps

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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MANY OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS DEVOTED A LOT OF THEIR PERSONAL TIME (US INCLUDED) TO HELP CLEAN THIS PROPERTY UP. THERE WAS A PLAN TO MAKE A PLACE FOR THE LOCAL KIDS TO RIDE DIRT BIKES WITHOUT HAVING TO TRESPASS. WE PAY OHV FEES ON ALL OF OUR OFF ROAD VEHICLES BUT THERE IS NO LOCAL PLACE FOR US TO RIDE. THE KIDS WERE HOPEFUL THAT THIS PLAN WOULD COME TO TOGETHER SOME TIME SOON. A MOTOCROSS TRACK (AND TRAILS) WOULD PROVIDE A LOT OF LOCAL INCOME AS WE LIVE IN A COOLER PLACE FOR VISITORS TO COME AND RECREATE. THEY WOULD SPEND MONEY IN OUR STORES, RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, GAS STATIONS AND OTHER PLACES. BUT, NO THE PLAN IS TO MAKE A NEW DUMP. NOT ALL KIDS ARE INTERESTED IN FIELD SPORTS OR VIDEO GAMES. ONCE AGAIN THE KIDS LOSE... WE CLEANED UP SO YOU CAN PLAN A STINKING DUMP.

STEVEN AND ARLENE COLOMBI

FORT BRAGG, CA

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Anna-Kristina Rosenquist

From: Moneque Wooden
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Anna-Kristina Rosenquist
Subject: FW: Proposed Transfer Station

-----Original Message-----

From: Julia Findley <fletchjf2018@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Moneque Wooden <mwooden@MCRPD.US>
Cc: Matthew Findley <mfindley@ucdavis.edu>; Elisha Findley <emfindley@ucdavis.edu>
Subject: Proposed Transfer Station

Hello, I have a place on highway 20 and am concerned about the potential transfer station. I am truly hopeful that careful consideration is given to residents in the area. There was not a lot of notice about this, especially given the fact that the waste company has had time to prepare a presentation. Below are my list of concerns:

List of concerns:

- Highway 20 is a residential area primarily serviced with drilled well water -Transfer station will result in noise pollution(already experience this with motor cycles illegally playing in there) -Residents will deal with odors -There is a risk of percolation into ground water -Dangerous having large trucks coming in and out onto 20 -Adversely impact wildlife that live in the area -Adversely Impact land values of properties in the area.
- Adversely impact trail walks
- Transfer Station already exists in Casper why is another needed?
- Fort Bragg has a recycle that would accommodate a transfer station maybe consider partnering with them.

Please strongly consider that residents were just now notified and may not be aware enough to provide feedback. The lack of response does not mean they do not care or are not impacted. This area was set aside as a recreational area and should stay that way.

Please also note that money cannot be the only motivator for the county or city in deciding. The current property transfers will provide substantial property tax revenue. The growth provides additional sales tax revenue. This property may be needed to meet future needs of the county. I am certain there are more suitable places that would have less impact on residents, wildlife, groundwater and recreation.

Thank you

Julia Findley
30230 Highway 20
Fort Bragg, CA.
Jfindley@sbcglobal.net

Sent from my iPhone

Anna-Kristina Rosenquist

From: Moneque Wooden
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Anna-Kristina Rosenquist
Subject: FW: Hwy 20 property

From: Shelley Volz <shelley.volz@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Moneque Wooden <mwooden@MCRPD.US>
Cc: rellasplants@comcast.net
Subject: Hwy 20 property

I am forwarding this letter to you from my friend Rella, who was not able to send it directly to you.

From: Rella Gadulka <rellasplants@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 6:42 PM
To: Volz, Shelley <shelley.volz@outlook.com>
Subject: Fwd: Hwy 20 property

----- Original Message -----

From: Rella Gadulka <rellasplants@comcast.net>
To: "mwoode@mcrpd.us" <mwoode@mcrpd.us>
Date: 06/10/2021 6:24 PM
Subject: Hwy 20 property

Please do NOT agree to a Waste of Willits Transfer Station on the 586 acre Regional Park property on Highway 20.

Air, water and soil contamination possibilities are high. Fire danger exists for all such operations and would further endanger the plants, critters, neighbors and neighborhood.

This property needs to be cherished and enjoyed by the folks who have supported the MCRPD through their taxes. It is time for a reconsideration of its use and a refreshed understanding of its value to the community.

I am a property and a business owner that lives and works near this prized but mistreated property and would encourage you to think in the long term about the sustainability and well being of the it's ecosystem/s.

Thank you for your attention. Please develop a data base and keep me apprised of future proposals.

Rella Gadulka DBA Simply Succulent.

Anna-Kristina Rosenquist

From: Moneque Wooden
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Anna-Kristina Rosenquist
Subject: FW: Highway 20 property use

From: Shelley Volz <shelley.volz@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Moneque Wooden <mwooden@MCRPD.US>
Subject: Highway 20 property use

Please do NOT agree to a Waste of Willits Transfer Station on the 586 acre Regional Park property on Highway 20.

I rent a cottage on the Simply Succulent property and can just imagine the added noise such a disastrous use of the MCRPD property would bring. In addition to possible air, water and soil contamination, I need to add traffic and noise. Leaving my driveway in summer is hazardous enough, add to that the Transfer Station traffic and I may never get to work on time again.

Please do not ruin our neighborhood by threatening the lives of the plants and animals that live here.

Shelley Volz

Live well, laugh often, and love with all your heart!