



SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
C. V. Starr Community Center
300 S Lincoln St
Fort Bragg, CA 95437
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting was called to order at 6:15 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/Huff/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.

- Duane Gas: Had concerns regarding potential noise. Said, the noise level now is acceptable but may not be if OHV Park is developed. Sees possible benefits.
- B. Bushansky: Spoke to items related to the restoration and planning grants and the implications of the results.
- Duane Gas: Thinks the process is acceptable and talked about actual use.
- B. Bushansky: Spoke to the benefits of managed OHV Parks.
- J. Huff: Spoke about trail selection.
- Duane Gas: Is ok with some noise but does not want to hear trucks.
- Harold Siplia: Has questions regarding average OHV park size.
- J.Huff: Spoke to size of pygmy forest and compared OHV parks of similar size and that were family friendly.
- Duane Gas: Thinks that a smaller sized park and having it be family friendly will be supported.
- B. Bushansky: Spoke about the value of a small local park.
- Harold Siplia: Had concerns with park size and management expectations.
- J. Huff: Shared insight about OHV park use from a user view point.
- Bradley Huff: Recommended instituting a 53" rule that will help keep out trucks.
- Harold Siplia: Had questions regarding outside access.
- J. Huff: Talked about current illegal use and access.
- S. Huff: Stated that Jackson State Forest officials are happy with the prospect of OHV development as the Highway 20 property is a gateway to many other areas of responsibility.
- A general discussion was held regarding possible fence design.
- J. Huff: Thinks animal access is important.
- Harold Siplia: Had questions in regards to the possibility of rangers and enforcement issues with open access.
- Bradley Huff: Motorcycles and ATV's not responsible for most existing damage.
- S. Huff: Spoke about additional state grants that are available to address operations and maintenance.
- B. Bushansky: Seeks to improve area with grant funding.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.
- M/S/C: Bushansky/Yanez/Unanimous

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