

**Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes**  
June 2, 2008, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 7-9pm

**Board Members:** Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, Larry Oetker, Mike Wilson, David Weinstein, Matt Johnson, Marjorie Fay, Michelle Forys, Roxana Taylor, Mike Seeber, Nancy Ihara

**Staff:** Carol Vander Meer, Emily Walter, Cathy Larripa

**Public:** Lisa Hoover

**August Agenda**

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Public input
- IV. HCNC Project Status Summary
- V. Discussion and possible action on Building Committee recommendation on a design/build contractor for the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center
- VI. Approve resolution 08-03 authorizing Friends of the Dunes to enter into an agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy to purchase the Watson and Bachofer Property
- VII. Approve resolution 08-04 authorizing Friends of the Dunes to enter into an agreement with the State Coastal Conservancy for \$5400 to implement initial public access improvements at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center
- VIII. Employee health insurance proposal
- IX. Land Trust Financial update
- X. Financial Report
- XI. Questions regarding committee reports/announcements
- XII. Upcoming events
- XIII. Upcoming agenda items

**I. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

None

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Mike Wilson motioned for approval of May minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Matt Johnson, all present were in favor. Minutes from May were approved.*

**III. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**IV. HCNC PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY**

- Funding approval from WCB and scheduled approval from CCC on June 5h. Both Bachofer and Watson properties should close by July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- CalTrans will need 10K for feasibility study of a new entry from Hwy 255 unless county takes responsibility for the road
- Initial public access is moving forward with directional signs on the road, and a trailhead sign
- Larry and Mike would like to see a sign specifically outlining rules and regulations, including hours of operation
- Restoration Plan close to complete

**V. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BUILDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON A DESIGN/BUILD CONTRACTOR FOR THE HUMBOLDT COASTAL NATURE CENTER**

The next step in the process is to interview applicants in the next couple of weeks.

*Larry motions that a sub. committee of board members and building committee members interview applicants and with a unanimous vote propose a contractor to the board for an E-Vote for the Executive Director to pursue contract with the chosen applicant. 2<sup>nd</sup> from Mike, all present were in favor. The motion passes.*

**VI. APPROVE RESOLUTION 08-03 AUTHORIZING FOD TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY TO PURCHASE THE WATSON AND BACHOFER PROPERTY. APPROVE RESOLUTION 08-04 AUTHORIZING FOD TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY FOR \$5400 TO IMPLEMENT INITIAL PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE HUMBOLDT COASTAL NATURE CENTER**

*Nancy motions to approve both resolutions 08-03 and 08-04, 2<sup>nd</sup> from Mike. All present were in favor. The motion passes.*

**VII. EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROPOSAL**

- Larry believes FOD should go with a basic insurance coverage and price additional cost of adding dental and vision.
- Mike Seeber said that his boss at the Arcata Recycling Center is available for consultation about health insurance for a growing non profit.
- Upon recommendation of an insurance plan, the plan will be incorporated into the personnel policies.

**ACTION: Dave will talk to Pam about financial planning and health insurance. Dave will provide a billing structure.**

**VIII. LAND TRUST FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Lisa wants to initiate a strategic plan for funding the Land Trust. The board reviewed a cost list submitted by Lisa.

**IX. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Reviewed Pamela's bookkeepers report.

**XI. QUESTIONS REGARDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**XII. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Ocean Day, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Education Collaborative Meeting, June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Sand Sculpture Festival, June 29<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer BBQ, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Fundraising Dinner, September 13<sup>th</sup>

**XIII. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

- Health Insurance
- Discussion on contractor

**Adjourn 8:57pm**