

Friends of the Dunes Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2009, Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 7-9 p.m.

Board Members: Bill Weaver, John St. Marie, David Weinstein, Marj Fay, Mike Seeber, Nancy Ihara, Rose Patenaude via cell phone if needed

Staff: Carol Vander Meer

Public:

March Agenda:

- I. Introduction of guests present
- II. Approval of minutes
- III. Public Input
- IV. Action items from February Board Meeting
- V. Board Nomination Process Update
- VI. HCNC Project Update
- VII. Manila Community Services District Restoration Study Session
- VII. Financial Report
- IX. Health Care Plans
- X. Questions regarding committee reports/announcements
- XI. Upcoming events
- XII. Upcoming agenda items

I. Introduction of Guests
None

II. Approval of Minutes
Nancy motioned for approval of February, 2009 minutes, 2nd from Mike, all present were in favor. Minutes from February, 2009 were approved.

III. Public Input
John reported that the Sheriff's Department is looking for support letters for their application for an OHV beach patrol grant. Carol will draft and Bill will sign. The patrol will focus on Clam Beach.

There is a possibility of \$47,000 in the stimulus bill for restoration. A workplan and proposal has been submitted. HCNC is also a possible recipient of stimulus monies. Supervisor Lovelace and Arcata Mayor Wheatley are headed for Washington to lobby for monies for trail planning (\$50,000,000). They are taking with them information about FOD and FOD projects.

IV. Action Items from February Meeting
Gonzales was contacted regarding changing the entrance to the road from 255. He responded that he was not interested.

V. Vote on New Board Members

Mike motioned for approval of the two applicants for the Board, Jennifer Renzullo and Allison Poklemba, 2nd from John St. Marie, all present were in favor.

Mike wondered whether FOD should continue **recruiting**. In the newsletter we will welcome Jennifer and Allison. Mike will contact both of them.

VI. Vote to approve Stamps Family Trust Restoration Plan.

- John motioned for approval of the Stamps Family Trust Restoration Plan, 2nd from Nancy, all present were in favor.
- According to Stokes the plan is part of the deed.
- In the future FOD will approach the Stamps Family to see if they would like to grant FOD a 1st right of refusal for purchase of their land should they ever decide to sell.

VII. Friends of the Dunes Resolution to Renew Adoption of the 2004 LTA Standards and Practices.

John motioned for approval of the renewal, 2nd from Dave, all present were in favor.

FOD will move towards achieving the standards.

VIII. Financial Report

ACTION: Carol will purchase a CD.

- It was reported that bonding for contractors is going to be difficult in the present financial climate.
- There's lots of green money in the stimulus package.
- Emily is scheduled for more than 40 hours and some of her hours will need to be cut.
- School education programming presently has a deficit but the Sand Sculpture festival will bring it into balance. \$1000 of the festival profits are for the Bay to Dunes program.

IX. HCNC Project Update

Capital Campaign

Les and Jake are refining numbers and will have something in one week.

Building progress/challenges

We have been waiting on Scott Penfold to provide structural engineering information.

X. Questions regarding committee reports/announcements

None

XI. Upcoming Events

- Manila Community Informational Sharing Session, Thursday March 5, 5:30
- Wildberries Trail Dedication, March 8, 1 p.m.
- Cleaning out the barn/cabin the weekend of March 15th to prepare for Utah students.
- House party at Carol and CJ Ralph's, March 28, 4 - 7 p.m.

XII. Upcoming Agenda Items

Committee Reports to new Board members at April meeting