



**North Coast Railroad Authority**  
419 Talmage Road, Suite M  
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## **NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY (NCRA) Board of Directors Meeting**

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
825 5th Street, Eureka, Ca.  
Humboldt County  
Monday, January 13, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

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### **MINUTES**

#### **Alternate Participation Location:**

**Director Hart and Legal Counsel will be present at the address listed below:**  
575 Administration Drive, Rm. 105A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hagele called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

**Directors Present:** Connolly, McCowen, Madrone, Marks, Haschak, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

**Directors Absent:** Hart and Gore

**Others Present:** Executive Director – Mitch Stogner, Sonoma County Legal Counsel – Aldo Mercado and Kara Abelson, and Recording Secretary – Hiedy Torres

#### **C. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Upon Motion by Director McCowen, seconded by Director Haschak the Agenda was unanimously approved with the following changes: The word Amended shall be deleted for the Agenda, and Closed Session was moved to be discussed prior to Public Comment at the request of the Chair.

#### **D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kent Sawatzky- Mr. Sawatzky said that he sees some issues with the proposed trail location and provided the Board with a handout that discussed abandonment of the rail line that once ran through Blue Lake.

Sean Swanson – Mr. Swanson said that he was given permission to place gravel along the track bed to make a small walking trail. He said this has been very beneficial to the local community and has helped decrease illegal dumping.

Chris Driscoll – Mrs. Driscoll said that she would like the community to enjoy the use of rail bikes and their benefits in Humboldt County. She said they would be family friendly, safe and easy, environmentally friendly by using existing infrastructure, create jobs, and highlight the scenic waterfront.

Uri Driscoll- Mr. Driscoll expressed his continued interest in operating rail pedal bikes around the Port of Humboldt Bay and asked that the Board consider his proposal.

The Board convened to Closed Session at 10:35 a.m.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:28 a.m.

#### **E. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Netra Khatri, City of Arcata – Update Regarding the Arcata Trail
2. Miles Slattery, City of Eureka – Update Regarding Eureka Waterfront Trail
3. Hank Seemann, Humboldt County Public Works Department – Update Regarding Humboldt County’s Humboldt Bay Trail South and the Annie & Mary Trail

#### **F. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Timber Heritage Association 2020 Speeder Schedule

Upon Motion by Director McCowen, seconded by Director Connolly the Board unanimously approved Timber Heritage Association 2020 Speeder Schedule as presented.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Final Bid Specifications for Ukiah Depot Improvements

Upon Motion by Director McCowen, seconded by Director Haschak the Board unanimously approved direction to staff to transmit Final Bid Specification package to the JCC for review and approval and return to the Board with the approved Final Bid Specification package.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Final Overall Work Program for 2019-20 NCRA Agency Budget

Discussion only. No action taken.

#### **G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – December 9, 2019
2. Approval of NCRA Financial Statements – December 2019
3. Approval of Warrants Issued – December 2019
4. Approval of Cal Card Statement – December 2019

Upon Motion by Director McCowen, seconded by Director Connolly the Board unanimously approved Agenda Items G.1 through G.4.

**H. STAFF REPORT – Mitch Stogner – Executive Director**

No staff report.

**I. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

McCowen – Dir. McCowen said that the property manager has not provided a report for many months.

**J. CLOSED SESSION**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT THREAT OF LITIGATION**

- a. Dehran Duckworth v. John O. Thomas et al.**  
Humboldt County Sup. Ct. Case No. DR 190227  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

**2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION**

- a. M.C.M. Construction v. N.C.R.A.**  
Mendocino County Sup. Ct. Case No. 19-73209  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)

**K. ANNOUNCEMENT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Board gave direction to Counsel.

**L. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Regular Board of Directors Meeting  
Monday, February 10, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.  
Healdsburg City Council Chambers  
401 Grove Street, Healdsburg, CA  
Sonoma County

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Hagele adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.