



North Coast Railroad Authority
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**NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY (NCRA)
Board of Directors Meeting**

MINUTES

**Monday, June 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hagele called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

Directors Absent: Gore and Marks

Others Present: Executive Director – Mitch Stogner, Legal Counsel – Elizabeth Coleman, Recording Secretary – Hiedy Torres, Accountant – Stacey Edgmon – Aycock and Edgmon, and NCRA Contract Engineer – Dave Anderson – American Rail Engineers

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Upon Motion by Director Haschak, seconded by Director Madrone the Agenda was approved as presented.

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7 - Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Gore and Marks

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

E. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Lease Agreement with City of Eureka for Elk River Estuary Tidal Enhancement Project

Chair Hagele called for Public Comment. No Public Comments were made.

Upon Motion by Director Hart, seconded by Director Campbell the Board unanimously approved Lease Agreement with City of Eureka for Elk River Estuary Tidal Enhancement Project

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7 - Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Gore and Marks

ABSTAIN: 0

2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding NCRA Support for SB 69 (McGuire) and Creation of The Great Redwood Trail

Chair Hagele called for Public Comment. No Public Comments were made.

Upon Motion by Director Haschak, seconded by Director Connolly the Board approved NCRA Support for SB 69 (McGuire) and Creation of The Great Redwood Trail

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7 - Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Gore and Marks

ABSTAIN: 0

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Termination of Agreement for the Resurrection of Operations Upon the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Line and Lease

Chair Hagele called for Public Comment. No Public Comments were made.

Upon Motion by Hart, seconded by Director Campbell the Board approved Termination of Agreement for the Resurrection of Operations Upon the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Line and Lease

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7 - Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Gore and Marks

ABSTAIN: 0

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution No. 2021-01 Approving 2021-2022 Draft Agency Budget;
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution No. 2021-02 Approving 2021-2022 Draft Property Budget;
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution No. 2021-03 Approving 2021-2022 Draft RRIF Budget;
Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Resolution No. 2021-04 Approving 2021-2022 Draft TCRP Budget

Chair Hagele called for Public Comment. No Public Comments were made.

Upon Motion by Director Haschak, seconded by Director Campbell the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-01 Approving 2021-2022 Draft Agency Budget, Resolution No. 2021-02 Approving 2021-2022 Draft

Property Budget, Resolution No. 2021-03 Approving 2021-2022 Draft RRIF Budget, and Resolution No. 2021-04 Approving 2021-2022 Draft TCRP Budget.

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7 - Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Gore and Marks

ABSTAIN: 0

5. Discussion Regarding Deferred Maintenance of Trestles in Humboldt County along the Annie & Mary Trail (Request of Director Madrone)

Discussion Only.

Chair Hagele called for Public Comment. No Public Comments were made.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes – Special Board Meeting - December 17, 2020
Special Board Meeting - January 29, 2021
Special Board Meeting - February 18, 2021
2. Approval of NCRA Financial Statements – December 2020 through May 2021
3. Approval of Warrants Issued – December 2020 through May 2021
4. Approval of Cal Card Statement – December 2020 through May 2021

Chair Hagele called for Public Comment. No Public Comments were made.

Upon Motion by Director Campbell, seconded by Director Haschak the Board approved Agenda Items F.1 through F.4 as presented.

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7 - Madrone, Mulheren, Haschak, Hart, Connolly, Campbell, and Chair Hagele

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2 – Gore and Marks

ABSTAIN: 0

G. STAFF REPORT – Mitch Stogner – Executive Director

Mr. Stogner asked Legal Counsel to summarize the current railbanking status.

Elizabeth Coleman, Legal Counsel – Ms. Coleman said that Notice of Exempt Abandonment with a request to railbank has been filed with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) with respect to milepost 139.5 north. She said that the environmental assessment and the historical report have been accepted by the STB and comments were made. If NCRA decided to move forward with the railbanking, NCRA will not need to address those comments. Due to the size of this filing, the STB is taking more time than usual reviewing this filing which covers almost 175 miles from Willits to Eureka including 3 branch lines. Once a publication is made by STB in the Federal Register, a period of time must pass that allows 3rd parties to make filings.

H. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Director Madrone- Dir. Madrone said that Humboldt County has been holding workshops for landowners that own property that may include a railroad easement. He also said that several private property owners within the canyon are the underlying fee owners of property over which a rail easement exists and may have rights to a claim under the federal Tucker Act.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Regular Board of Directors Meeting Teleconference
Monday, September 13, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hagele adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.