

**Meeting of the RREDC Board of Directors
August 23, 2010
Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Flag Salute

Chair Tyler Holmes called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present:, Helen Edwards, Joy Dellas for Dendra Dengler, Julie Fulkerson, Tyler Holmes, Mark Lovelace, Melissa Marks, Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap for Bruce Rupp, Sherman Schapiro, Frank Scolari, Alex Stillman, Mike Wilson, Ken Zanzi

Absent: Linda Atkins, Kristina Combs, Ken Mierzwa, John Rogers, Tom Ross

Guests: Angeline Schwab, Community & Economic Development Specialist, County of Humboldt, Dawn Elsbree, Headwaters Fund Coordinator, County of Humboldt

Staff Present: Gregg Foster, Bonnie Smoller

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

M/S/P: Fulkerson/Stillman to approve August 23 agenda and minutes of July 26, 2010.

III. Financial Reports

A. M/S/P: Wilson/Schapiro to approve agency-wide financial reports for July 31, 2010 as presented.

IV. Reports

A. Loan Portfolio Report: July 31, 2010: no action needed.

B. Executive Director Report: the report was given in writing. No action needed.

V. Public Input – for non-agenda items

None

VI. Special Presentation/Program: CEDS – Comprehensive Economic Development

Strategy: Angeline Schwab, Community & Economic Development Specialist, County of Humboldt, Dawn Elsbree, Headwaters Fund Coordinator, County of Humboldt : The U.S. Dept. of Commerce, EDA division website describes CEDS as *“A comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS) is designed to bring together the public and private sectors in the creation of an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies.”* Ms. Elsbree and Ms. Schwab told the group about the updating process and asked RREDC to participate in the updating process.

VII. Old Business

None

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion of RREDC Role and Activities in Updating the County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for the Economic Development Administration:

It was suggested RREDC act as coordinator for the gathering of information from the jurisdictions. Tentative timeline for the project would begin in the fall with the end result by April 11. There would be an emphasis on including jurisdictions who did not participate in 2003.

B. Consideration of Agreement with First Five Humboldt to Service Their Loan to the Arcata Rooney-McKinleyville Children's Centers: The lack of a state budget affects local child care facilities that depend on state subsidies, as funds are not released until a budget is in place. The lack of child care creates a hardship for working parents and their employers.

Headwaters Fund and First 5 Humboldt are participating in a short term loan to provide cash flow to the Arcata and Rooney-McKinleyville Children's Centers. Without the loan both centers would close Sep. 1, 2010. RREDC participation will be loan servicing only; no RREDC funds will be used. **M/S/P:**

Fulkerson/Edwards move to approve contract between RREDC and First 5 Humboldt for servicing of loan to Arcata and Rooney-McKinleyville Children's Centers.

C. Request for Letter of Support for Headwaters Grant Application from the City of Rio Dell for a Retail Leakage Study: The City of Rio Dell is applying for a Headwaters Fund grant for a retail leakage study to identify economic data in support of business development. **M/S: Shapiro/Edwards to approve a letter of support from RREDC for the Headwaters Fund grant application from the City of Rio Dell.** Ayes: Edwards, Fulkerson, Holmes, Marks, Sopoci-Belknap, Schapiro, Scolari, Wilson, Zanzi; Nays: Dellas; Abstain: Lovelace, Stillman. Motion passes.

IX. Member Reports/Updates

Reports were given by Humboldt Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District, Manila CSD, Humboldt Municipal Water District.

X. Agenda Item Requests for September 27, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Smoller, Recorder

Tyler Holmes, Chair