

**Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**September 26, 2011**

- I. **Call to Order and Flag Salute**  
Vice Chair Mike Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.  
**Present:** Nancy Koke for Kristina Combs, Dendra Dengler, Julie Fulkerson, Tyler Holmes, Bud Leonard, Virginia Bass for Mark Lovelace, Mike Losey, Mike Newman, Michael McKaskle for John Rogers, Tom Ross, Bruce Rupp, Sherman Schapiro, Alex Stillman, Helen Edwards for Bill Wennerholm, Mike Wilson  
**Absent:** Ken Mierzwa, Frank Scolari  
**Guests:** Jackie Deuschle, Dawn Elsbree, Neal Ewald, Michael Kraft  
**Staff Present:** Gregg Foster, Bonnie Smoller
  
- II. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**  
**M/S/P: Edwards/Wilson to approve agenda and minutes of August 22, 2011**
  
- III. **Financial Reports**  
**M/S/P: Wilson/Edwards to approve financials reports for August 31, 2011**
  
- IV. **Reports**  
A. Loan Portfolio Report: August 31, 2011; no action needed  
B. Executive Director Report: no action needed
  
- V. **Public Input – for non agenda items**  
None
  
- VI. **Program: Neal Ewald, Green Diamond Resource Company**  
Neal Ewald, Vice President & General Manager of California Operations, Green Diamond Resource Company, presented information on the export of logs and lumber products to China and Pacific Rim countries and its economic impact on Humboldt County. He also discussed harvest and forestry practices of the company.
  
- VII. **Old Business**  
None
  
- VIII. **New Business**  
**Discussion of the “Humboldt 100” and Collaborative Marketing for Humboldt County:** Dawn Elsbree, Headwaters Fund Coordinator for the County of Humboldt Community Development Service, Economic Development Division.

Recently the Headwaters staff conducted 100 personal interviews with business and community leaders in Humboldt County to get their input into developing the new County Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The results of the interviews

are in draft form. Ms. Elsbree asked the group if RREDC would be willing to be part of the implementation of the findings. Members were asked to take the information given at the meeting back to their own jurisdictions and report on their response at the October RREDC board meeting.

**IX. Member Reports/Updates**

Reporting were City of Fortuna, Redwoods Community Colleges District, Manila CSD and Humboldt Bay Harbor District.

**X. Agenda Requests for October 24, 2011:** Dawn Elsbree, follow-up with "Humboldt 100" and marketing collaborative.

**XI. Closed Session:** Public employee appointment, employment, performance evaluation, discipline, dismissal or release (§54957 (b)). Position: Executive Director. The group went into closed session at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m.

A subcommittee of Mark Lovelace, Mike Newman and Mike Wilson was appointed to meet with the executive director to negotiate terms for contract renewal.

**XII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Bonnie Smoller, recorder

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Mike Wilson, Vice Chair

