



Westport Municipal Advisory Council

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Summary Minutes—January 26, 2009

The WMAC Board of Directors convened for a meeting on January 26, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Westport Community Church in Westport with the following Directors Present: Judith Vidaver, Chuck Eyerly, Bill Knapp, Sally Griggs and Chairperson Thad Van Bueren presiding.

1) ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted with Directors Griggs, Eyerly, Knapp, Vidaver and Van Bueren present. Director Fostiak was absent.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion: No discussion

Public Comment: None

Motion: Upon motion by Director Van Bueren, seconded by Director Knapp, and carried unanimously; it is ordered that the Minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting are hereby approved.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

3) PUBLIC EXPRESSION—

Presenters: None

4) OLD BUSINESS

a) Topic #1 - Wave power update from Director Vidaver.

The update included a summary of the presentation given by FERC representative Ann Miles. The presentation covered the process that FERC uses to license Hydrokinetic projects. If anyone wants to be included on the FERC mailing list to receive updates the address is:

FERC
888 First Street
Washington, DC 40426

The project number for PG&E Wave Connect proposal is 12781.

Director Van Bueren had some discussions with representatives from PG&E (project manager and public relations person) and invited them to discuss the project with the WMAC. It was decided that members of the WMAC should start to think of issues and concerns that could be addressed at that meeting. Van Bueren to send URL to MAC members so we could review study of ecological effects of wave energy development in the pacific northwest.

Director Eyerly to write letter to FERC to ask that WMAC be included on their mailing list.

b) Cahto Road update – Director Van Bueren. The WMAC received an update from Supervisor Kendall Smith. That update said that any work needed on Cahto Road was not currently a high priority.

Motion: Director Griggs made a motion that we table further discussions on opening Cahto Road until the July meeting. Director Eyerly seconded the motion.

Discussion of Motion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

It was noted that there will be a timber harvest occurring and as individuals we were free to make comments requesting improvements to the road.

c) Nuisance Abatement update – Director Van Bueren. The WMAC asked the nuisance abatement person to give us an update regarding nuisance abatement. The planning commission asked that we delay that meeting until the February or March meeting.

5) NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and possible actions

a) Permit Number CDP#26-2008 Improvements to parking area and additional signs added to west side of Highway at Seaside Beach. WMAC is generally in favor of improving the access to the beach, but would suggest paving and striping the parking area to address safety.

This idea was approved by all WMAC directors present except Director Vidaver who abstained.

b) There was a suggestion to move future WMAC meetings to the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Motion: Director Van Bueren made a motion to move the future meetings of WMAC starting with the February 2009 meeting to the fourth Wednesday of every month. Director Griggs seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

c) There was a discussion about a coastal trail between Westport and Ft. Bragg. There was some discussion about whether the trail should be for both bicycle and walking and if it should be paved. Much of the land that would be used belongs to different land trusts. Director Van Bueren noted that there may be grant money available for a project like this.

Motion: Director Vidaver and Director Eyerly seconded a motion that Director Van Bueren apply to MCOG and Caldrons for a grant to do a planning study to determine feasibility for a coastal trail between Westport and Ft. Bragg

Discussion: None

Action: Motion approved without amendment.

6) OTHER BUSINESS/OPERTIONS

Director Knapp gave a financial update. He let us know that instead of the Supervisors giving WMAC a lump sum of money that we would submit expenses as incurred and be reimbursed for the expenses. Knapp noted that we should be careful to save receipts and submit them to him so we could be reimbursed.

7) SET PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Westport Community Church at 24900 Abalone Street in Westport.

The preliminary agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Status of ORCA Inn permit – Director Vidaver
- 2) Coastal Trail grant application – Director Van Bueren
- 3) Wave Energy Update.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chair Van Bueren declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Name, Chair

ATTEST:

Name, Secretary