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Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Committee Meeting Record

February 10, 2022, 1:00 p.m.

Present:

Hank Seemann, Chair County of Humboldt
Emily Sinkhorn, City of Arcata
Donna Wood, City of Eureka
Michael Proulx, Humboldt Trails Council
Roger James, Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Working Group
Dennis Rael, Community Member
Ress Hughes, Community Member (approved in item 5)

Staff:

Beth Burks, HCAOG
Stephen Luther, HCAOG
Rachael Garcia, Humboldt Trails Council Trail Coordinator

1. Meeting called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chair Seeman.
2. Motion to approve minutes from September 9, 2021 meeting (**Proulx/Sinkhorn**) carried with Rael abstaining
3. Fund Balance Reporting as of December 31, 2021 - **\$544,099.18**
 - Expendable - \$163,667.62
 - Endowed - \$380,431.56Committee congratulated working group on excellent work, and year-end request has been successful as shown by fund surpassing half a million dollars! Noted how important it is to be able to show on-the-ground results when writing thank-yous to donors.
4. Review and Consider Approving Humboldt Bay Trail Fund Proposals

Redwood Region Audubon Society proposal Motion made (**James/Rael**) to approve partial funding for tools/supplies only. Motion carried 5-1 with Proulx voting no. Committee directed staff to follow-up with Audubon explaining committee's concerns about what special activities/duties would warrant compensation, and are welcome to consider applying for volunteer coordinator stipend next year.

Humboldt Trails Council proposal: Motion made (**Sinkhorn**/Wood) with Rael and Proulx recusing themselves, to approve with condition that if the full amount requested for flail mower is not needed due to pending outside donations, the funding request will be reduced to the amount necessary (up to \$10k) to pay off the mower as determined on or around May 1. Motion carried 4-0.

Zero Waste Humboldt proposal: Motion made (**Proulx**/Rael) to conditionally approve with request for applicant to modify the proposal to focus on the Bay Trail and benefits to the Bay Trail specifically, and to include specific measurables by which to gauge success. Chair Seeman and Director Burks to review amended proposal. Passed unanimously.

City of Eureka proposal: Motion made (**Rael**/Proulx), with Wood recusing, to approve proposal for full amount of funding. Carried unanimous.

5. Consider approving Rees Hughes to vacant community member position.

Committee discussed being proactive about seeking replacements and aiming to improve diversity of representation of committee. Approved appointment unanimously.

6. Review Committee Guideline revisions

Committee discussed scope of expanding reach of Humboldt Bay Trail. Discussed administrative allowance needs and process. Will bring guidelines back to next meeting.

7. Review Action Items and Schedule Next Meeting
Next meeting scheduled **September 8**