

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: May 17, 2011

Date: May 5, 2011

To: Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt

From: Clerk of the Board, Kathy Hayes *Kathy Hayes*

Subject: Interview Candidates to Fill the Vacant Seat on the North Coast Railroad Authority Board and Consider Making Appointment from the Candidates Interviewed.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors interview interested candidates for the vacancy on the North Coast Railroad Authority Board left vacant by the resignation of Linda Atkins on February 16, 2011, and consider making an appointment from the candidates interviewed.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Pursuant to the Board Action on May 3, 2011, the Board of Supervisors voted to interview interested applicants for the vacant seat on the North Coast Railroad Board at the May 17, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting, on or about 1:30 p.m., after which, following public input, consider making an appointment from the candidates interviewed.

In addition, it should be noted that at the time of this writing, the Clerk of the Board currently has three applications on file from individuals expressing interest in being considered for the appointment. The Clerk of the Board will be accepting any new applications for consideration up until 12:00 noon on the Friday, May 13, 2011.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board *[Signature]*

CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
___ Consent
___ Departmental
___ Public Hearing
XX ___ Other 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Discussion Item

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor
Seconded by Supervisor
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

Dated: _____
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

By: _____

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: The Board could choose not to make an appointment from the candidates interviewed, which would result in the seat remaining vacant and unfilled.

ATTACHMENTS: North Coast Railroad Authority Applications (3)

1090 12th Street
Arcata, CA 95521
822-1857 (h)
mlwinkle@yahoo.com
May 28, 2009

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisors:

I am requesting your consideration for appointment to the board of the North Coast Railroad Authority.

My educational background is in science and engineering. My professional experience is in the renewable energy field and in the electronics industry. I have eight years of experience in environmental impact assessment and planning as a member of the City of Arcata Planning Commission.

I am currently a member of the Arcata City Council. I am the vice-chair of the Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) board and am currently working on obtaining federal stimulus funding for municipal renewable energy projects for RCEA members.

The rail corridors under the control of NCRA are important community assets in the four NCRA counties.

My primary goals for the NCRA are:

- Promote sustainable transportation in the rail corridors, including, where appropriate, freight and passenger (commuter and excursion) rail, bicycles, and hikers.
- Use the rail corridors to promote sustainable economic development and recreation

I have long been a supporter of rail because of its very high energy efficiency and because rail can be powered by electricity and the electricity can come from renewable sources. When I am outside our area I frequently use rail including Amtrak and commuter rail.

For use of the rail corridors for commercial freight my strong preference is to support movement of freight within our region rather than to serve as a conduit for freight from Asia. I prefer using rail freight as a substitute for much of existing truck traffic rather than to support a major increase in extractive industries such as gravel mining. I see freight rail as a potential complement to short sea shipping, another energy efficient form of transportation.

In the near term I support SMART and the restoration of passenger service in Marin and Sonoma counties and restoration of freight service from the southern part of NCRA's territory up into Willits. I have an open mind about the best uses of the rail corridor north of Willits and in Humboldt County. In Humboldt County I am open to both rail banking and rails-with-trails where each is appropriate. I agree with the NCRA board's decisions to allow rail banking on the Arcata-Blue Lake and Arcata-Bracut segments.

I bring a strong academic and professional background in science and engineering, years of experience in planning and environmental impact assessment, and a strong personal commitment to sustainable transportation and sustainable economic development. I appreciate your consideration and would like to be put on your agenda to be interviewed for this appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Winkler

Michael Winkler
1090 12th Street
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Telephone: 822-1857, e-mail: mlwinkle@yahoo.com

Areas of Knowledge

- Energy engineering
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Greenhouse gas legislation (AB32, AB1493, SB375)
- Transportation Energy Analysis
- Energy modeling software

Experience (Paid)

2008-Present	Arcata City Council, Member
1997-2009	Schatz Energy Research Center, Energy Research Engineer
1975-1997	Software Engineer/Supervisor

Experience (Volunteer)

2009-Present	Redwood Coast Energy Authority, Board, Volunteer
2009-Present	Humboldt Transit Authority Board, Alternate Member
2008-Present	Green Wheels, Advisory Board Member
2000-2008	Arcata Planning Commission, Member & Vice-Chair
1998-2000	Arcata Energy Committee, Member

Education

Humboldt State University, 2002
Degree: B.S.
Major: Environmental Resources Engineering
Specialization: Energy Engineering

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1971
Degree: B.S., Phi Beta Kappa
Major: Physics

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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR:

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Dan Hauser

1022 10th Street
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dhauser@suddenlink.net

February 16, 2011

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Attn: Chairman Mark Lovelace

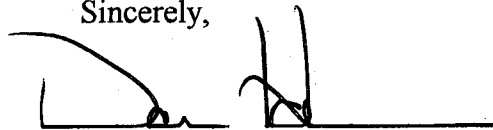
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please accept this letter as my application for appointment to the Board of Directors of the North Coast Railroad Authority.

I believe that my background, interest and dedication will enable me to serve all of Humboldt County and the North Coast Railroad Authority.

Thank you for your attention to my application and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. For background, a brief resume is attached.

Sincerely,



Dan Hauser

Cc: Supervisor Smith ✓
Supervisor Clendenen
Supervisor Bass
Supervisor Sundberg

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RESUME

City of Arcata

Councilmember	1974-1978
Mayor & Councilmember	1978-1982

California Legislature

Assemblymember	
1st Assembly District	1982-1996

North Coast Railroad Authority

Executive Director	1996-1998
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City of Arcata

City Manager	2000-2006
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Current Board of Director Memberships

Redwood Empire Council Boy Scouts of America

Timber Heritage Association

Resident Owned Parks (a Statewide Low Income Housing Non-Profit)

Kiwanis Club of Arcata

cc. Bas

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June 8, 2009

Mr. Jimmy Smith, Chair and Members of the Board
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street, Rm. 111
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Chairman Smith:

Please consider this letter as my interest to serve on the North Coast Railroad Authority. As you may know I have had a long and involved history with the NCRA, ranging from legislative endeavors when I served as a Member of the California Assembly from 1982 to 1996 to serving as NCRA Executive Director from 1996 to 1998. Since retiring in 2003 I have remained in contact with the Authority, both through its current Board Members as well as its staff.

I am supportive of the NCRA mission to appropriately restore rail line conditions so as to offer rail operators an opportunity to provide various rail services. As the NCRA moves to analyze the opportunities, the environmental requirements, and the financial necessities for meeting this mission, I believe my collective experience will greatly assist the Board in determining the appropriate decisions.

Thank you for your consideration as I look forward to an appointment when a vacancy occurs.

Sincerely,

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March 21, 2011

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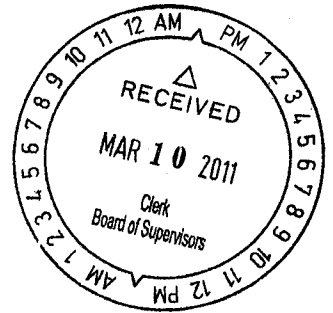
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**WILLIAM M. KIER
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BLUE LAKE, CA 95525
(707) 668-1822**



Honorable Mark Lovelace, Chair and Honorable Members
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street, Room 111
Eureka, CA 95501

Re: North Coast Railroad Authority board,
Humboldt County vacancy

Dear Chairperson Lovelace and Members of the Board

It has come to my attention that one of the two Humboldt County seats on the North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) board of directors has become open with the recent resignation from that board of Eureka City Councilmember Linda Atkins. Please consider this letter my application for appointment by your Board to that now-vacant Humboldt County NCRA board seat.

My wife and I have deep roots in Humboldt County. Helen's father, Thad Douarin was born in Korbekel, where his father managed the Brizard Company store; he grew up in Blue Lake and, with the County Supervisors' strong formal backing was appointed one of the county's first State Traffic Officers in 1930, before moving on to Sacramento a dozen years later to lead the California Highway Patrol's statewide commercial safety detail and to represent the CHP before the California Legislature.

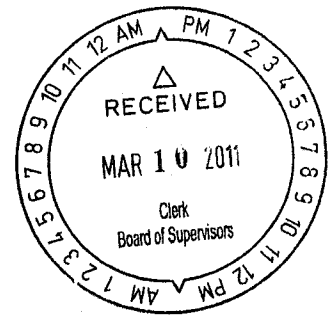
The Douarin family home in Sacramento became the unofficial headquarters of Humboldt County's legislative delegation. That is where I continued my education, while courting Helen, in Humboldt County history, economics and politics.

My great-grandfather, Theodore Dean, was one of the Humboldt Bay area's premier builders in the late 19th century. My grandfather was born in Arcata.

During my 27-year career as a State Fish & Game scientist; Fish & Game environmental branch chief; assistant State Resources Agency Secretary; staff director for State Senate committees on natural resources, water resources and fish and wildlife; and developer and director of the State Senate's office for research and policy development, I directly participated in dozens of administrative and legislative initiatives that contributed to Humboldt County's economic development.

I founded Kier Associates, a natural resources consulting practice that has maintained offices in Humboldt County for the past 25 years (see <http://www.kierassociates.net>). Members of the practice specialize in basin-wide aquatic and terrestrial condition assessments, resource restoration planning and implementation for federal, state and private-sector clients.

Chairperson Lovelace and Members,
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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In recent years my role has been that of senior policy advisor and editor, giving me time to contribute to the community. I currently serve on the Blue Lake city planning commission and the board of directors of the Blue Lake chamber of commerce.

My on-going interest in Humboldt County's economy led me to the details of the NCRA's condition as soon as Helen and I settled into Blue Lake. I have studied the NCRA's financial situation and physical condition and I have discussed these matters in detail with former colleagues in Sacramento, some of whom remain in key State transportation policy and funding positions.

I have followed closely the public conversation concerning the future of the NCRA rail corridor. I have participated in efforts to secure a rail-banking agreement for the Arcata and Mad River Railroad section of the NCRA's holdings to enable development of a non-motorized transportation corridor between Blue Lake and Arcata, a proposal that has twice been endorsed by the NCRA board of directors. I want to help make that linkage between Blue Lake and Arcata an on-the-ground reality at the earliest possible time.

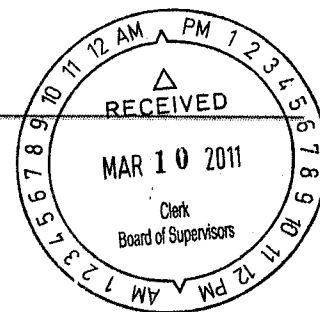
I am also committed to the preservation of NCRA's publicly-owned rail corridor as a resource capable of providing multiple transportation, recreation and economic development opportunities for many communities here on the North Coast. Whether it is freight and passenger trains, equestrian and bike trails, or any of the other opportunities available to us we need to work together to create the best outcome for the citizens of Humboldt County and the region.

I respectfully request your appointment to the open Humboldt County seat on the NCRA board of directors.

Sincerely,

William M. Kier

cc: Kathy Hayes
Clerk of the Board



Hayes, Kathy

From: Kier Associates [kierassociates@suddenlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 8:06 AM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: North Coast RR Authority_vacant position app
Attachments: Wm Kier_NCRA-HumbCo member appt app.pdf

Kathy

Attached please find my ltr of application for appointment to the vacant Humboldt County seat on the North Coast Railroad Authority board of directors

I'll put a hard copy in the mail to you today

Thanks for your help,

Bill Kier

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mobile: 498.7847
<http://www.kierassociates.net>
GSA Advantage Contractor GS-10F-0124U

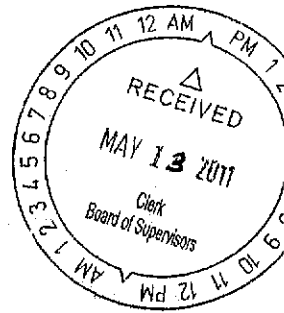


CLERK OF THE BOARD DIVISION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OFFICE

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CALIF. 95501-1153

PHONE (707) 476-2384; 445-7299 (FAX)



APPLICATION TO SERVE AS HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY BOARD

APPLICANT NAME: Richard Marks

MAILING ADDRESS: Po Box 184

Samoa Ca 95564

TELEPHONE: Home: 445-3432 Work: 496-9043 Fax: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Samoafog@aol.com

OCCUPATION: Humboldt Bay Harbor Commissioner Division 4

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Listed on Resume

(2) _____

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? _____ NO YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON
THE **NAME OF COMMITTEE**

North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA) I have been interested in the ongoing business of the NCRA for years. I have regularly attended Citizen Port Development for many years and have attended NCRA meeting when held in Humboldt County. I also have had hands on experience loading railcars while employed with Louisiana Pacific. I have had friends who were operators on the rail when it last ran product on the rail to give me a workers perspective.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: May 13th 2011

SIGNATURE: E-Mailed

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY NAME OF COMMITTEE, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111,
Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

Richard Marks
P.O. Box 184
Samoa, CA 95564

Work Experience:

- 1974-1978** **Bazar Department Store**
Assistant Manager
Retail Clerks union member
- 1978-1979** **Transamerica Finance**
Loan Officer
- 1980-2008** **Evergreen Pulp**
Worked in various departments and served on committees.
- 1999-2003** **California Organizer for AWPPW**
Lead Organizer in eleven organizing drives and assisted in many others. (I took 5 year leave of absence from Pulp Mill.)
- 2009-2011** **Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District**
4th District Commissioner elect.

Community Organizing:

- 1987-2007** **Peninsula School/ Coach & Basketball Director**
Coach and organizer of tournaments and league play for many children past and present.
- 1977-2011** **Adult Sports Director**
Basketball and Softball tournament and league director for over 25 years. Owner and Director of the Samoa Athletic Club. President Mad River Softball Association.
- 1995-2011** **Political**
Democratic Central Committee member. Registered voters and distributed voting information. Past Candidate for California State Legislature and Humboldt County Supervisor. Current Samoa Peninsula Fire District Director. Board member of the Humboldt Domestic Violence Services.

Education:

Eureka High School 1975
College of the Redwoods

References:

Ed Fregoso Small Business Owner
(707) 496-3767

Gerald Cawvey Fellow member of Local 49
(707) 445-9531

Nick Mitchell Owner of Arcata Countertops
(707) 442-3431

Doug Weatherbee Warehouse Supervisor Baywest Supply
(707) 845-0065

Matt Owen Wells Fargo Bank
(707) 599-9110