



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meredith Matthews, City of Arcata, **Chair**  
Adelene Jones, City of Blue Lake **Vice Chair**  
Leslie Castellano, City of Eureka,  
Randy Cady, City of Ferndale  
Steve Madrone, County of Humboldt  
Frank Wilson, City of Rio Dell

## Minutes

Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Eureka City Council Chamber

Present: Meredith Matthews, Frank Wilson, Leslie Castellano, Adelene Jones,  
Randy Cady  
Absent: Steve Madrone  
Staff: Eric Keller-Heckman, Hilary Schwartz, Loral Uber

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call at 5:30 PM

**Chairperson Matthews** called the meeting to order at 5:28 PM. A quorum was present and acting.

### 2. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve Minutes from the June 8, 2023 HWMA Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Approve proposed re-organization

**Motion:** **Director Jones** moved and **Director Castellano** seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.  
**Action:** Approve the Motion as made by **Director Jones** and seconded by **Director Matthews**  
**Ayes:** Unanimous  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** Steve Madrone

### 3. Oral and Written Communications

**Chairperson Matthews** opened the floor to public comment regarding items not on the agenda. No public comment was received.

**Chairperson Matthews** closed the floor to public comment.

### 4. Receive Presentation on Little Hoover Commission and SB 1383 Report

**Executive Director Keller-Heckman** presented a summary of the background and key relevant recommendations of the Little Hoover Commission report on SB1383, including recommendations for the state to pause implementation, introduce permanent exemptions for rural counties, carve out protections for community composters, and remove edible food waste recovery from the scope of 1383 compliance.

**Chairperson Matthews** opened the floor for public comment. Evan Edgar of Edgar & Associates recommended the Authority reach out to RCRC, as they are already working to support the recommendations favorable to rural counties. Linda Wise of Recology spoke to the Board about the importance of outreach and public education now for ease of implementation and reduced contamination as organics collection is rolled out.

The Board directed staff to draft a letter of support for the Little Hoover Commissions' recommendations, and coordinate with **Chairperson Matthews** on the letter's contents.

**5. Standing Item: Board Member Reports**

**Director Jones** reported that City of Blue Lake's yard waste days are going well. The next event is scheduled for September.

**6. Standing Item: Executive Director's Report**

**Executive Director Keller-Heckman** introduced Hilary Schwartz as the Authority's new Director of Finance. He informed the Board that recruitment for the Director of Operations position will begin soon, and that the Authority has been recognized as the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest rural carpet recycling collector in the state.

**7. Chairperson Matthews** adjourned the meeting at 6:05 PM.