



Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

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Regular Meeting Summary Minutes

Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Coast Life Support District Building; 38901 Ocean Drive, Gualala, CA, 95445

*A verbatim recording of this meeting is available from the
Gualala Municipal Advisory Council website at this Internet address:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUnJmZrMSqc>

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- Council members present: Robert Juengling, Kevin Evans, Dan Lewis, Don Hess, Melissa Finley, Zachary Hayward, Dave Shpak, Henry Mayer (via Zoom, for reason of contagious infection). Mayer departed meeting after conclusion of the Annual Organizational Meeting: Election of Officers.
- Mendocino County: Supervisor Ted Williams, Sheriff Matt Kendall, Lieutenant Sheriff John Magnin, Deputy Sheriff Michael Jensen.
- South Coast Fire Protection District: Chief Jason Warner.

2. Introductions and Announcements

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes for November 2, 2023 and December 7, 2023 was tabled since minutes were not distributed nor available at the meeting. Motion and Second to table: Finley, Lewis. Minutes tabled by unanimous vote.
- b. Correspondence was reported, as on agenda.
- c. Approval of Agenda:
 - Proposal to shift item 6. Presentation: Redwood Coast Medical Services to precede item 5. Report: Law/Code Enforcement. Motion and second: Evans, Lewis. Amendment approved by unanimous vote.
 - Proposal to shift item 8.a Annual Organizational Meeting: Election of Officers to precede item 7. Council Matters. Motion and second: Mayer, Finley. Vote: Ayes by Juengling, Lewis, Hess, Mayer, Finley; Nays by Evans, Shpak.
 - These summary minutes follow the revised agenda sequence.

4. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items

- John Bower talked about the Caltrans Notice of Determination for the Gualala Downtown Enhancement Project and potential changes to the Gualala Town Plan, as part of the Mendocino County Local Coastal Program Update.

5. Presentation: Redwood Coast Medical Services (RCMS)

- RCMS representatives described the Gualala clinic expansion project objectives, design, capital fundraising; status of regulatory permitting and environmental issues; and described next steps in the project.

- Public comments by John Bower, Mrs. Schwartz, Bronwyn Golly, Jason Warner, and Matt Kendall.
- Council comments or questions by Hayward, Evans, and Hess:

6. Report: Law/Code Enforcement

- Deputy Jensen described south coast Sheriff Department activities in December 2023.
- Sheriff Kendall introduced Lt. Magnin as the next Mendocino County Undersheriff. Lt. Magnin described his background and approach to the new position.
- Sheriff Kendall summarized overall crime trend in 2023, work on pre-trial release and jail training programs, progress on new jail project and capital funding impacts.

7. New Business

a. Annual Organizational Meeting: Election of Officers

- Chair: Evans.
 - Aye votes: Lewis, Shpak, Hess, Evans.
 - Nay votes: Juengling, Mayer, Finley.
- Vice-Chair: Juengling.
 - Aye votes: Juengling, Mayer, Hess, Finley.
 - Nay votes: Evans, Lewis, Shpak.
- Secretary: Shpak.
 - Aye votes: Evans, Juengling, Lewis, Hess, Shpak.
 - Naye votes: Mayer, Finley.
- Treasurer: Lewis.
 - Aye votes: unanimous.
- Evans took Chair for the remainder of the meeting. Members expressed appreciation for Juengling's work as previous Chair.

8. Council Matters

a. Old Business: no report.

b. Gualala Services Committee

- i. Gualala Parks: Evans described County General Services Department progress on the Bower Park Renovation Project, local interest in active and continuous involvement. Hayward and Lewis reported community interest in local contractor work opportunities. Hayward asked a question. Public Comment by John Bower.
- ii. Affordable Housing: no report.
- iii. Economic Development: Evans reported coordination with Visit Mendocino, Point Arena Merchants Association, and local businesses to provide promotional information for visitors and residents. Juengling reported outreach to Sonoma Tourism Commission for grant funding.

- c. GCAP Committee: Juengling reported no committee meetings or progress in December, and still working on potential conflict issue. Evans had a question regarding conflict of interest. Shpak reported Caltrans has published Notice of Determination on a CEQA Mitigated Negative

Declaration and the District Director has approved the project (PA-ED milestone). Mendocino Council of Governments approved allocation of \$1.2 million of the next Regional Transportation Improvement Program funding cycle to match Caltrans in resolving the project funding gap.

- d. Electric Vehicle Charging Station: Hess did not have new news, yet summarized potential funding programs. Evans and Lewis asked questions.
Public Comment by John Bower.
- e. Telecommunications: Hess reported the GMAC website is the same.
- f. Water Ad Hoc Committee: no report.
- g. GCC Rebuilding Committee: Evans reported progress on preliminary site plan and building details, and Gualala Community Center intention to host a public presentation as soon as possible. The replacement project is exempt from the Coastal Development Permit.
- h. Local Coastal Program/Gualala Town Plan Update: Shpak reported GrassRoots Institute community workshop in December and ongoing outreach leadership.

9. New Business

- b. GMAC Facebook Page
 - o Hayward presented a Facebook page idea to enhance access to GMAC and other meeting promotion, in addition to the GMAC website.
 - o Lewis will research point of contact for link to Gualala Trading Post page.
 - o Hayward will draft Facebook page. Hess may assist, if needed.
 - o Evans recommended the Telecommunications Committee take up the matter with Hayward.

10. County Policy #51 and GMAC Bylaws Committee

- Evans proposed deferring to a special meeting. Shpak, Lewis, and Finley concurred.
- Juengling: Bylaws Committee will prepare materials. Shpak asked the Committee to provide revised Bylaws in Microsoft Word or a native file format other than PDF to facilitate Council member use. Hess and Lewis concur with preference.
- Shpak will coordinate a special meeting on January 22, 23, or 24 via email query to Council members.

11. Council Member Comments

- No comments.

12. Treasurer's Report

- No report.

13. Possible Future Agenda Items

- i. Sending email to all members: Council members discussed appropriate protocols for distributing information to all members, administrative coordination, sub-quorum committee communications, Secretary communications.

14. Adjournment

- Motion and second: Finley, Lewis. Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.