

Piedras Blancas Light Station Association
Minutes
Rabobank Conference Room - Cambria, CA
February 22, 2017

Board Members present: David Cooper, Harry Thorpe, Tim Postiff, Jim Harris, John Brass, Gary O'Neill, Zale Schuster

Board Members absent: None

Others present: Ryan Cooper (BLM), Holly Gant (PBLSA)

David Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Announcements- *M/S/P to approve agenda with amendment to move FSB to #1 position.*

Approval of the agenda- *M/S/P minutes from January 25, 2017, approved.*

Reports:

1. FSB Report- Harry gave overview of FSB: 4 phases of work. Dan Murphy gave presentation. He presented for board review and approval a Wellsona Iron and Engineering bid for the structural stabilization of the FSB as designed by Shoreline Engineering. He had 3 masonry contractors look at the building- no one would give a hard price for work. The biggest cost is archway repair because it's a structural repair. Re: lead paint possibility- BLM will offer declaration of nonhazardous material. Re: painting- board consensus is to leave it unpainted as it is now. BLM will have final say. A future issue will be the flooring, but isn't part of the proposal. Board has consensus in opinions and review in construction techniques and cost and intends to call for a resolution before next board meeting under proviso of hazardous materials (lead based paint) and whether to paint or not. Harry will consult with Bruce Elster for a final review and the board may vote via email before the next board meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report- See attached. Profit was higher because of memberships. Harry is working on co-op agreement and will be sending board a draft for approval to satisfy BLM requirement. BLM may ask for \$12K back that isn't earmarked for projects.
3. GS Report- See attached.
4. BLM Report- See attached. Virtual tour with an Alabama school may be the start of a new way to give tours.
5. Gate Dedication- Has been rescheduled for April 8th. Plaque will be ready in 2-3 weeks, booklets are ready, invitations will be sent out by 3/8.
6. Tower Report- See attached.
7. PG&E Update- See attached. Zale emailed letter to 6 individuals including Ventana and State Parks re: power pole issues. He received a receptive response from Mike Best of PG&E. Support letters re: the safety of the raptors sent to PG&E would be helpful.

8. Membership Report- See attached. Online memberships have increased. \$2100 in January was from end of the year renewals. Tim and Holly to draft a new membership letter for 2017.

New Business: Donovan Marley resolution. David Cooper recognized that PBLSA was the first nonprofit to launch the CCNM. *M/S/P Board unanimously approved resolution.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report 2/22/17 – Harry Thorpe

TREASURER'S REPORT for January 2017

1. OPERATIONS INCOME: Last Month: \$5,182.98 YTD: \$5,182.89
PROFIT: Last Month: \$1,782.67* YTD: \$1,782.67
BLM SUPPORT EXPENSE: Last Month: \$50,239.11 YTD: \$50,239.11
BALANCES: H. O. Bank: \$12,263.38 ASAP: \$47,772.01**

* Membership: \$2,100

** No longer available.

2. INVESTMENT BALANCE – FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Beg Bal</i> | <i>Market Chg</i> | <i>Div/Int</i> | <i>Deposit</i> | <i>W/D</i> | <i>Ending Bal</i> |
|--------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| Jan 2017 | 591,264.50 | 4,385.95 | 834.65 | -- | -- | 596,485.10 |
| Dec 2016 | 586,450.24 | 1,161.26 | 2,653.00 | -- | -- | 591,264.50 |
| Nov 2016 | 587,696.31 | <2,203.90> | 957.83 | -- | -- | 586,450.24 |

3. OTHER:

- Audited December/January transactions, made adjustments.
- Continued compilation of 5 years of co-op expenses.
- Submitted 4th quarter sales tax payment/filing.
- Submitted BLM ASAP quarterly financial report.
- Transferred Rabobank online over to new commercial website.
- Held Investment Committee meeting to review Fidelity accounts- no charge.
- Continued with FSB project support- bid due in February.
- Updated GOV.GRANT password.

Harry M. Thorpe, Jr.

Attachment 2: Gift Shop Report 2/22/17 – Holly Gant**NET SALES**

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2011 | 884 | 1,009 | 1,354 | 2,517 | 1,435 | 2,216 |
| 2012 | 862 | 922 | 1,497 | 1,812 | 1,366 | 2,121 |
| 2013 | 1,848 | 1,270 | 1,931 | 2,849 | 2,208 | 3,407 |
| 2014 | 1,853 | 3,263 | 3,072 | 2,447 | 2,186 | 2,697 |
| 2015 | 2,873 | 2,278 | 2,512 | 2,604 | 2,783 | 3,628 |
| 2016 | 1,798 | 2,609 | 2,830 | 1,988 | 2,142 | 2,586 |
| 2017 | 2,196 | | | | | |

| | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2011 | 3,481 | 2,973 | 1,733 | 1,445 | 1,158 | 1,837 |
| 2012 | 3,718 | 3,725 | 1,951 | 2,653 | 1,207 | 1,344 |
| 2013 | 4,351 | 4,121 | 2,314 | 2,048 | 1,872 | 1,965 |
| 2014 | 3,838 | 4,283 | 3,045 | 2,528 | 1,412 | 1,635 |
| 2015 | 4,862 | 4,356 | 2,609 | 3,216 | 2,258 | 2,157 |
| 2016 | 4,861 | 3,410 | 2,716 | 2,647 | 1,930 | 2,103 |
| 2017 | | | | | | |

| | TOTAL | Jan - June |
|------|-----------|------------|
| 2011 | \$ 22,042 | \$ 9,415 |
| 2012 | \$ 23,178 | \$ 8,580 |
| 2013 | \$ 30,184 | \$ 13,513 |
| 2014 | \$ 32,259 | \$ 15,518 |
| 2015 | \$ 36,136 | \$ 16,678 |
| 2016 | \$ 31,620 | \$ 13,953 |

Attachment 3: Tower Update 2/22/17 – Jim Harris

Summary of tower top project
2/22/17

Bruce Elster has been supporting Dan Murphy and his preparation of the proposal for the completion of the Fog Signal Building, in particular answering questions on the engineering requirements for the construction, and the development of a “two jack system” to repair severe cracks in the brickwork. He also has been focusing on some additional work for the initiation of the restoration of the Pismo Beach Pier that was not anticipated. He continues to pursue the design effort for the construction of the interior structure for the stabilization of the tower. With the other work winding down, Bruce will focus his efforts for the next month on the tower stabilization analysis and design.

Attachment 4: PG&E Update- Zale Schuster

From Avian Protection Plan on PG&E's website:

Utility poles are often located on the most prominent point in a landscape. Birds perch on the poles to hunt or rest. Unfortunately, doing so can increase risks for the birds and the PG&E electric system. The PG&E Avian Protection Plan seeks to protect migratory, threatened and endangered birds from harm, while improving safety and reliability for you.

For the past 25 years, PG&E has led various initiatives to help conserve bird species. We're working collaboratively with organizations such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to minimize the dangers that transmission lines and other electrical equipment pose to birds. In 2008, PG&E won Audubon California's first-ever Corporate Achievement Award for significant achievements in protecting California birds and important habitat.

Learn about the PG&E Avian Protection Plan

The PG&E Avian Protection Plan sets the standard for our industry. It is one of the most comprehensive plans in the nation. Key components include:

- **Employee training.** We educate our employees to ensure we comply with all federal and state bird protection laws.
- **"Bird-safe" poles.** Since 2002, we've retrofitted more than 28,000 utility poles. We proactively targeted over 14,500 utility poles and an additional 13,800 poles in high-risk areas.
- **Public and partner education.** We promote migratory bird and habitat conservation in cooperation with federal and state agencies and non-profit organizations.

Letter sent to PG&E et al.-

To: Mike Best, PG&E Avian Protection Plan
CC: Joe Burnett, Ventana Wild Life Society

Dear Mike:

I am a board member with the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association. Last year, you and I had a brief phone conversation about the removal of the power poles from Hwy 1 to Piedras Blancas Light Station (about 2,000 feet and nine poles). A few years ago, our Board President Jim Harris had started talking with PG&E about removing the power poles. I am picking up where he left off and hope to gain some knowledge about the removal process and create an environment that protects our raptors.

One of the goals at the Light Station is to be good stewards of the site and to protect the wildlife, native plants and historical architecture of the 142-year-old facility. All of the volunteers, BLM employees and visitors love the diversity of the ecosystem within the 20-acres that has just been included in the California Coastal National Monument. Observing the pair of Peregrine Falcons that nest high on the Outer Islet from the nature trail is exciting and a highlight of our public tours. Falcons perch on the top

of the lighthouse and are seen hunting over the light station and in flight between Hwy 1 and the shoreline.

Last year we lost one of the three falcon chicks after they fledged from the nest; it flew directly into one of the power poles just short of the lighthouse. It became trapped between the wire and the pole (see attached photo). Unfortunately, birds hitting power poles is not an unusual occurrence at Piedras Blancas.

PG&E has taken steps to prevent bird strikes between Hwy 1 and the light station by installing reflector cards on critical areas. This has been effective at diverting the pelicans and gulls around the point of the Light Station and not over the power lines. However, falcons are not as predictable as pelicans as they fly much faster and are often chasing prey. The power poles and lines pose a real danger (see attached photos).

With the release of California Condors within 10 miles of the Light Station, and knowing that they may start venturing farther away from their release site, soon they could use the Light Station to forage for food along the shoreline. We hope to remove any possible threats for all birds, but especially endangered species like the condor.

We have noticed that the Avian Protection Plan has moved power poles in Big Sur, and PG&E is planning to remove poles near the old Piedras Blancas Motel 1.5 miles north of the light station. With the current work being done in the area, would it be efficient and advantageous logistically to remove our nine power poles and re-route our power service now? Would this be within the scope of your current Avian Protection Program?

Any advice on this issue is welcomed and appreciated.

Sincerely,

Zale Schuster, Board Member
Piedras Blancas Light Station Association

Attachment 5: Membership- Tim Postiff

Piedras Blancas Light Station Association

2016 Membership

| | Renewals | | | | | | | New Memberships | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|
| | \$50 | \$100 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1,000 | Other | \$ Total | \$50 | \$100 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1,000 | Other | \$ Total |
| January | 3 | 4 | | | | | 550 | | | | | | | 0 |
| February | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | 0 |
| March | | 2 | | | | | 200 | | | | | | | 0 |
| April | 1 | | | | | | 50 | 1 | | | | | | 50 |
| May | 10 | 7 | 1 | | | | 1450 | 1 | | | | | | 50 |
| June | 3 | | | | | | 150 | | | | | | | 0 |
| July | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | 0 |
| August | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | 550 | 1 | 5 | | | | | 550 |
| September | 3 | | 2 | | | | 650 | 1 | | | | | | 50 |
| October | 3 | 1 | | | | | 250 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 300 |
| November | 1 | 2 | | | | | 250 | | | | | | | 0 |
| December | 2 | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | 1775 | | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 800 |
| TOTALS | 28 | 24 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | \$5,875 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | \$1,800 |

YTD REVENUE = \$7,675
MEMBERS= 72

2015 Membership

| | Renewals | | | | | | | New Memberships | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|
| | \$50 | \$100 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1,000 | Other | \$ Total | \$50 | \$100 | \$250 | \$500 | \$1,000 | Other | \$ Total |
| January | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 735 | | 1 | | | | | 100 |
| February | | | | | | | 0 | 1 | | | | | | 50 |
| March | | 1 | | | | | 100 | | | | | | | |
| April | 9 | 6 | 1 | | | | 1300 | | 2 | | | | | 200 |
| May | 1 | 1 | | | | | 150 | | | | | | | |
| June | | 1 | | | | | 100 | 1 | | | | | | 50 |
| July | 1 | | | | | 2 | 200 | 1 | | | | | | 50 |
| August | 6 | 4 | 1 | | | | 950 | 2 | | | | | | 100 |
| September | | 2 | | | | | 200 | | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| November | 1 | 1 | | | | | 150 | | | | | | | |
| December | 4 | 1 | | | 1 | | 1300 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 300 |
| TOTALS | 24 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | \$5,185 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | \$850 |

YTD REVENUE = \$6,035
MEMBERS= 59

Attachment 5- David Cooper

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DONOVAN MARLEY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN ESTABLISHING THE PIEDRAS BLANCAS UNIT OF THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL NATIONAL MONUMENT

Approved by the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association on February 22, 2017

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2017 President Barack Obama declared the Piedras Blancas Outstanding Natural Area in San Luis Obispo County a Unit of the California Coastal National Monument, and

WHEREAS, national monument status elevates Piedras Blancas to the highest level of recognition, protection, and preservation, and

WHEREAS, all residents of San Luis Obispo County and countless visitors to its coastlines enjoy expanded public access to over six miles of scenic coastline surrounding Piedras Blancas and benefit from responsible stewardship of its rich natural and cultural resources, and

WHEREAS, Donovan Marley founded and provided leadership for a county-wide citizens movement to establish the Piedras Blancas Unit of the California Coastal National Monument consistent with the mission of the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association, and

WHEREAS, Donovan Marley coordinated a successful campaign to win diverse support from local nonprofits, community service districts, service organizations, chambers of commerce, tribal councils, and county businesses, and

WHEREAS, Donovan Marley organized, inspired, and supported citizen volunteers who worked on behalf of the local national monument initiative by circulating petitions, creating and distributing flyers, brochures, articles, and press releases, building and maintaining web sites, and coordinating social media, and

WHEREAS, Donovan Marley advocated for Piedras Blancas at state-wide and national meetings about national monument designation, and

WHEREAS, Donovan Marley worked with and provided support to representatives and congressional staffs and national nonprofit environmental organizations working on behalf of the national monument initiative, and

Whereas, Donovan Marley devoted countless hours for over two years in a successful effort to conserve forever a spectacular and fragile segment of coastal land known for its unparalleled beauty,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Piedras Blancas Light Station Association Board of Directors does hereby unanimously recognize, commend, and thank Donovan Marley for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to public land stewardship.