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

APPLICANT NAME: Bruce Silvey

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OCCUPATION: retired

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Karen Underwood PHONE: 707 [REDACTED]

(2) Peter Pennekamp PHONE: 707 [REDACTED]

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

NCRA/GRTA Board
see Attached

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 3/7/22 SIGNATURE: Bruce Silvey

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 _____

I spoke to Rees Hughes recently who said that Richard Marks was leaving the NCRA Board as the At Large member selected by Humboldt County BOS. He thought that I would be a logical candidate because of my interest and participation in the development of the Great Redwood Trail since Senator McGuire first proposed it four years ago. I have studied the legal and political issues that have come up regarding railbanking for the GRT. Also, I am on the steering committee for the No Coal in Humboldt Coalition to try and help stop the theft of the NCRA line north of Willits through the abandonment OFA process that is currently in front of the Surface Transportation Board.

I am the VP on the Board of the Humboldt Trails Council, and have been HTC's lead on the GRT all along. I realize that HTC is both a stewardship and advocacy organization, and that this position will require working with the concerns of both land owners and governmental agencies as the GRT is built out.

I have been a member of the Rails to Trails Conservancy for more than 20 years, and my wife and I have traveled around the country riding rail-trails. Besides many other trails, we have managed to ride about a quarter of RTC's Hall of Fame trails that the GRT will join some day if all goes well.

My wife and I have lived on and operated a small 240 acre sheep ranch in Kneeland for the last 40 years that we own with another couple. I am still a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, but I am 90% retired. Before my 40 years in the mental health field I helped start a natural foods distributing company out of the old opera house/warehouse at First and E in Eureka. We built it up to 6 million in sales and 65 employees before the primary owner moved the company to Santa Rosa. At least in the private business world I am familiar with building things from the ground up.

I would like to be considered for HC's community member slot on the NCRA/GRTA. Having personally ridden many great and not-so-great rail trails around the country I have a clear vision of what is important to turn the GRT into a solid economic engine for the North Coast.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Bruce Silvey
3/8/22