

# **SACRAMENTO-PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on  
August 7, 2017 - AMENDED

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:38 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Directors Howell, Nottoli, Budge, Frentzen and Sander

## **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

There were no comments from the public on non-agenda items. However, CEO, Mr. Mark Rackovan made announcements regarding formatting of the board agenda and the location of the agenda in the board members binders.

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Director Nottoli and seconded by Director Sander, and passed by unanimous vote that:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 4: Approve Minutes for Regular Meeting of May 8, 2017

## **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Director Nottoli and seconded by Director Frentzen, and passed by unanimous vote that:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SACRAMENTO PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Item 5a: Appoint Kimberlee Marlan as Secretary to the Board, Resolution No. 2017-05-06
- Item 5b: Information on Quarterly Budget Update for the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2016/17

The Board warmly welcomed newly appointed Board Secretary, Kimberlee Marlan to the SPTC-JPA.

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## **Unfinished Business**

Item 6: Update on Natural Trail Project. Mr. Mark Rackovan reviewed the item and reiterated that the SPTC has been trying to get necessary environmental permits to enable volunteer crews to begin working on the trail. The Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) sent a letter with proposed environmental conditions to which David Bice, with Foothill Associates recommended Mr. Rackovan meet with the DFW representative to pare down some of the conditions. The DFW agreed to come back with a revised letter as an outcome of that meeting which should be prepared to execute by the end of the month.

Mr. Rackovan mentioned the Army Corps of Engineers is taking a bit longer than expected. Mr. Rackovan requested some help from the board to speak with their congressional representatives as a good starting point.

Public Comment was received from Kris Payne. Mr. Payne supports reaching out to congressional representatives to help move the item along.

## **New Business**

Item 7: Study Session: Upcoming Renewal of License Agreement with Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad for Excursion Rail Services. Mr. Rackovan introduced and provided a brief introduction of the item and requested that the board hear a presentation from Mr. Jim Harville, President of Sacramento Valley Railroad. Mr. Rackovan then introduced Mr. Harville with P&SVRR, who gave a presentation on the state of their operations and their plan moving forward, if the license agreement is renewed by the SPTC-JPA Board. A brief discussion ensued and Mr. Harville answered questions from the board as needed.

Director Frentzen requested clarification regarding the SPTC-JPA Board's approval of the P&SVRR license.

Director Howell stated there is a maintenance component of the license but that the license also allows for recreational use.

Director Frentzen pointed out that there were several Capital improvement projects shown in the P&SVRR presentation and clarified that with the approval of the SPTC-JPA Board, the P&SVRR licensing would not dictate what each jurisdiction would be doing with their programs and that any expansions in all areas would need to be ratified by each member jurisdiction's board separately in addition to the SPTC-JPA Board.

Director Howell agreed that the plan for each jurisdiction still needs to be approved by each agency.

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Mr. Harville echoed that the license gives P&SVRR the responsibility to maintain the track in good operating conditions and also gives the opportunity to upgrade if it is approved by member agencies. Mr. Harville clarified that the vision of the future plans of the P&SVRR would be in partnership with the member agencies in accordance with the license.

### **Public Comment was received from the following people:**

Ms. Mary Cory, El Dorado County, expressed her support of the way the P&SVRR is running at this time.

Mr. Kris Payne highlighted that Ms. Vickie Sander and Ms. Mary Cory have been working well together over the past several years on the corridor. He also mentioned that the system is a track warrant system which is a way to manage occupancy on the track. Mr. Payne mentioned he supports the license renewal.

Mr. Mike Roque, Road Foreman of Engines with P&SVRR. Mr. Roque mentioned that he sees huge benefits to continuing the P&SVRR license and that his focus is on safety and training. Mr. Roque also supports the license renewal of P&SVRR.

Mr. Eric Olds, Chief of Operations with P&SVRR. Mr. Olds mentioned they work collaboratively with other stakeholders on the corridor to resolve any issues that might come and that all volunteers are learning and growing to make sure they do things right.

Mr. Jim Kirstein, Friends of Folsom Parkways. Mr. Kirstein requested that P&SVRR work with local groups so they are aware of their events in case they conflict with other events in the area. Director Howell recommended that Mr. Kirstein and Mr. Harville get together outside of the meeting to discuss and work together.

Mr. Steve Ruhnau, resident of Latrobe area. Mr. Ruhnau expressed some concern about the density and multiple uses in the Latrobe area as well as the condition of the tracks in the Latrobe area. He requested that the board please think about balance in the 5-year renewal that includes other voices in the future planning of the corridor.

Mr. Rackovan clarified that the board would be asked in November if they approve the license agreement but that each member agency still needs to approve or object the license in their jurisdictions.

Director Nottoli mentioned during his tenure on the board, that the board has done everything they could to respect the sovereignty of the various member entities and also reiterated that each member agency has the ability to retain the agreement or not. If the member jurisdictions do not approve the contract in their jurisdiction, then it will come back to the JPA body to decide how to move forward.

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Director Sander commented that the legal terms of the original transfer would be in jeopardy if the rail were to be removed from the corridor and that the JPA has a legal obligation to maintain rail on the corridor. Director Sander mentioned it is a unique resource in the region and that there is some economic benefit with community building being a huge benefit as well. He is interested in seeing multiple uses along the corridor with the primary use being rail.

Director Frentzen mentioned that El Dorado County may have higher standards with inspections and it should be spelled out in the contract as far as safety goes. Director Frentzen said she felt comfortable renewing for 5 years without going to RFP.

Directors Sander, Frentzen, Budge, and Nottoli mentioned they support the renewal of the license for another 5 years. Director Howell thanked the presenters, speakers and members of the public for their comments and dialogue.

## **Business from the floor/good of the order**

Item 8: Business from the floor/good of the order

Mr. Kris Payne mentioned that the length of time each of the members of the JPA has been on the board should be duly noted. There have been a lot of changes in a positive way for El Dorado County.

Director Howell made a request, of the JPA staff, to mail her board packet to her for future board meetings.

## **CEO/Member Agency Staff Reports**

Item 9: Due to time constraints, the JPA staff members did not report any additional items.

The next meeting will be the Regular Board Meeting of November 6, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

I hereby certify that the Board of Directors approved the foregoing minutes at its Regular Board Meeting on November 6, 2017.



Board Secretary