

SACRAMENTO-PLACERVILLE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on
February 5, 2018

Call to Order: Chair Kerri Howell called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Board Secretary Kimberlee Marlan recorded the roll.
The following were determined to be present:
Chair Kerri Howell, Directors Don Nottoli, Linda Budge, Shiva Frentzen and David Sander

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

There were no public comments on the non-agenda items.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion by Director Budge and seconded by Director Sander, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting of November 6, 2017.

Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Director Nottoli and seconded by Director Budge, the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent agenda which consisted of:

Quarterly Budget Update for the Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2017/18
Approve Independent Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2016/17

Unfinished Business

Item 6a: Update on the Natural Trail Project.

CEO Rackovan reported that Staff is still in the process of obtaining the necessary environmental permits to enable volunteer crews to begin working on the natural trail. CEO Rackovan responded to Director Budge's previous comment regarding the 60-day deadline for tribal council identifying any issues. CEO Rackovan confirmed that if the tribes do not provide comment within 60 days, the Board can assume they have no issues.

CEO Rackovan reported that the state historical preservation office sent a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers asking minor clarification questions regarding how historical artifacts would be treated if found in the corridor. Activity on the trail is anticipated in the spring or summer.

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Public Comment was received on item 6b from the following people:

Mr. Kris Payne stated that the natural trail project had been before the Board several times and encouraged the Board to keep the regulatory agencies accountable as the natural trail is the type of project that can be beneficial to the community.

Item 6b: Update on License Agreement with Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) for Excursion Rail Services

CEO Rackovan reported that a draft agreement was prepared for the El Dorado County Parks & Recreation Commission's review. However, P&SVRR had some concerns with the language and the item was pulled from all member agency agendas until the language in the license agreement could be mutually agreed upon by P&SVRR, El Dorado County, and JPA staff. A meeting between the three groups took place in January 2018 which resulted in P&SVRR submitting proposed language. The three parties are working to get the agreement into a form that can be approved by the member agencies. CEO Rackovan commented that the JPA staff proposes a temporary extension of the current license agreement to allow P&SVRR to continue operating on the rail corridor until the next JPA Board meeting (May 7, 2018).

Director Howell asked if the JPA had been ready to present to the El Dorado County Board when it was delayed by P&SVRR. CEO Rackovan confirmed that was the case.

Public Comment was received on item 6b from the following people:

Mr. Jim Harville, President of P&SVRR, indicated that agreement on the final language of the agreement is very close to completion. He thanked Supervisor Frentzen for working so closely with P&SVRR and acknowledged support from the JPA Board.

Mr. Kris Payne representing Parks & Recreation Commissioner for District 3 clarified that the P&SVRR licensing agreement was put on their agenda and P&SVRR requested that the licensing agreement be removed from the agenda. However, the item remained on the agenda for discussion by the commission but the Board of Supervisors did not discuss the item. Mr. Payne also spoke on behalf of Diamond Springs/El Dorado County, and asked why the Board still needed a license agreement. Mr. Payne commented that in the past, having an agreement was administratively necessary since the JPA was responsible for the alignment. But now railroad track warrants dictate the operations of the system and each jurisdiction is responsible for its own warrants.

Mr. Mike Roque, Road Foreman of Engines for P&SVRR commented that the agreement was necessary to protect the JPA and member agencies; and to provide certainty to P&SVRR and

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each stakeholder. The purpose of the track warrant is to provide safety on the track and protect each agency. Mr. Roque acknowledged the Board and interested parties' efforts on the project.

Ms. Mary Cory, Museum Administrator for El Dorado County and General Manager of El Dorado Western Railroad, commented that in El Dorado County, there are multiple users and competing interests including property owners, trail users, along the corridor. Accordingly, they need to continue to manage the corridor and rail use as they have in the previous five years. Ms. Cory supports Director Frentzen's position from the last board meeting that the licensing agreement end at the El Dorado County line.

Mr. Chris VanThull with P&SVRR commented that the license agreement will give them a plan and a path moving forward that will benefit everyone.

Chair Howell commented that over the years there have been significant concerns about extending operations into El Dorado County. Accordingly, since an agreement is pending, she suggested P&SVRR maintain the existing use agreement in El Dorado County.

Director Frentzen thanked staff for working together to create a license agreement that can be supported by the JPA Board and the each member agency. She indicated that if the license agreement ends at El Dorado County line, no action is required by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors. However, if the agreement is extended to Latrobe, the Board of Supervisors would need to approve the agreement. Director Frentzen's preference is maintain the existing agreement.

Item 6c: Authorize the CEO to approve a 3-month Extension of Current License Agreement with Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad

CEO Rackovan introduced the item and commented that the JPA staff proposes a 3-month extension to allow P&SVRR to continue providing excursion rail services while the renewal is negotiated and approved.

Public Comment was received on item 6c from the following people:

Mr. Kris Payne expressed support for the extension of the licensing agreement. He also clarified his comments on item 6b concerning the need for the licensing agreement, and instead questioned if there was a better and more efficient way to handle the responsibility of the corridor in each jurisdiction.

Director Frentzen encouraged Mr. Payne to inform the board of any recommendations or suggestions he may have for handling the responsibility of the corridor.

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Mr. Mike Roque commented that he appreciates the opportunity for the extension and that they are expected to get the tracks back in Folsom soon.

Chair Howell asked CEO Rackovan if he had a schedule on when work on the Folsom track would be completed.

CEO Rackovan could not provide a definitive timeline but commented that most of the track had been restored and several utility crossings are subject to the construction schedule of the Folsom Plan Area contractor.

Mr. Mike Roque commented that he believes the work could be completed by the end of March 2018. In response to Mr. Payne's comments on 6b, Mr. Roque indicated that it is necessary to have an agreement to allow each member jurisdiction to control their respective sections.

Upon motion by Director Nottoli and seconded by Director Budge, the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2018-02-01 approving a 3-month extension of the current license agreement with Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (P&SVRR) for excursion rail services.

CEO/Member Agency Staff Reports

Item 7a. Information: CEO/Member Agency Staff Reports

CEO comments: CEO Rackovan had no items to report.

Chair Howell asked when the next Board meeting will be.

CEO Rackovan stated the next meeting would be on May 7, 2018.

El Dorado County had no items to report.

Sacramento County had no items to report.

Sacramento RT had no items to report.

City of Folsom representative was absent.

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Business from the floor/good of the order

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

Director Frentzen commented that the El Dorado County Feasibility Study was moving forward and they are in the process of getting a policy in place.

Chair Howell asked Director Frentzen if funding had already been set aside for the project.

Director Frentzen commented they were setting aside funding but that the corridor had not been identified as a project but they are looking at their CIP with the hope that El Dorado County would be able to write a grant to support funding for the project.

Public Comment was received on a non-agenda item from the following people:

Mr. Kris Payne commented that Mr. Chris Cockrell had moved his business, Sam's Town Cyclery, into the Shingle Springs Depot. He also reported that he thought this was an economic boom to the area and will be beneficial to everyone.

Chair Howell wished Mr. Cockrell well on his new location.

Director Budge commented that the City of Rancho Cordova just broke ground on a new rails-to-trails project using the old Sacramento track from Folsom Blvd. to Mather and that completion of the project is anticipated in fall 2018.

Mr. Jim Harville commented this was a wonderful little stretch of track most of which dates back to the 1870's to 1880's and he is looking forward to the completion of the project. Mr. Harville also commented he would be interested in eventually bringing a rail car along the track for special events like the annual Air Show.

Director Budge suggested that the City of Rancho Cordova would be interested in doing something like this for the ground breaking and thought the rail only dated back to 1918 when Mather was opened. Upon request by Director Budge, Mr. Harville agreed to provide information on the track's history to the person who wrote a book about the history of Mather.

Director Frentzen asked if Mr. Harville was looking into getting electric motor cars considering the air quality concerns.

Mr. Harville commented that certain sections do not have a large transportation value but the P&SVRR has been in discussions with the city for an environmentally friendly trolley.

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The next meeting will be the Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

I hereby certify that the Board of Directors approved the foregoing minutes at its Regular Board Meeting on February 5, 2018.



Kimberlee Marlan, Board Secretary