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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

February 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Dessayer called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons, and Storer. Director Hoffmeister arrived after the meeting convened. Directors Tatzin and Worth were absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Barnes, Barrientos, Bowron, Carroll, Casenave, Churchill, Dean, Gaston, Hill, Martinez, Mitchell, Moran and Muzzini

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Manning moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items:
(a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 15, 2015: Director Schroder seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons and Storer
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Hoffmeister, Tatzin and Worth

REPORT OF CHAIR:

Chair Dessayer reported that with Jack Weir's departure from the Board, it will be necessary to nominate a Board member to serve as the Secretary. Chair Dessayer and the Nominating Committee will meet to discuss nomination of a new secretary.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Recognition of Employees of the 4th Quarters, 2014

Kandi Gaston-Administration

Marcel Longmire-Maintenance

Patria Aguilar-Transportation

Esperanza Cordova-Smith-Transportation

Chair Dessayer thanked the employees for their great service and expressed appreciation for all of their hard work.

Director Hoffmeister arrived.

Update on the Applicability of PEPRA to Public Transit Employees in California

General Manager Rick Ramacier explained that the latest development in the litigation involving the applicability of PEPRA, the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act, to public transit employees, is that the U.S. Department of Labor is holding up the release of all federal transit grants in California, under the certification process required by the labor protection provision known as 13(c) in federal transit law. A California bill was passed that would exempt public transit employees from PEPRA until a court decision was made on the applicability of PEPRA to them. On December 30, 2014, the federal district court ruled that the Department of Labor had over stepped its authority in refusing to certify pending federal grants. Accordingly, PEPRA became applicable to new public transit employees as of 12/31/2014. However, it appears that the Department of Labor is still not certifying the grants as it considers whether to appeal the court decision. Rick and CCCTA's attorneys will continue to monitor the proceedings to evaluate their effect on CCCTA's employees and federal grants.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration & Finance Committee

Authorization to Apply for Cap and Trade Funds to Support Martinez Shuttle, Resolution No. 2015-022

Director Manning stated that the Cap and Trade Funds are a grant that County Connection can use to help fund the Martinez Shuttle. Anne Muzzini explained that in order to qualify for this grant it has to benefit disadvantaged service areas. After some Board discussion, Director Manning made a motion.

MOTION: Director Hoffmeister moved approval of Resolution No. 2015-022, Authorize Execution of the Certifications and Assurances for the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program, which will enable staff to apply for \$185,881 in Cap and Trade funding to offset the operating cost for the Martinez Shuttle. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons and Storer
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Tatzin and Worth

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

Draft County Connection 2015 Federal Legislative Program

Director Schroder summarized County Connection's 2015 Federal Legislative Program brochure. The MP & L Committee has added the new bus colors and some new information regarding Amtrak to the brochure. He turned the meeting over to Kristina Martinez. She stated that the legislative program has very minor changes, the format is similar to last year, and it supports the reauthorization of MAP-21 and full funding of the FY 2016 appropriations bill. She opened the floor to any questions or concerns to the Board Members.

Director Hudson suggested that the brochure could include new pictures regarding greenhouse gases and the bike sharing program. Director Simmons does not want to change anything for this year but next year thought the brochure should emphasize transit's correlation to jobs and the effect public transit has on the local economy. He pointed out as examples County Connection's quick and efficient provision of bus bridges for BART in emergencies, and County Connection's special service arrangements with Bishop Ranch and the Walnut Creek Trolley. Chair Dessayer would like the committee to make the pamphlet much shorter to a one page document that highlights 2 main positions, keep it simple and specific.

MOTION: Director Schroder moved approval of the County Connection 2015 Federal Legislative Program. Director Simmons seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons and Storer
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Tatzin and Worth

Operations & Scheduling Committee

Upgrade and Installantion of Security Gates, Resolution No. 2015-023

Director Andersen reported that the O&S Committee concluded that County Connection needs to replace all three security gates at its facilities. The Committee considered whether the old gates could be repaired instead. Scott Mitchell, Director of Maintenance explained that the gates have been in place since 1982 and it is now time to replace them. County Connection sent out requests for bids and received three different quotes. We will have two electric gates and one manual one. After a brief Board discussion, Director Andersen made a motion.

MOTION: Director Andersen moved that the Board approve Resolution No. 2015-023, Authorizing Award of Contract to Electronic Innovations, Inc., for Upgrade and Installation of Security Gates, which authorizes the General Manager to execute a contract with Electronic Innovations, Inc, in the amount of \$78,010.77. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Noack, Schroder, Simmons and Storer
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Tatzin and Worth

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Dessayer adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date