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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2016

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

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

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Cheung, Churchill, Hill, Martinez, Mitchell, Rettig, Robinson and Salerno

Public Comment:

Christie Mehta, a citizen from the City of San Ramon, spoke to the Board about Route 35, which provides service to Dougherty Valley High School and the surrounding area. The high school has over 3100 students. The end of day bell rings at 3:06 p.m. but the first County Connection bus leaves at 3:05 p.m and the next one leaves at 3:15 p.m., which only gives students 9 minutes to make it down to the bus. She would like County Connection to add 10 minutes to its 3:15 p.m. bus trip and make the departure time 3:25 p.m. to cut down on congestion and maybe even increase ridership. The General Manager, Rick Ramacier informed the Board that staff will check into this and report back at a later time.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Worth moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items:
(a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 17, 2016. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

REPORT OF CHAIR: None

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

Recognition of Employees with 20 Years of Service

Maintenance: Ron Salerno

Transportation: Antionette Lane-Dixon

Appointment of CCTA Bus Transit Board Ex-Officio Member and Alternate

General Manager Ramacier explained that CCCTA is due to assume the Ex Officio seat on the Transportation Authority Board of Directors. Because Bob Simmons is no longer eligible, the Board needs to appoint another director to assume this position. Following discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Director Dessayer nominated Don Tatzin as the Alternate on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board of Directors effective December 1, 2016, and as the Ex Officio Member effective February 1, 2017. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

Update on Implementation of the Walnut Creek Electric Trolley Buses

Rick Ramacier informed the Board that the Electric Trolley Bus Implementation is going according to plan, that drivers are being trained and that the electric trolleys are shadowing diesel buses for training purposes. It is anticipated that the electric trolleys will be in full operation some time after Thanksgiving but before Christmas. Director Bob Simmons thanked the Board and County Connection staff for all their help in the innovative Electric Trolley Bus Project.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Administration and Finance Committee

Recommendation to Approve an Agreement between County Connection and The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE)

MOTION: Director Dessayer moved approval of Resolution No. 2017-006, Authorizing Award of Professional Services Agreement to Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE), and authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with CTE in an amount not to exceed \$390,000 for a three year term, to provide consulting services related to implementation of battery electric buses funded through the FTA Low-No grant. Director Tatzin seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

Director Worth leaves.

BOARD COMMUNICATION:

The Board Chair acknowledged that this would be Bob Simmons' last meeting representing the City of Walnut Creek. All the Board members expressed their appreciation and well wishes toward Bob

Simmons and he stated that he has enjoyed his time on our Board and has appreciated all of the support that they all have given him over the years.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Hoffmeister adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date