Sacramento-Placer Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors on

February 13, 2012
City of Folsom
Folsom City Hall, Council Chambers
50 Natoma St., Folsom, California

Chair Kerri Howell called the meeting to order at a 9:09 a.m. CEO John Segerdell recorded the roll. The following were noted as present: David Sander, Alternate Director Ray Nutting, Director Don Nottoli, and Chair Kerri Howell. Segerdell noted that Don Nottoli's vote would count as two votes; one the County of Sacramento, and one for Regional Transit as its Alternate.

APPOINT MEMBER AT LARGE

1. Motion: Appointment of Member at Large.

David Sander was ratified as the JPA's Board Member at Large and Linda Budge was ratified as the Alternate Member at Large.

The Board agreed on a two year term appointment for the new Members at Large.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Motion: Meeting of November 14, 2011.

Upon motion and second, the Board voted to approve the Minutes as presented. Ray Nutting abstained from voting on the Minutes as he was not present at the meeting.

CONSENT

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. <u>Motion: Alternatives for License Agreement with P&SVRR for Excursion</u> Rail Services.

CEO John Segerdell updated the status of the License Agreement presented to the El Dorado County (EDC) Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2012. The Board of Supervisors voted to deny the License Agreement for excursion rail operations in its current form and that EDC submit a counter-proposal that limited excursion rail in El Dorado County to only operate between Single Springs to Missouri Flat. The JPA received a letter dated February 7, 2012, from El Dorado County Counsel setting forth EDC's offer. Segerdell explained four possible actions that the JPA could take in response to EDC's counter-proposal:

- Accept EDC's proposal
- Consider a compromise proposal
- Abandon the License effort
- Take no action at this time

Director Nutting indicated that EDC opposes excursion rail use other than the direction given in the 4-1 vote by the El Dorado Board of Supervisors — only having excursion train operations and trails working together in the segment between Shingle Springs to Missouri Flat. Director Sander indicated it was good to hear what EDC is doing in the Shingle Springs segment, but encouraged the entities to continue working together.

Segerdell offered that the only viable excursion run on the Folsom end of the corridor would be to have an alignment that extends rail into El Dorado County with a scenic route to Latrobe Road.

EDC's February 7, 2012 letter also stated that the County is exploring if there are reasons to retain the JPA, and believes that it may be time to dissolve the JPA. A "white paper" is being drafted by EDC staff to be brought back to the EDC Board in the future. In response to a question from a JPA Board member, Segerdell explained that El Dorado County does not have authority to dissolve the JPA.

Segerdell noted that P&SVRR has continued excursion rail service activities between Iron Point Road in Folsom, and Latrobe Road in El Dorado County though a temporary Right of Entry (ROE) issued at the staff/CEO level. The temporary ROE for Light Equipment Operations will expire on February 20, 2012. JPA staff is working with EDC staff to extend the ROE through the next JPA Board meeting scheduled for May 14, 2012.

Director Nutting asked about the ROE and if it included corridor maintenance and weed abatement. Segerdell explained that there are two ROEs; one for excursion rail activities, and a second for debris clearing and weed abatement. Segerdell explained that the JPA's budget for weed abatement had been reduced to \$5000 this fiscal year to cover only the costs of training and chemicals. Labor for debris clearing and weed abatement spraying would be performed by the FEDS on a voluntary basis.

Segerdell proposed a Motion that: The JPA make a compromise proposal to EDC, limiting licensed rail operations within EDC to the segment from the

Sacramento/El Dorado County line to, but not crossing, Latrobe Road (MP126) on the western end of EDC's corridor. The Board approved the Motion 4 to 1.

- 4. <u>Information: CEO/Member Agency Staff Reports</u>
 - CEO: John Segerdell gave an update on the FEDS weed abatement for spraying which will be done sometime in spring.
 - City of Folsom: Mark Rackovan updated on the Annexation which was approved by LAFCO last month. Kerri Howell noted photos with the FEDS will be taken for the ceremony in February 2012, at Old Placerville Road near White Rock.

Chair Howell asked if there were members of the public wanting to speak on issues not on the Agenda. There were none.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.