

Sacramento–Placer Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors on

May 20, 2010

9:00 a.m.

City of Folsom

Folsom City Hall, Council Chambers

50 Natoma St., Folsom, California

Chair Jack Sweeney called the meeting to order at approximately 9:13 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bob Grandy called the roll. Chair Sweeney noted CEO John Segerdell was on Jury Duty and that Lori Merklein was acting Secretary for Paul Chrisman. The following Board Members were noted as present: Chair Jack Sweeney, Director Kerri Howell, Director David Sander and Director Don Nottoli.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion: Approval of the Special Board Meeting Minutes of March 08, 2010.

Upon motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Special Board Meeting minutes of March 08, 2010.

CONSENT

2. Motion: Adoption of FY 2010/2011 Board Meeting Calendar:

Upon motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Board meeting calendar for FY 2010/11:

DATES	TIME	LOCATION
August 9, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Folsom City Hall, Council Chambers
November 2, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Folsom City Hall, Council Chambers
February 7, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Folsom City Hall, Council Chambers
May 9, 2011	9:00 a.m.	Folsom City Hall, Council Chambers

NEW BUSINESS

3. Information: Rail Corridor Uses:

- a) Presentation by the Folsom, El Dorado & Sacramento Historical Railroad Association, Inc. (FEDS) – Progress Report on Excursion Rail Operating Plan

Bill Anderson of the FEDS presented an update on the progress of the excursion rail. Larry Daniels could not be present. Mark Spellman has been working on the tracks doing inventory to re-establish the mile posts. Inspection is being performed on two bridges and there is progress on the passenger vehicle. Bill Anderson brought a model flat car.

Bo Grebitus of the FEDS presented updates on the track conditions, rail maintenance and inspections, rolling stock, operating rules, training, permits, public relations, and safety regulations. The permits and agreements are coming along slowly. They are clearing the culverts. Repair of washout - they had meetings with (El Dorado) DOT and have temporarily removed the rail for safety reasons. They propose a temporary repair that would involve shifting the track nine feet east of the current location to have the track on existing ground.

b) Presentation by the Friends of El Dorado Trail – Trail Uses of the SPTC-JPA Corridor:

Jeff Sellwood, President of the Board of the Friends of the El Dorado Trail, introduced himself and the Secretary, Dr. Gary Dodge, and summarized the interests of the organization. Mr. Sellwood requested a written response from the JPA to their questions regarding: 1) the JPA's view of future uses of the corridor; 2) clarification of the Lease that may be granted for excursion rail; and 3) the preparation of a feasibility study.

Other speakers included Jim Konopka, John Dillon, Tony Powers and Mike Kension. Jim Konopka spoke about the City of Folsom's trails that had been constructed in the rail right-of-way. The other speakers shared their concerns about the use of the ROW; would like a feasibility study prepared; questioned who is going to pay for construction of trails and maintenance; questioned if it is safe for a trail to share the right-of-way with excursion rail; and supported multiple uses of the corridor.

Chair Sweeney indicated that JPA staff will provide a written response to the Friends of ED Trail, and will copy JPA Board and staff members and the public.

Note: Dave Sander excused himself for another public meeting. He supports the Chair's position.

c) Non-transportation uses of the JPA Corridor:

Mark Rackovan with the City of Folsom presented an overview of the Natoma Station Lot Y Hotel Project. The Folsom City Council previously approved the development project, with a condition that a 15 foot landscape easement would be provided within the JPA right-of-way. Director Howell indicated this is an issue of allowing non-transportation uses of the corridor. Director Howell also expressed concern with safety in the corridor due to possible current leakage and an existing natural gas pipeline.

Bob Holderness spoke on behalf of the Developer, and noted this issue had been brought to Folsom City Council and was approved. He said that the implementation order would

involve having the City build a new bike trail in the JPA right-of-way first, then have the development project install the landscaped area between the new path and a retaining wall.

Mike Mattos, RT staff representative, indicated that RT had discussed this item with City of Folsom staff and has no objections as long there is sufficient right-of-way for double tracking light rail.

Barbara Larry and Loretta McMaster, Folsom residents, spoke on the matter.

Chair Sweeney indicated that the JPA needs to be clear on who has the authority to designate uses in the JPA corridor and the JPA Board's authority to allow third-party uses. Chair Sweeney requested JPA general counsel prepare a written response to his questions on authority of the JPA and its Member Agencies.

4. Resolution: Approving the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget:

Bob Grandy presented the proposed FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget. Upon motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution approving the FY 2010-2011 Operating Budget as presented at the meeting.

Chair Jack Sweeney requested the JPA staff to send letters to the Member Agencies that there is a possibility their contribution amount could be larger for the 2011-12 fiscal year.

5. Resolution: Authorizing Execution of Amendments to Contracts for Professional Services:

Upon motion and second, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a Resolution authorizing execution of amendments to the contract with PGH Wong Engineering Inc., and Miller, Owen & Trost, substantially in the form presented at the meeting.

6. Information: CEO/Member Agency Staff Reports:

Introduction of Mike Mattos with Regional Transit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Bowler, President of the Recreational Railroad Coalition Historical Society, gave a short presentation of their up-coming events for excursion rail. Due to issues with the track they previously used in Amador County, they are unable to hold their annual Rail Festival in Ione this year. They would like to use the JPA Corridor from approximately Iron Point to the washout for their festival this year. The Rail Fest would likely be in September and they are coordinating with Bill Anderson of the FEDS and have spoken with several of the JPA Staff and Board Members.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Regular Board Meeting of August 9, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.