

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MAY 16, 2017  
4:00 PM**

**1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Jim Baldwin  
Cindy Parra

Carlos Bello

James Hunter

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Evelyn Young Spath

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

Jim Worth

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Candra Cheers  
Chris James  
Sharon Pierce

Steven Woods  
Bruce Seibel  
Ricardo Perez

Gina Hayden  
Jeanie Hill  
Braulio Mendoza

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Robert Phipps

Tracey Mensch

Dennis Heffernon

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Hunter led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

## **APRIL 2017 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Woods reviewed the April 2017 financial reports. There was some discussion about CNG fuel sales and cap and trade. This was an informational item only.

## **FY 2017-18 DISTRICT OPERATING BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS**

Mr. Woods stated that the Administration and Finance Committee reviewed the proposed FY 2017-18 budget and capital program. The proposed budget with the recommended changes will be brought back to the Board for a public hearing on June 20, 2017. This was an informational item only.

## **FARE ADJUSTMENTS**

A public hearing regarding fare adjustments was held on April 18, 2017. A fare equity analysis was completed by staff. Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to adopt the proposed service change effective October 1, 2017 and October 1, 2019. The motion carried with four (4) ayes and one (1) absent (Young Spath).

## **HIGH SPEED RAIL UPDATE**

Ms. King reported that since the April 18, 2017 Board meeting she has spoken with Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director with the CHSRA, in reference to the acquisition of GET's property. The approval of the EIR is being held up by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). Ms. Gomez is trying to arrange a conference call with the FRA, FTA, Kern COG, and GET.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Baldwin wished Ms. Hayden well and shared that BARC clients love participating in community events with GET. Director Baldwin also asked about the Bike Share Program.

Director Parra commented that Blue GOGO gave a bike share presentation at Kern COG. An RFP is scheduled to be issued in late fall 2017 or early 2018.

Director Bello stated that there will be a health fair at Jefferson Park in East Bakersfield on May 27<sup>th</sup>, and that GET will be in attendance.

Director Hunter stated that he had attended the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference earlier in May and that he had given a presentation on performance metrics.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS**

Ms. King reminded Board members of the Health Faire on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 3:30 pm. Service and Safety awards will also be presented at the Health Faire. Ms. King also

commented that a Farewell/Retirement luncheon will be held for Ms. Hayden on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> in the Board room.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Hunter moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors