

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

**JANUARY 21, 2020  
5:30 PM**

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

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Jim Baldwin  
Cindy Parra

Carlos Bello  
Rueben Pascual

Leasa Engel

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Karen King  
Jeanie Hill  
Melissa Ash  
Michael Flowers

Steve Barnes  
Jamie Gail  
Ricardo Perez  
Amanda Villanueva

Deidre Brown  
Victor Honorato  
Robert Williams  
Sharon Pierce

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Natalia Woolfolk  
Pam Bishop

Michael Harless  
Bob Snoddy

Katie Young  
Marcy Lopez

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Jeanie Hill led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda included two items: Automated Fuel and Fluid Management System - award a contract to Fleet Watch Systems in the amount of \$279,500.52 for the Automated Fuel

and Fluid Management System and CNG Commuter Bus Procurement - award a contract to Motor Coach Industries in the amount of \$822,062.00 for one CNG commuter bus. Director Engel moved and Director Pascual seconded a motion to approve consent agenda items A-E. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Michael Harless commented on incidents with riders involving the new security firm. Mr. Harless also shared that road repair is needed on South Union Avenue.

Ms. Pam Bishop expressed concern over behavior of another rider (See Attachment A).

#### **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Ms. King stated that according to the District's enabling legislation, election of a chair and a vice-chair is to occur at the first meeting of the Board following the first Monday after the first day of January of each year. To be in compliance with the District's enabling legislation, election of Board officers should occur at the January 21, 2020 meeting.

Director Baldwin moved and Director Bello seconded a motion to elect Director Parra as the Chair for the year 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Baldwin moved and Director Parra seconded a motion to elect Director Pascual as the Vice-Chair for the year 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **BOARD POLICY NO. 9: SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Ms. Gail presented revised Board Policy No. 9. Director Baldwin moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to amend Board Policy No. 9. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **2020 STRATEGIC PLAN**

Ms. King reviewed the draft strategic plan with the strategic initiatives suggested at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Director Baldwin moved and Director Engel seconded a motion to adopt the 2020 Strategic Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **SECOND QUARTER FY 2019-20 PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR MOTOR BUS AND DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICES**

Mr. Perez updated the Board on second quarter ridership for both GET-A-Lift and fixed route. GET-A-Lift total unlinked passenger trips was 15,579. Second quarter unlinked passenger trips on fixed routes was 1,708,597. Mr. Perez stated that on time performance for the quarter was 82% compared to 85% last year. This was an informational item only.

## **DECEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL POSITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

Mr. Barnes reviewed December 2019 financial reports. This was an informational item only.

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

Director Baldwin shared that he retired effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. He also commented that Union Avenue needs some road repair work and asked if staff would contact the appropriate agency and advise that the road needs to be repaired.

Director Bello asked whether the Zero Emission Bus Plan could be revised after it has been submitted. He also asked if there is any funding for a downtown circulator.

Director Parra also asked if there might be any grants to support an Old Town Kern/Downtown circulator. She commented that she is looking forward to learning more about bus shelters.

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

Ms. King shared that she and Ms. Gomez had a phone conversation on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Gomez advised that the Business Plan will be submitted to the Board in February. Ms. King attended the CHSRA Board of Directors meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento and provided written and verbal comments. A portion of F Street and the intersection of F Street and Highway 204 has been repaved by the City of Bakersfield. Mr. Barnes and Ms. King met with the Kern County Grand Jury – Special District Committee on Thursday, January 16, 2020. The meeting was part of the Special District Committee's routine reviews.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Director Parra moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary of the Board of Directors

Mike Dale Marless

Claims he's on the board  
and threatens passengers to  
have them kicked off the bus.

He files false reports and tries  
to get other people to call in on  
drivers and lies,

He files and tries to get other  
people to file false reports on drivers  
and threatening the drivers and  
threatening the driver that he's going  
to have them fined

Then tell them you're tired of being  
bullied by Mike and I don't understand  
why get continue to allow ~~it~~ <sup>allow</sup> it

~~Mike~~  
~~When~~

Mike Bully passengers  
So he can sit with his  
Walker ~~me~~ included  
Because he is on the  
board he uses his power

Mike won't let people sit down  
because he won't close up his  
Walker Because he is on the  
board he uses his power