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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING RECORD

Regular Meeting
February 16, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Eureka City Hall, Council Chambers
531 K Street, Eureka CA 95501

Present:

Supervisor Ryan Sundberg, Chair	County of Humboldt
Mayor Frank Jäger, Vice Chair	City of Eureka
Mayor Susan Ornelas	City of Arcata
Mayor Don Hindley	City of Ferndale
Mayor Adelene Jones	City of Blue Lake
Councilmember Jack West	City of Trinidad
Councilmember Doug Strehl	City of Fortuna
Councilmember Gordon Johnson	City of Rio Dell

Policy Advisory Committee Members:

Kevin Tucker	Caltrans District 1
Natalie Arroyo	Humboldt Transit Authority

Staff:

Marcella Clem	Executive Director
Debbie Egger	Fiscal Administrative Officer
Christie Smith	Executive Assistant

Absent:

1. Call to Order

Chair Ryan Sundberg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Adjournment of the HCAOG Board; Convening of the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)

The PAC convenes to include representation from Caltrans and the Humboldt Transit Authority Board for items specific to transportation.

3. Public Participation

Kent Sawatzky

4. Approval of the Meeting Record – December 15, 2016

Motion was made (Jones/Hindley) to approve the December 15, 2016, meeting record as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Election of Officers and Appointment of a California Association of Council of Governments (CALCOG) Delegate(s) (encl)

Motion was made (Jones/Jäger) to re-elect Supervisor Ryan Sundberg to Chair, Mayor Frank Jäger to Vice Chair, and Councilmember Doug Strehl to the third Executive Committee member of the HCAOG Board. Supervisor Sundberg was re-elected as CALCOG delegate and Mayor Susan Ornelas was elected as the alternate CALCOG delegate. The Board also requested that the election of officers be scheduled in January of each year rather than December. Staff will revise the HCAOG Bylaws to reflect this change and submit for approval at the March meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Little River Trail – Presentation

Ben Morehead, Executive Director of the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust, made a presentation on the Little River Trail planning. Due to technical difficulties, the associated PowerPoint presentation will be scheduled for the March meeting.

7. Consent Calendar

Motion was made (Jäger/Johnson) to approve the following consent items:

- a. Contract Extension with City Ambulance of Eureka Transport Inc. for Supplemental Dial-A-Ride Paratransit Services
- b. Adoption of Resolution 17-01 approving the FY 2017-18 Local Transportation Fund Apportionment
- c. Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) Certifications and Assurances for the FFY 2015-17 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Items Removed from Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the consent calendar.

9. Actions Items

a. Draft FY 2017-18 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget

Debbie Egger reported on the draft FY 17-18 OWP & Budget, which include new Work Elements 15: *Mobility on Demand*, and continued Work Elements 16: *Rohnerville Airport Connectivity Study*, and 19: *Transit Development and Marketing Plan*. Staff also discussed eligible and ineligible uses of the Rural Planning Assistance funds. Staff was directed to submit the draft OWP to Caltrans District 1 for review and comment. Staff will return to the HCAOG Board in May to approve the final OWP & Budget.

Motion was made (Ornelas/Jäger) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve the Draft FY 2017-18 OWP & Budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. HCAOG Transportation Development Act (TDA) Rules Amendment

Debbie Egger reported on the amendments to the TDA Rules, which include the development of priorities and criteria to use as guidance for the allocation of STA funds.

Motion was made (Johnson/Ornelas) to recommend the HCAOG Board approve the TDA Rules Amendment.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Formation of a 101 Safety Corridor Task Force

Marcella Clem reported on a request from concerned citizens regarding the formation of a 101 Safety Corridor Task Force. Rio Dell Mayor Frank Wilson discussed the effects of an accident last year and submitted information to the Board in support of the request.

Motion was made (Johnson/Ornelas) to direct staff to request staff to return to the Board with recommendations of a Task Force membership and duties.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation:

Mayor Frank Wilson, City of Rio Dell

David Morgan, Caltrans

10. Reconvening of the HCAOG Board

Motion was made (Jones/Johnson) to reconvene as the HCAOG Board and approve the PAC recommendations.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. HCAOG Staff and PAC Members Reports

a. Transportation Funding Recap

Marcella Clem provided a report on the Assembly Member Frazier and Senator Beall bills and provided a recap of Measure U results. This item was presented to the Technical Advisory (TAC) Committee in February. The TAC directed staff to survey the successful sales tax county representatives to get an understanding of the number of attempts it took to be successful, strategies, the approval percentage of their last attempt, and lessons learned for a successful campaign. Staff will present this information to the TAC for review and consideration before forwarding a recommendation to the HCAOG Board.

Supervisor Sundberg suggested that it may be best to wait to see what happens with funding at the federal and state level. A focus group can be formed to gather feedback on priorities and needs, and to discuss any concerns.

PAC Member Reports

Supervisor Sundberg reported that the Humboldt County Budget Hearing to discuss Measure S is scheduled for March 9 from 6-8 p.m. at the Sequoia Conference Center. This meeting will give the community an opportunity to discuss priorities for funds raised by Measure S.

Mayor Jones reported on the following transportation items for the City of Blue Lake (1) City of Arcata/Mad River rail trail is moving forward, (2) Work on the pedestrian bridge over Powers Creek has been halted due to weather.

Mayor Ornelas inquired about the availability of Uber in the County. Marcella Clem reported that Uber is currently available in Fortuna.

Natalie Arroyo reported that HTA will soon be launching a token transit app to allow riders to purchase bus tickets using an app on their phone. This app will also be paired with an app to allow users to track where the buses are in real time. Ms. Arroyo also reported on HTA's grant funded solar energy project. Solar panels will be installed on the roofs of HTA buildings to support operations. This project is also laying the groundwork for charging and electric bus stations.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christie Smith, Executive Assistant