# Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRA) Minutes of Board meeting on October 12, 2022 via Zoom Teleconference

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the board of directors was called to order by Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Kathy Narum.

### 2. Roll Call of Members

### Members Present

Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy

Vice Chair Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin

Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop

Director David Haubert, Alameda County (joined during item #5)

Director David Hudson, San Ramon

Director Brittni Kiick (Livermore), LAVTA

Director Bernice King Tingle, Mountain House

Director John McPartland (District 5), BART

Director Kathy Narum, City of Pleasanton

Director Robert Rickman, San Joaquin County (joined during item #5)

Director Karen Stepper, Town of Danville

Director Bob Woerner, City of Livermore

Director Dan Wright, City of Stockton

Director Leo Zuber (Ripon), ACE

### Members Absent

Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca

### 3. Public Comments

There was no public comment.

# 4. Consent Calendar – ACTION

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of September 14, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Treasurer's Report for August 2022
- c. Resolution R18-2022 Declaring that Agency meetings will continue to be held via teleconference

**Motion:** McPartland/Stepper

Aye: Akinjo, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Stepper, Vargas,

Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None Abstain: None

Absent: Cantu, Haubert, Rickman

**Motion Passed** 

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5. Approve Property Transfer Option Contract and Sale Agreement with Joint Escrow Instructions to Acquire 200 Acres (APNs 209-230-029 and 209-230-030) from the City of Tracy for a Potential Future Operations and Maintenance Facility and Authorizing the Chairperson to Execute the Agreement – ACTION

Executive Director, Kevin Sheridan and Chair Vargas introduced this item, he summarized the staff report. Sheridan and legal counsel Michael Conneran fielded questions from the board. Conneran stated for the record that Chair Vargas is a member of the city council for the City of Tracy and noted that if, for any reason, the Authority does not use the property it would have to give it back to the city. Directors discussed this item. There was no public comment.

**Motion:** Vargas/Hudson

Aye: Akinjo, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, King-Tingle, McPartland, Narum, Rickman,

Stepper, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None Abstain: None Absent: Cantu Motion Passed

# 6. Executive Director's Report

Sheridan updated the board on staff progress on ongoing projects. He noted that both staff and several directors participated in the MTC Programming and Allocations meeting earlier that day, in support of the prioritization of the Valley Link project as a Level 2 project priority in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP). Staff continues to meet regularly with members the agencies that will be reviewing project documents, among these are; the Federal Transit Authority (FTA), Caltrans, Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR). Sheridan also noted, that relative to the property transfer from the City of Tracy, recently approved Assembly Bill AB 209 provides the opportunity for additional project funding under its pilot programs in hydrogen and clean energy. Sheridan gave the floor to Vargas for recognitions. Vargas presented an award of recognition to the City of Tracy for their partnership with the Valley Link project. She thanked Tracy City Manager, Michael Rogers; City Mayor, Nancy Young and all the members of the Council for their hard work and contributions towards the Authority's goals.

### 7. Directors' Discussion

Director Hudson reminded everyone of the importance of directors attending transit expos and conferences. Chair Vargas thanked everyone for all the work done to get the Valley Link project to this point.

### 8. Next Meeting

Regular meeting – November 9, 2022

# 9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned without objection at 2:28 p.m.