

Tri-Valley San Joaquin Valley Regional Rail Authority (TVSJVRRRA)
Minutes of May 12, 2021 meeting via Zoom Teleconference

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Veronica Vargas at 2:01 p.m.

a. Oath of Office

Supervisor Rickman administered the oath to Councilmember Dan Wright, Stockton.

2. **Roll Call of Members**

Members Present

Chair Veronica Vargas, City of Tracy
Director Melissa Hernandez, City of Dublin
Director Paul Akinjo, City of Lathrop
Director Benjamin Cantu, City of Manteca
Director David Haubert, Alameda County
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
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

None

3. **Public Comments**

Public comment was heard from Herb Hastings.

4. **Consent Calendar – ACTION**

Motion to approve all items on Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Minutes of March10, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.
- b. Treasurer's Reports for February and March 2021.

Motion: Cantu/Zuber

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Tingle, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

5. **Executive Directors Report – INFORMATION**

Executive Director Michael Tree gave an oral report

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- **SB548** – This bill contained clarifications regarding the Authority, was approved by the full senate in April and continues to move forward.
- **Program Manager update** – Ric Rattray will continue to be involved in the project as the recruitment efforts for a Deputy Executive Director/Program Manager continue. Interviews set to be conducted within the next week. Information on hiring of the Authority’s first employees will be brought to the June board meeting.
- **Executive Committee** – The committee will meet this month; on the agenda will be the review of plans for NEPA and PA&ED environmental design with Caltrans. Staff is actively engaging with Congressmen in Washington DC and Assemblymembers in Sacramento regarding project funding.
- **NEPA** – Staff is working closely with the FTA. The General Engineering Consultants are updating the Valley Link Funding Plan and project schedule, both requirements for FTA to be the lead agency on NEPA.

There was no director discussion or public comment.

6. **Adopt Resolutions R07-2021 – Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and R08-2021 – Project Approval of the Valley Link Project with Findings Required by the California Environmental Quality Act – ACTION**

Tree gave an overview of the project timeline and objectives then introduced Diane Cowin, AECOM and Rich Walter, ICF who gave a presentation on the final EIR’s recommended preferred alternatives, the benefits of these alternatives, responses to comments received and next steps.

Directors discussed this item. Public comment was heard from Adrian Brandt, Vaughn Wolfe, Dan Arriola, Dino Maragos, Donna Cabanne and Alice English. A list of all names of individuals and organizations, from which written public comment was received, was read and made available on the Authority’s website. Attorney Michael Conneran and Rich Walter, ICF responded to questions from the public.

Motion: Woerner/Stepper

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Tingle, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Passed

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7. Adopt Resolution R05-2021 to Approve and Adopt a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program – ACTION

Conneran introduced Katherine Tsou, who gave a presentation on the DBE Program.

Directors discussed this item. David Shonbrun was allowed to comment on the previous agenda item. Public comment was heard from Scott Haggerty.

Motion: McPartland/Hudson

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, McPartland, Narum, Stepper, Tingle, Vargas, Woerner, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Rickman, Wright

Motion Passed

8. Approve Resolution R06-2021 to Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Amendment with Rattray Program Management, LLC for Rail Program Management Consulting Services – ACTION

Tree gave a brief overview of the requested amendment. The directors discussed this item. No public comment was heard.

Motion: McPartland/Cantu

Aye: Akinjo, Cantu, Haubert, Hernandez, Hudson, Kiick, McPartland, Narum, Rickman, Stepper, Tingle, Vargas, Woerner, Wright, Zuber

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Rickman

Motion Passed

9. Directors' Discussion

Director Hudson stressed the importance of board members and staff attending events like the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Conference to keep abreast with the latest technologies and advancements in the world of rail.

10. Next Meeting

June 9, 2021 at 2 p.m.

11. Adjourn (Wright/Hudson – without objection)

Meeting adjourned at 4.11 p.m.