

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION OF THE
GREATER BAKERSFIELD SEPARATION OF GRADE DISTRICT

Held: March 11, 2019

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on March 11, 2019, at 1800 30th Street, Suite 260, Bakersfield, California.

CALL TO ORDER:)
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President, Mark J. Smith, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and presided thereat.

ROLL CALL:)
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The following Commissioners were present:

Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray

W. Patrick Marchbanks and Gregory W. Boylan were absent. The Commission was informed that Commissioner Boylan passed away on March 9, 2019.

Also present were Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; Bernard C. Barmann, Jr., District Legal Counsel; and John Spaulding.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS &)
COMMENTS)
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John Spaulding reported that the Kern County Board of Supervisor's agenda includes an item to consider a resolution for the County to ask the State not to support High Speed Rail.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING)
FEBRUARY 11, 2019)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettggers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2019, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Mr. Barmann had no new developments to report. After discussion, the Commission directed Mr. Barmann to inform the Board of Supervisors of Commissioner Boylan's passing.

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S)
REPORT:)
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Mr. Schuler reported as follows:

Project Funding Sources. There were no new developments regarding possible federal funding. Regarding state funding, the section 190 deadline for requesting an allocation is April 1, 2019. The District is not submitting any projects. High speed rail funding is in flux given the new Governor's recent comments about the project. Regarding possible local funding sources, Kern COG is interested in updating and enhancing the Morning Drive PSR and doing planning level studies for other future grade separations such as Baker Street and Kratzmeyer Road.

High Speed Rail Project. Governor Newsome has announced that the project will be scaled down to Merced to Bakersfield for now. It is unclear whether the rest of the system will be built and ongoing uncertainty about the project. HSR is considering alternatives for termination in Bakersfield.

Specific Plan Lines. There were no new developments regarding Refro-Jenkins. Mr. Schuler is in discussions with the City regarding Kratzmeyer and West Beltway.

Morning Drive Project. Topographical mapping has been received from the County. Mr. Schuler's office is reviewing information from utilities and beginning initial coordination with developers.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. There is potential funding available from Kern COG for planning level studies.

Expansion of District Boundary and Sphere of Influence. Mr. Schuler's office has updated the District's mapping to reflect the approved annexations.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. Mr. Schuler has had discussions with Kern COG and a meeting with the railroad is possible.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for February, 2019, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the report was approved and ordered filed, vouchers to pay the bills from the District Expense Fund as noted in part A(1) of the report and were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

AYES: Mark J. Smith
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray

NOES: None

ABSENT: W. Patrick Marchbanks
Gregory W. Boylan

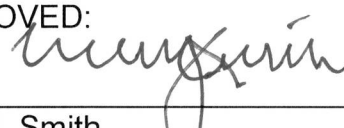
ABSTAIN: None

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The Commission will meet next on Monday, April 8, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Assistant Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 2019

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Gregory Boylan	Commissioner Expense - February 2019	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - February 2019	\$	100.00
Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - February 2019	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - February 2019	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - February 2019	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - January 2019	\$	401.25
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - February 2019	\$	3,960.00
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - February 2019	\$	542.50
Daniells Phillips Vaughn & Bock	Preparation of audited financial statements	\$	700.00
		\$	<u>6,103.75</u>

EXHIBIT A