

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

Held: October 12, 2020

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on October 12, 2020, via video and teleconference as authorized by Governor Newsom's Executive Orders issued during the state of emergency as a result of COVID-19.

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
John Spaulding

W. Patrick Marchbanks was absent.

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

PUBLIC STATEMENTS)
& COMMENTS:)
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None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 14, 2020, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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1. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the Commission decided to begin meeting bi-monthly on the second Monday at 5:00 p.m., beginning January 11, 2021.

2. The Biennial Report for 2020 Re the Conflict of Interest Code was presented.

3. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, Resolution 20-2 amending the Conflict of Interest Code was approved and adopted. Legal counsel will forward Resolution 20-2 with the Conflict of Interest Code attached as Exhibit A to the Kern County Board of Supervisors for approval.

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

Project Funding Sources. According to Ahron Hakimi of Kern COG, there will be no activity on federal sources until after the election and new year. Regarding State sources, Mr. Schuler is continuing to investigate SB1 funding with the County, developing a strategy regarding the Strategic Growth Council and disadvantaged communities, and developing a relationship with the new Caltrans District 6 Director. The City of Bakersfield is using Active Transportation and CMAQ air quality funds for the bike path over BNSF. The County currently has RTIF program funds available and will update the program next year to adjust finding levels and priorities.

High Speed Rail Project. There is a new Southern California Corridor Manager, which may relate to Morning Drive. Otherwise there are no changes to report.

Specific Plan Lines. Mr. Schuler is continuing to coordinate with City Public Works and Planning Departments regarding final drawings and legal description for Renfro/BNSF. He anticipates a breakout from the Kern COG KARGO study next month on the Kratzmeyer alignment.

Morning Drive Project. Relinquishment was approved by the Governor.

Baker/Truxtun/Beale @ BNSF & UPRR. No change.

Rosedale Highway at Landco. No change.

Cherry Ave. & Los Angeles St./Beech Ave. @ BNSF. No news.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for September, 2020, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Spaulding, 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
John Spaulding

NOES: None

ABSENT: W. Patrick Marchbanks

ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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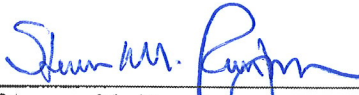
None.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Spaulding seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:26 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, November 9, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.



Steven M. Ruettgers
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED:


Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - September 2020	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - September 2020	\$	100.00
Patrick Marchbanks	Commissioner Expense - September 2020	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - September 2020	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - September 2020	\$	100.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - August 2020	\$	503.50
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - September 2020	\$	3,439.36
Ruettgers & Schuler	Specific Plan Line - September 2020	\$	<u>2,458.75</u>
		\$	<u>6,901.61</u>