

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

Held: November 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on November 9, 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
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruetters
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

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 _____)
OCTOBER 12, 2020: _____)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruetters, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of October 12, 2020, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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1. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Marchbanks, and unanimously carried, Resolution 20-3 Amending the Commission's Regular Time for Meetings was approved and adopted on the following roll call:

AYES: Mark J. Smith
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

2. Commissioner John Spaulding's term expires January 10, 2021. The Commission asked legal counsel to submit correspondence to the Kern County Board of Supervisors to consider the reappointment of John Spaulding to an additional four-year term.

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

Project Funding Sources. The next SB1 TCEP cycle is in 2023. The STIP program will have limited funds available to Kern County for new projects over the next five years.

High Speed Rail Project. Mr. Schuler anticipates that HSR will move forward with the 2020 Business Plan in December. The implications of this are construction of a Shafter to Bakersfield connection, 7th Standard Road reconstruction and Snow Road, and possible early delivery on Morning Drive.

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 has provided sample documents from Shafter. The Kratzmeyer alignment is still connected to the Kern COG KARGO study.

Morning Drive Project. No change.

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

Rosedale Highway at Landco. Mr. Schuler recently received inquiries from an adjacent property owner and a potential rail client regarding timing for construction of a future grade separation.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for October, 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
W. Patrick Marchbanks
Steven M. Ruettgers
Terry A. Murray
John Spaulding

NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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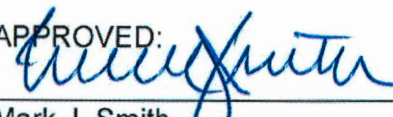
None.

CORRESPONDENCE:)
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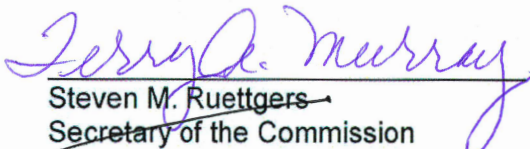
Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Marchbanks, seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission



~~Steven M. Ruettgers~~
Secretary of the Commission
TERRY A. Murray
Assistant Secretary

MONTHLY MEETING NOVEMBER 2020

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

Mark Smith	Commissioner Expense - October 2020	\$	100.00
Steven Ruettgers	Commissioner Expense - October 2020	\$	100.00
Terry Murray	Commissioner Expense - October 2020	\$	100.00
John Spaulding	Commissioner Expense - October 2020	\$	100.00
California Special District	RMS -Regular Member - 2021 CSDA Renewal	\$	1,050.00
Kern County Auditor	Vouchers/Accounts Payable Warrants	\$	170.00
Kuhs & Parker	Professional Services - September 2020	\$	1,111.91
Ruettgers & Schuler	Engineering Services - October 2020	\$	2,895.00
		\$	5,626.91