

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

Held: October 13, 2021

A special meeting of the Commission of the Greater Bakersfield Separation of Grade District was held on October 13, 2021, 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 5:02 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
Jon Stuebbe

John Spaulding was absent.

Also present were Sheila K. Plane and John D. Schuler, District Engineers; and Robert G. Kuhs, District Legal Counsel.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS)
& COMMENTS:)
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None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES,)
REGULAR MEETING OF)
SEPTEMBER 13, 2021:)
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On motion of Commissioner Ruettgers, seconded by Commissioner Stuebbe, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2021, were approved.

LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT:)
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Legal Counsel reported on termination of honorarium for Commissioners for meeting attendance. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Ruettgers and seconded by Commissioner Murray, and unanimously carried, the termination of Commissioner honorarium for meeting attendance effective retroactively to July 12, 2021, was approved and ratified.

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

1. CPUC Nominations F.Y. 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

- Mr. Schuler spoke with Craig Pope regarding projects being nominated in the County.
- Mr. Schuler met with Stewart Patteson, Acting City of Bakersfield-Public Works Director regarding projects being nominated in the City of Bakersfield.
- Mr. Schuler met with Mike James, Shafter Public Works Director regarding projects being nominated in the City of Shafter.
- Mr. Schuler reported on the Grade Separation Nominations.
- Morning Drive: Cost Projections went down. Trains Counts are still about the same.
- Shafter Track Elevation Project currently ranked #22 had been ranked at #7 in previous cycles.
- Mr. Schuler will file the District's Application for Nominations.

FINANCIAL REPORT:)
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The Secretary then presented the Financial Report for September 2021, in the form attached as **Exhibit A**. Following discussion, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, 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 were ordered to be drawn and presented to the County Controller for payment.

AYES:	Mark J. Smith Steven M. Ruettgers Terry A. Murray Jon Stuebbe
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	John Spaulding
ABSTAIN:	None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:)
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- Commissioner Smith received a call from Nancy Belton regarding the audit. Questions from Auditor focused on potential for fraud.

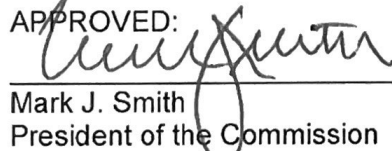
CORRESPONDENCE:)
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Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT:)
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There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, on motion of Commissioner Stuebbe, seconded by Commissioner Ruetters, and unanimously carried, adjourned at 5:38 p.m. The Commission will next meet on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.


Terry Murray
Secretary of the Commission

APPROVED: 

Mark J. Smith
President of the Commission

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MONTHLY MEETING OCTOBER 2021

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

A(1) DISTRICT EXPENSE FUND:

LeBeau Thelen

City Count, LLC

Legal Services - September 2021

Railroad Crossing Counts September 2021

\$ 798.00

\$ 6,950.00

\$ 7,748.00

Exhibit A