

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013

Present: Commissioners Steve Chamblin; Gary Strack; Dennis Garton; Bob Williams; Robert Schmid; Robert Christison. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director and Barbara O’Keeffe, Deputy Director-Transportation.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Schmid at 8:00 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - Scott Kelly, Lake California Property Owners Association General Manager expressed concerns for safety on Lake California Drive. In 2011 discussions for a fully developed appropriate 2-lane facility for the shoulders of the two lane country road has been discussed, but why the 8 buses and 400 students did not meet funding requirements to improve the sub-standard two-lane country road. Mr. Kelly requested staff contact Paul Mitchell with costs for the upgrade on the entire project.

Gary Antone added that staff is still working on the funding source for this project.
 - Barbara O’Keeffe read the AB23 to those in attendance.
 - Commissioner Dennis Garton informed the members and audience that the County is going on electronic media for minutes and agendas. Email information for this meeting was astronomical and something needs to be streamlined.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Commissioner Christison, second by Commissioner Williams to approve the April 30, 2013 and June 4, 2013 minutes. Motion carried 6 to 0 with 0 absent.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara O’Keeffe announced the following:
 - Meetings will convene at 8:00 a.m. to accommodate the Supervisors schedule.
 - CTC will have a workshop July 18 to discuss the 2014 STIP guidelines and adoption of the STIP fund estimate is anticipated at the August CTC meeting
 - Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing August 27, 2013.

5. EAST-WEST RAIL ROUTE ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION: Commissioner Chamblin discussed meetings held last month. Another meeting will be attended as well with Bill Goodwin, County Administrator, to examine coordination at Humboldt Bay and discussion of their deep water port. Bob Martin of Tehama County has joined and we will meet to discuss how to proceed in the education of the County and bringing the farming communities of Butte, Glenn, and Shasta County together as well. Currently, we are examining support for the feasibility study.

6. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS: Barbara O’Keeffe presented an overview of the Unmet Transit Needs process and the definitions of unmet transit needs, and reasonable to meet. This meeting invites the public to present their comments.

Lupe Green, RTR resident, discussed the development of Rancho Tehama Reserve (RTR) through the years. There are 1400 properties and two paved roads important to providing transportation. There is a tremendous unmet transit need, such as students who attend school and who are not able to participate in any after school activities. There are people who need to get to work and medical needs, appointments and medication, and shopping. Various meetings were attended in prior years and a program that could have possibly come to RTR, Corning and Red Bluff. Nothing happened, another meeting was held and we were told that we had no communication system or paved roads. We do have paved roads and there is a turn-around within the area. It is not sufficient to come just to the front of the ranch due to distance the residence would have to walk. There is a route discussed with two paved roads, with a turn-around at the back of the ranch. A petition was signed and submitted identifying our needs. The small telephone company that provides the services have a wireless system that is available throughout RTR and presently is used by the fire fighters for communication. I have questioned the phone company if the transportation agency could use it, I am sure they could. When TRAX was initially established, why were we left out of the Plan? Every time we request service, we are told we have no more funds. Maybe money for the current routes could be had by eliminating some stops in town so RTR could have service.

Commissioner Garton questioned if the definitions of the “needs” were from the State, and Barbara O’Keeffe answered that they are not from the State and there has been input from the community. This is a re-adoption of the existing definitions.

Gary Antone added that one of the issues is the manner in which these unmet needs resolutions are presented covering a broad area. They try to make an understanding of what service is available, needed, and how to match the two with the transit system. Reasonably, the descriptions presented are still appropriate, but we can take additional comment if the Commissioners would prefer, but the recommendation is the resolution as stands is good and up to date with the current standards we have to work from.

Commissioner Garton questioned that these could be changed, if necessary, at the August meeting and Gary Antone confirmed it could.

Commissioner Williams questioned if it is critical to adopt today or table until after the public hearing, and staff confirmed they could wait for the hearing.

Commissioner Williams recommended not approving the re-adoption of the Unmet Transit Needs until August. Chairman Schmid and Commissioner Garton agreed.

The consensus of the Board was to take no action on this item.

Jim Bowerin, resident of RTR, said there are many senior citizens living there that cannot get around. If we could just get transportation that would help us all out. We all pay property taxes, but we do need help out there. It would be outstanding if you do.

Commissioner Garton questioned Mr. Bowerin by saying, to better assist his decision, from your recommendation, do you want one day per week and compromise with your input or idea that would assist the community and help us make the decisions within the budgetary restraints that we have?

Mr. Bowerin answered that if we could get two days per week where people could go to town and shop, that is better than nothing.

It was suggested by Commissioner Garton to prepare letters with ideas and present them to staff and the Commission.

7. UPDATE ON CALTRANS DISTRICT 2 PROJECTS: Barbara O’Keeffe questioned if the Commissioners had comments. With no questions, this item was completed.
8. ADOPT RESOLUTION 7-2013 BUDGET CLOSING AUTHORIZATION FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013: Motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Garton to approve Resolution 7-2013 budget closing authorization for fiscal year 2012-2013. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
9. ADOPT RESOLUTION 8-2013 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM 2013-2014: Motion by Commissioner Strack, second by Commissioner Chamblin to approve Resolution 8-2013 overall work program 2013-2014. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
10. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Chamblin to approve the claims in the amount of \$2,856.03. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
11. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR FY 2013/2014: Motion by Commissioner Williams, second by Commissioner Strack to nominate Steve Chamblin as Chairman for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Garton, second by Commissioner Williams to nominate Gary Strack as Vice Chairman for Fiscal Year 2013/2014. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

12. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.