



North Coast Railroad Authority
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NORTH COAST RAILROAD AUTHORITY (NCRA) Board of Directors Meeting

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chambers
501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah, Ca.
Mendocino County
Monday, March 9, 2020 - 10:30 a.m.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Director Hagele called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Directors Present: Hart, Madrone, McCowen, Marks, Campbell, Haschak, Connolly

Directors Absent: Gore

Others Present: Executive Director – Mitch Stogner, Legal Counsel – Aldo Mercado, and Recording Secretary – Hiedy Torres

C. AGENDA APPROVAL

Upon Motion by Director Hart, seconded by Director Campbell the Board unanimously approved the Agenda with the removal of item J.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – January 13, 2020
2. Approval of NCRA Financial Statements – January and February 2020
3. Approval of Warrants Issued – January and February 2020

4. Approval of Cal Card Statement – January and February 2020

Upon Motion by Director McCowen, seconded by Director Campbell the Board unanimously approved Consent Calendar items E.1 through E.4 as presented.

F. STAFF REPORT – Mitch Stogner – Executive Director

Mr. Stogner said the California State Transportation Agency has requested that NCRA Board meetings be held quarterly instead of monthly. Mr. Stogner reported that his employment contract is set to expire in July of 2020 and requested this item be added to the Closed Session for the next Board meeting. Mr. Stogner also said that a letter was sent to Uri Driscoll regarding a request for a private concession operating on public railway. The letter explained that Mr. Driscoll would need to explore this concession further with the California State Transportation Agency and the Federal Railroad Administration.

Upon Motion by Director McCowen, seconded by Director Heart the Board unanimously approved quarterly Board meetings, instead of monthly, and approved all future meetings be held in Ukiah at the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

G. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Directors Hart and McCowen reported communication with Senator McGuire, his staff, NCRA Executive Director, and Legal Counsel regarding Ukiah Depot Improvements.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 10:41 a.m.

H. CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

- a. M.C.M. Construction v. N.C.R.A.**
Mendocino County Sup. Ct. Case No. 19-73209
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
- b. Dehran Duckworth v. John O. Thomas et al.**
Humboldt County Sup. Ct. Case No. DR 190227
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT THREAT OF LITIGATION

- a. Ukiah Depot Improvements**
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 11:32 a.m.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board met in Closed Session and direction was given to staff.

J. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING – Removed from Agenda

K. ADJOURNMENT

Director Hagele adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.