



**GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY  
Special Board of Directors Meeting  
Zoom Teleconference**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**Monday, October 31, 2022, at 9:00am**

**A. OPEN SESSION - CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 9:01am.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Directors Present:** Mulheren, Hunerlach, Bagby, Haschak, Hagele, Campbell, Connolly, Madrone, and Chair Hart.

**Others Present:** Interim Executive Director – Karyn Gear, GRTA Project Manager – Louisa Morris, GRTA Project Manager – Simone Nageon Delestang, GRTA Accountant, Aycock and Edgmon – Stacey Edgmon, and Recording Secretary – Hiedy Torres

**C. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Upon motion by Director Hagele, seconded by Director Haschak the Agenda was approved with the change that Item D – Public Comment will be moved to follow Item I - Closed Session.

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment moved to follow Item. I on the agenda.

**E. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

- 1.** Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Resolution 2022-09 Authorizing Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Chair Hart called for public comment. No public comments were made.

Upon Motion by Director Campbell, seconded by Director Hunerlach the Board approved Resolution 2022-09.

Motion Carried:

AYES: 7- Mulheren, Hunerlach, Bagby, Haschak, Hagele, Campbell, and Chair Hart.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2- Connolly and Madrone

ABSTAIN: 0

2. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board of Directors Approval to Remove Railcars from Willits Yard

Chair Hart called for public comment. No public comments were made.

Director Connolly joined the meeting 9:08am.

Upon Motion by Director Mulheren, seconded by Director Bagby the Board approved the removal of railcars from Willits.

Motion Carried:

AYES: 8- Mulheren, Hunerlach, Bagby, Haschak, Hagele, Campbell, Connolly, and Chair Hart.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 1- Madrone

ABSTAIN: 0

#### **F. CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board of Directors Meeting – September 19, 2022
2. Approval of Financial Statements – September 2022
3. Approval of Warrants Issued - September 2022
4. Approval of Cal Card Statements – August and September 2022

Chair Hart called for public comment. No public comments were made.

Director Madrone joined the meeting at 9:22am.

Upon Motion by Director Mulheren, seconded by Director Haschak the Board approved Agenda Items F.1 through F.4 as presented.

Motion Carried:

AYES: 9- Mulheren, Hunerlach, Bagby, Haschak, Hagele, Campbell, Connolly, Madrone and Chair Hart.

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

#### **G. STAFF REPORT**

Interim Director, Karyn Gear – Ms. Gear said it has been a very busy and exciting time with the conclusion of the railbanking of the northern 180 miles. She thanked the legal team, Chair Hart, Louisa Morris, outside counsel and Dave Anderson for the incredibly hard work they did during the railbanking process. Additional legal fees were incurred during the railbanking process, so an increase of funds from the Coastal Conservancy is being requested and will be transferred to Sonoma County for agency related expenses. Caltrans has not released final funds left over from paying NCRA debt, but she is hopeful that the remaining funds may become available by the end of the year and will be provided to GRTA. At that point, the Board will be presented with a new budget for the FY 22-23 for their review and approval. Staff has been working on organizing the GRTA office, emptying a large storage locker, sorting through many files and materials contained in the storage locker, and recycling or donating items that are no longer utilized by the agency. Within the next month or two staff will be to update agency Policies and Procedures to be sure the GRTA is current on all requirements. The Town Hall with Senator McGuire, which kicked off the Master Plan, was a huge success and had a fantastic turnout with over 2,700 attendees. Comments and questions were largely supportive but also showed some concerns. The community has been engaged and is invited to be involved in the survey for the trail planning and outreach is being done by the consultants and GRTA staff.

Chair Hart thanked legal counsel and staff for the unbelievable amount of work that has been done to reach this point and said that this is a monumental point for this agency.

#### **H. MATTERS FROM THE BOARD**

No matters from the Board.

Chair Hart called for public comment on Closed Session items. No public comments were made.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 9:25am.

#### **I. CLOSED SESSION**

1. Discussion with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation:  
Abandonment and Railbanking Filings. Surface Transportation Board Docket Numbers AS 1305x; AB 1313 [Government Code section 54956.9(a), (d)(1)]
2. Discussion with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending, Threatened Litigation  
M.C.M. Construction, Inc. v. North Coast Railroad Authority  
Mendocino County Superior Court, Case No. SCU-K-CVG-19-73209  
[Government Code Section 54956.9(a), (d)(1), (2)]
3. Discussion with Designated Representative Regarding Public Employee Benefits and Compensation for Administrative Assistant Position. Agency Representative: Caryl Hart, Chair of the Board of Directors  
(Government Code section 54957.6)

#### **J. ANNOUNCEMENT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:50am.

Chair Hart called for public comment. No public comments were made.

Report out of Closed Session- Elizabeth Coleman-

Regarding Agenda Item I.1, direction was given to counsel.

Regarding Agenda Item I.2, direction was given to counsel and report out will be given at a later date.

Regarding Agenda Item I.3, direction was given the Chair Hart.

Chair Hart called for public comment. No public comments were made.

**K. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Zoom Teleconference

Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, November 21, 2022, at 10:30am

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Director Haschak, seconded by Director Hagele the Board meeting was adjourned.

Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 9:54am.