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**FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)
MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: Thursday, January 28, 2021
TIME: 5:30pm, **AFTER** the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) Meeting
PLACE: FCOG / FCRTA Offices
Ash Conference Room
2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201
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(Corner of Tulare and Van Ness Ave. - above Club One
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AB 23 Requirement: In accordance with the Brown Act and AB23 the amount of stipend paid to members of the Board of Directors for attending this meeting of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, is \$50.00.

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JANUARY 28, 2021, FCRTA BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM.**

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To facilitate electronic access, no person shall speak until recognized by the Chair.

1. ROLL CALL

Public Presentations - This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the FCRTA Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this Agenda.

NOTE: The public may also comment on any Agenda item, as they are presented, prior to action by the FCRTA Board.

2. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Executive Minutes of November 19, 2020 [ATTACHMENT]

B. FCRTA Electric Vehicle/Rideshare/Carshare/ Rural Transit Expansion Plan [ACCEPT]

Summary: FCRTA was awarded funding in cycle two of Fresno COG's Sustainable Infrastructure Planning Grant Program for a combination of two operational plans, expanding FCRTA rural transit service and creating a regional network of rural transit services. Walker Consultants was selected as the preferred consultant and was approved to kick-off the project by the Policy Board in February 2019. This plan includes a broad public involvement plan, creative mobility solutions for expanded rural service and opportunities for implementing a rural electric vehicle ridesharing pilot program in Fresno County, along with key rural transit recommendations. One of the recommendations has already been implemented and was deployed in the unincorporated communities of West Park and Biola. The final plan is available at www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff recommends Board acceptance of the final Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Electric Vehicle Rideshare/Carshare/Rural Transit Expansion Plan.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year 2019-20 Audit [ACCEPT]

Summary: The CPA firm Price Paige and Co. have completed the 2019-20 Financial and Compliance audit for FCRTA. The report details that FCRTA managed its operations according to funding covenants, within budget and has no findings of non-compliance. This report satisfies requirements of federal and state funding agencies.

FCRTA's operating revenues were \$579,443 and operating expenses were \$8,395,341, which includes \$2,808,357 for depreciation. Non-operating revenues were \$5,007,541; however, when depreciation is netted out, revenues and expenses are in balance. Capital contributions net of depreciation were \$593,018, resulting in an ending net position of \$13,083,446. The fare revenue ratio of 10.37 percent is in compliance with state Transportation Development Act statute requirements of 10 percent, however fare ratios have been decreasing over the past few years. Copies of the audit will be available at the meeting to interested parties and available on FCRTA's website www.ruraltransit.org.

Action: Staff recommends Board acceptance of the 2019-20 FCRTA Financial and Compliance Audit.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from staff.

B. Items from members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY (FCRTA)

Executive Minutes

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 5:30 P.M after COG Policy Board Meeting
 COG Sequoia Conference Room
 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending:

Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
 Mayor Elsa Lopez, City of Firebaugh
 Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
 Supervisor Sal Quintero, Fresno County
 Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
 Mayor Pro Tem Gary Yep, City of Kerman
 Mayor Michelle Roman, City of Kingsburg
 Mayor Rolando Castro, City of Mendota
 Mayor Pro Tem Mary Fast, City of Reedley
 Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
 Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
 Mayor Louis Franco, City of Selma

Moses Stites, General Manager
 Janelle Del Campo, Operations Manager
 Alison Samarin, County Counsel
 Jeaneen Cervantes, FCOG

Absent:

Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
 Mayor Pro Tem Trinidad Pimentel, City of Parlier

1. **ROLL CALL** — Meeting called to order 7:19 p.m
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2. **CONSENT ITEMS**

- A. Approve Executive Minutes of October 29, 2020 [ATTACHMENT]
 A motion was made by Mayor Leon (Huron) and second by Mayor Roman (Kingsburg). A vote was called, and motion carried.
- B. Fueling Agreement with Selma Unified School District [APPROVE]
 Moses pulled Item to make a clarification on **Page 2, Item 5.2 Terms of Payment.**

We are going to delete the last sentence in the agreement that reads; The intent of

this additional fees that it be used in toward any necessary upgrades, improvements, and replacement of the fuel facility. The agency shall have no right to a refund of this fees should the district decide not to make improvement or replacement of fuel facility. Moses will take this amendment to the Selma Unified School District for approval.

FCRTA counsel has reviewed this change.

A motion was made by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) and second by Mayor Leon (Huron). A vote was called, and motion carried.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d) (2) (1 Case)

Item was pulled from the agenda by Moses Stites.

4. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Item was pulled. Nothing to Report.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A. Items from staff

Moses informed the Board that due to the COVID-19, FCRTA has not laid off any dispatchers, drivers or mechanics. The 2 college routes are the only routes currently not operating as they are doing virtual classes at home.

FCRTA is continuing to deliver meals for City of Kingsburg and City of Selma. I was informed by the City of Fowler that they are interested in meal delivery as well.

B. Items from members

City of Selma will be holding COVID-19 testing as well as the Flu Vaccinations throughout the month of December.

Mayor Lander (Coalinga) asked, why the bus stops at Coalinga did not have a bus schedule attach to the shelter? He also requested that bus schedules should be English/Spanish.

Moses replied, that he would follow up on the request.

6. ADJOURNMENT 7:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Moses Stites
General Manager