

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Minutes of Meeting for February 17, 2022

KERN COG BOARD ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

THURSDAY
February 17, 2022
6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman B. Smith at 6:55 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Couch, Blades, Crump, Tafoya, Krier, Lessenevitch, Prout, B. Smith, P. Smith, Trujillo, Scrivner

Congestion Management Agency Ex-Officio Members: Mendibles, Alcalá, Parra, Kersey

Members Absent: Reyna, Vasquez

Others: Gomez, Knox, Rice

Staff: Hakimi, Napier, Pacheco, Snoddy, McNutt, Ball, Invina, Campbell, Stramaglia, Urata

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Council at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

Chairman Smith asked for public comments. There were none.

- III. CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Kern COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Council or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Council concerning the item before action is taken. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

A. Approval of Minutes – January 20, 2022

B. Response to Public Comments

C. Contract Extension – 2018 Kern On-Call Transportation Model Support

Action: Approve the DKS Associates contract amendment and authorize the chairman to sign the amendment. ROLL CALL VOTE

D. Contract Extension – Local Roads Safety Plans

Action: Approve TJKM contract extension and authorize the Chairman to sign the extension. ROLL CALL VOTE

E. Attorney Fee Agreement for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy and Corresponding CEQA Document

Action: Approve Attorney Fee Agreement between Kern Council of Governments and PC Law Group and authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE

F. Local Clearinghouse:

Applicant: Clinica Sierra Vista

Address: P.O Box 1559
Bakersfield, CA 93302
Contact: Ms. Robyn Garcia

Federal Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Catalog No.: 932.243
Title: Harm Reduction Program Grant
Description: Community-based overdose prevention education/support, syringe services,
and other harm reduction services.

Federal Funds Applied For: \$399,890.00

Applicant: CSUB Auxiliary for Sponsored Programs Administrations

Address: 9001 Stockdale Highway
Bakersfield, CA 93311-1022
Contact: Daphne Evans

Federal Agency: Department of Education
Catalog No.: 84.047
Title: TRIO Upward Bound
Description: CSUB Upward Bound Scholars

Federal Funds Applied For: \$287,537.00

Applicant: Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Address: P.O. Box 1000
Bakersfield, CA 93302-1000
Contact: Ms. Ann Sherwood

Federal Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Catalog No.: 93.243
Title: FY 2022 Harm Reduction Program Grant
Description: Kern County Harm Reduction Program

Federal Funds Applied For: \$400,000.00

***** END CONSENT CALENDAR - ROLL CALL VOTE *****

MOTION BY DIRECTOR SCRIVNER TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A THROUGH F, SECOND BY DIRECTOR LESSENEVITCH, MOTION CARRIED WITH A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

IV. CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGENCY CONTRACT AND AMENDED GET MOU (Snoddy)

Action: Award contract by Resolution 22-08, amend Golden Empire Transit District (GET) Memorandum of Understanding to include receipt of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds, and authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign. ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion by Director Krier to Award contract by Resolution 22-08, amend GET Memorandum of Understanding to include receipt of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funds, and authorize the Chairman and Executive Director to sign, second by Director Prout, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

V. APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER (Napier)

Action: Appoint one (1) Board Member to the Executive Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE

Motion by Director Trujillo to appoint Director Prout to the Executive Committee, second by Director Tafoya, motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

VI. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY: (None)

VII. KERN MOTORIST AID AUTHORITY: (None)

VIII. MEETING REPORTS: (None)

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Executive Director Hakimi made the following report:

1. Annual form 700s are due to Kern COG by April 1
2. Regional Award of Merit Ceremony – March 3, 2022, at Seven Oaks
 - a. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the Ceremony begin at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Currently have 100 RSVPs
 - c. Make your reservation ASAP to Susanne or Becky
3. Valley Voice Pre – Meeting Call – February 25 from 9:00 – 9:45
4. Valley Voice Legislative Meetings – March 18 and 25 from 9:00 – noon

X. CLOSED SESSION:

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Seeing no other comments the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m. **NEXT MEETING – March 17, 2022.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Ahron Hakimi, Executive Director

Bob Smith, Chairman

DATE: _____