

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA WATER EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(June 8, 2017)

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority met in regular session at the Port of San Francisco, Pier 1 in San Francisco, CA.

1. CALL TO ORDER – BOARD CHAIR

Chair Jody Breckenridge called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Chair Breckenridge, Director Timothy Donovan, and Director Anthony Intintoli were in attendance.

3. REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR

No report from Board Chair.

4. REPORTS OF DIRECTORS

No reports from Directors.

5. REPORTS OF STAFF

Executive Director Nina Rannells shared her written report with Directors and welcomed questions. She introduced Operations Manager Keith Stahnke who provided a brief overview of recent Vallejo ridership highlights, including a 98.25 percent service reliability average for fiscal year 2017. He said that number was 99 percent for the month of May 2017, and noted that North Bay ridership demands continue to rise steadily with several trips during the commute periods hitting capacity already this summer. Mr. Stahnke said staff continues to strive for increased service reliability, and noted that delivery of the new vessels on order will greatly aid those endeavors.

Mr. Stahnke also updated Directors on the status of research into WETA's possible use of the renewable diesel, R99, in its vessels. He said some preliminary tests had been received and that more comprehensive work was underway.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the consent calendar which included:

- a. Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2017
- b. Overview of FY 2016/17 Financial Audit Scope and Process

Director Donovan seconded the motion and the consent calendar carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono, Wunderman.

7. AMEND CONTRACT WITH POWER ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION FOR PHASE TWO WORK FOR THE DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO FERRY TERMINAL EXPANSION PROJECT

Senior Planner Michael Gougherty presented this item to approve an amendment to the contract with Power Engineering Construction for Phase Two Work for the Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal

Expansion Project in the amount of \$15,450,000, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a contract amendment for this work and take any other related actions as may be necessary to support this work. He gave a short presentation on the status of the project, and noted that the first pile had been driven for the waterside component of the project. Mr. Gougherty further explained that the Phase One Work was expected to be completed on time, by the end of November 2017. He said he expected to bring the balance of the Phase Two work award to the Board in July, and he emphasized that this item was recommended in June to help assure the project and work remain on schedule and on budget.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the item.

Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono, Wunderman.

8. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO BAY SHIP & YACHT CO. FOR MV TAURUS QUARTER LIFE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Operations Manager Keith Stahnke presented this item to approve a contract award to Bay Ship & Yacht Co. for the MV *Taurus* Quarter Life Refurbishment Project in the amount of \$2,400,000 and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute an agreement and take any other related actions as may be necessary to support this work.

Director Donovan made a motion to approve the item.

Director Intintoli seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono, Wunderman.

9. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO HANSON BRIDGETT LLP FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES AS GENERAL COUNSEL

Ms. Rannells presented this item to approve a contract award to Hanson Bridgett LLP for provision of general counsel legal services for an initial term through June 30, 2022, with the option to extend the contract an additional five years, and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract.

Ms. Rannells extended her gratitude to Stanley Taylor, Danielle Gensch and the entire team at Nossaman LLP for their fine work on behalf of the agency during the last fourteen years that they have provided general counsel services. Chair Breckenridge and Directors Intintoli and Donovan echoed that appreciation and thanked Mr. Taylor and the Nossaman team for their efforts and commitment to WETA.

Mr. Taylor thanked Directors for allowing Nossaman to represent WETA as General Counsel since 2004.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the item.

Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono, Wunderman.

10. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD TO LINDSAY HART LLP/FBB FEDERAL RELATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF FEDERAL LOBBYING SERVICES

Program Manager/Analyst Lauren Gularte presented this item to approve a contract award to Lindsay Hart LLP/FBB Federal Relations for the provision of federal lobbying services in an amount of \$360,000 for FY 2017/18 through FY 2019/20 and authorize the Executive Director to execute the contract.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the item.

Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono, Wunderman.

11. APPROVE PROPOSED REGIONAL MEASURE 3 PRINCIPLES AND FERRY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Planning and Development Manager Kevin Connolly presented this item to adopt a proposal for a Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Principles and Ferry Investment Program as the basis for enhancing ferry service through a future bridge toll funding measure. He presented a slideshow to Directors and explained that discussions about RM3 were ramping up. Mr. Connolly said that this proposal, along with the WETA Strategic Plan, will help to clarify and narrow the focus of WETA's RM3 funding objectives approach.

Chair Breckenridge said a comprehensive engagement plan for RM3 should be developed to support discussions in Sacramento since the proposed measure is progressing rapidly.

The Board expressed concern about potential competition from private, commercial entities for the scant public funding available currently and historically for public transit. It was noted that funding for ferries is already limited and that public funds are to fund public services.

Chair Breckenridge noted that it was conceivable that in some emergency response scenarios, WETA may have a need to contract with private entities for the use of smaller vessels to provide access into areas of the bay that WETA vessels cannot navigate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Redwood City Councilmember Diane Howard thanked Directors for their work in bringing the WETA system to its current status. She noted that RM3 presents the only opportunity for new operating subsidies to support WETA system expansion and growth. Ms. Howard said that Redwood City officials have sent letters to state officials as well as to the Bay Area Council in support of a ferry system for Redwood City and RM3 funding for WETA. She said Redwood City would continue those lobbying efforts.

Port of Redwood City Executive Director Mike Giari said that WETA staff had recently met in South San Francisco where Port of Redwood City Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop was in attendance to discuss the WETA 2016 Strategic Plan. He said that as a Board member of the Redwood City San Mateo Chamber of Commerce, he would also like WETA staff to come to a Chamber of Commerce meeting to explain how the Strategic Plan lines up with RM3 funding. Mr. Giari noted that the business community in Redwood City would like to better understand how they can get expanded WETA service to Redwood City.

Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU) Regional Director Marina V. Secchitano said she felt strongly that public funding should not go to private, commercial operators. She said that it is already difficult enough to get the funding needed to provide the service WETA has been providing and she urged Directors to remove Item 5 of the proposal altogether.

Representing Masters, Mates & Pilots (MM&P), Veronica Sanchez said she agreed that no private operators should receive public RM3 dollars. She said that in that spirit, she would like to see the Warriors pay for the required operating subsidies for a future Mission Bay service. Ms. Sanchez added that none of the smaller, private operators are interested in having discussions about their crews with MM&P or IBU.

Bay Area Council Policy Director Emily Loper thanked Ms. Rannells, Mr. Connolly and WETA staff for their work on the proposal and said that the Bay Area Council was prepared to continue their efforts and advocacy to assure WETA is funded with RM3 and able to expand as detailed in the WETA Strategic Plan.

Port of Redwood City Commissioner Lorianna Kastrop thanked Directors for including Redwood City in WETA's Strategic Plan and for clarifying what is involved in getting ferry service out to Redwood City. She said she has been talking with employers about Redwood City ferry service and said she has been discussing private public partnerships with those employers to support the ferry service. She said she has also been discussing this with the Bay Area Council, Economic Development Association and others. Ms. Kastrop said the Port of Redwood City has public facilities and will be having a festival in October that everyone was invited to attend. She emphasized that attendance at the PortFest event will show everyone how wonderful the Port of Redwood City is and why ferry service to Redwood City is so important. Ms. Kastrop noted that she had recently had a conversation with a member of the public who lives in Oakland and wants to commute by ferry to his job in San Carlos.

After discussion of the proposal and at the request of Directors, Chair Breckenridge adjourned the meeting for a short recess at 2:57 p.m. to discuss modifying the proposed language for Item 5 to further clarify WETA's support of partner agencies water transportation initiatives.

The Board returned from the recess at 3:10 p.m. and Ms. Rannells read the new language for Item 5 of the proposal. She said the revision for the Item's vote consideration now had a title of "Continued Partner Development" with a description of "Work with local communities to explore options for developing new WETA services." Chair Breckenridge said that the principles being voted on in this item with the new language were going to be included in what will be sent to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on a one page information sheet and also used to further WETA's education and funding efforts in Sacramento.

Director Intintoli made a motion to approve the item as modified.

Director Donovan seconded the motion and the item carried unanimously.

Yeas: Breckenridge, Donovan, Intintoli. Nays: None. Absent: DelBono, Wunderman.

12. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No further public comments.

All business having been concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Signed,

Board Secretary