

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
December 13, 2018**

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Board of Directors. A digital recording of the actual meeting is available at BCAG's office located at 326 Huss Drive, Suite 150, Chico, CA.

Board Member Connelly called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Steve Lambert	Supervisor	District 4
Maureen Kirk	Supervisor	District 3
Jody Jones	Mayor	Town of Paradise
Linda Dahlmeier	Mayor	City of Oroville
Nathan Wilkinson	Councilmember	City of Biggs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Wahl	Supervisor	District 2
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
Andrew Coolidge	Councilmember	City of Chico
Ray Borges	Councilmember	City of Gridley

STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Andy Newsum	Deputy Director
Ivan Garcia	Transportation Programming Specialist
Brian Lasagna	Regional Analyst
Jim Peplow	Senior Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Lance Atencio, Transdev
Linda Furr, League of Women Voters of Butte County
Stephen Feher, Sustainable Community Development
Bill Smith, Transdev
John Caskey, Transdev
Alexis Keith, Transdev
Bob Weinzinger, Homeowner along Route 70

Nima Kabirinassab, Caltrans
John Hudson, Transdev
Mike Johnson, Transdev
Rodney Davis, Transdev
Martin Ocegueda, Transdev
Tim Thao, Transdev
Ben Parkinson, Transdev
Bradley Wright, Transdev
Tannis Walburn, Transdev

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**

CONSENT AGENDA

- 3. Approval of Minutes from the September 27, 2018 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting**
- 4. Authorization for Executive Committee to work with Executive Director on 2018 Annual Personnel Evaluation**
- 5. Approval of 2016 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) & Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Amendment #6**
- 6. Approval of 2019-2021 Title VI Program**

Item 5 was requested to be pulled from Consent Agenda by Board Member Kirk, motion seconded by Board Member Lambert and unanimously approved.

There was a public comment letter submitted by Stephen Feher and he addressed the board from the podium regarding the contents of the letter. He believes that the use of the term “sustainable” is inaccurate and that in the wake of the Camp Fire, Paradise and the surrounding communities should be re-imagined to be examples of true sustainability to the rest of the world.

Board Member Jones commented that this forum was not the best one for such a discussion and invited Mr. Feher to attend the Paradise Town Hall meetings scheduled for the new year that will be discussing this issue further. Mr. Feher agreed and indicated that he wishes to be a more active participant in the rebuilding of Paradise and the surrounding area.

On motion by Board Member Dahlmeier and seconded by Board Member Connelly the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

There were no items for action.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Request for Proposals (RFP) for Butte Regional Transit Operations Contract

Staff informed the board that a solicitation through a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been made available to all service providers interested in providing the B-Line administration, operations and maintenance services for the contract cycle beginning July 2019.

There was general discussion between staff and the board members regarding the request for proposals and cycle length.

8: Butte Regional Transit Service Modification as a result of the Camp Fire

Staff informed the board of the necessary changes that took place to the fixed and paratransit bus routes as a result of the Camp Fire. Staff detailed that all routes to the affected areas were immediately halted during the fire, and that as of now there is still only limited service to the Magalia area that has begun to be repopulated.

Staff also detailed how as a result of the Camp Fire, the decision was made to provide free fixed route service across B-Line's entire network through the end of November 2018. This was in reaction to evacuees being placed all over Butte County, as well as poor air quality that remained in place for weeks after the fire started.

Board Member Kirk inquired on ridership during that time, and how those numbers compared to a similar timeframe. Staff informed the board that the numbers were quite high given that schools weren't in session during this time and student ridership makes up a large portion of the riders on the fixed route.

There was general discussion between staff and the board members regarding the issue.

9: Butte Regional Transit 1st Quarter Report 2018/19

Staff informed the board of the 1st Quarter Report for the 2018/19 fiscal year. Staff reminded the board that there were problems with the fareboxes in the last 4th Quarter Report, and presented the board with a revised 4th quarter operations table. Staff informed the board that while some numbers have been going down, they are following a nationwide trend of decreased fixed route ridership.

Staff detailed that in most areas we are performing as expected or exceeding requirements, but in the Urban Fixed Route we are below where we should be, and ridership has taken a sharper downturn than the national trends.

There was general discussion between staff and the board members regarding the report.

10: Recognition of Transdev Staff for Camp Fire Evacuation Efforts

Staff asked the board to recognize the members of the Transdev staff that were an integral part of the Camp Fire evacuation efforts. The board agreed and staff invited Transdev General Manager Lance Atencio to take the podium to speak to the impact the Transdev team made during the evacuation efforts. He also spoke of the impact the fire had directly on the Transdev staff. Twenty Transdev staff members were displaced by the fire, and fifteen lost their homes, including three out of the five Transdev managers.

Since a number of Transdev staff were present at the meeting, Board Member Jones requested that Mr. Atencio have them stand and name them. He complied, and that was followed by a standing ovation from the board and staff.

There was general discussion between staff, the board members, and Mr. Atencio regarding the heroic and selfless actions of the Transdev team during the Camp Fire.

11: Recognition to Outgoing BCAG Board Members

Staff presented outgoing Board Members Dahlmeier and Kirk with honorary plaques detailing their hard work as members of the board. Staff read the plaques aloud and then presented them to each outgoing board member. Staff noted that plaques were also made for Board Members Wahl, Borges, and Coolidge, however since they were not present, the plaques were not presented.

There was general discussion between staff and the board members regarding the plaques and statements from both Board Member Dahlmeier and Board Member Kirk in thanks for their time on the board.

12: 2019 Calendar Year BCAG Board Meeting Schedule

Staff presented the board with the meeting schedule for the 2019 calendar year.

There was general discussion between staff and the board members regarding specifics of the new calendar.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Bob Weinzinger addressed the board about the widening of State Route 70, on behalf of other homeowners in the area. He requested to be put in touch with the lead agency regarding the widening. Staff informed that they had already begun that process of putting him in touch with the appropriate agency, but that it has been taking a while and staff will follow up after the meeting.

Mr. Weinzinger also detailed that he has not always been getting the BCAG Board Meeting Agendas in time to plan a trip into town to attend the meetings. Staff offered to coordinate a different delivery service of the agendas each month for Mr. Weinzinger so that he will have more time to prepare any statements.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Attest:

Jon Clark, Executive Director
Victoria Proctor, Board Clerk
Butte County Association of Governments



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