

**APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BUTTE COUNTY
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

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 9:00 a.m. at the BCAG Board Room, 326 Huss Drive, Suite 100, Chico, CA.

MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON

Bill Connelly	Supervisor	District 1
Jody Jones	Councilmember	Town of Paradise
Kasey Reynolds	Vice Mayor	City of Chico
Tod Kimmelshue	Supervisor	District 4
Tami Ritter	Supervisor	District 3

MEMBERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Debra Lucero	Supervisor	District 2
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MEMBERS ABSENT

Chuck Reynolds	Mayor	City of Oroville
J Angel Calderon	Councilmember	City of Gridley
Doug Teeter	Supervisor	District 5
John Busch	Councilmember	City of Bigg

STAFF PRESENT

Jon Clark	Executive Director
Sara Cain	Associate Senior Planner
Cheryl Massae	Human Resources Manager
Jim Peplow	Senior Transit Planner
Julie Quinn	Chief Fiscal Officer
Ivan Garcia	Programming Specialist
Victoria Proctor	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT REMOTELY

Lance Atencio, Transdev
Alex Fong, Caltrans District 3

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Approval of Minutes from August 26, 2021 BCAG Board of Directors Meeting
4. Approval of Amendment #2 to the 2021/22 Overall Work Program (OWP) & Budget and Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA)
5. Approval of the Project List for the FY 2021/22 California State of Good Repair (SGR) Program
6. Approval for BCAG Executive Committee to Work with Executive Director on Annual Evaluation

On motion by Board Member Ritter and seconded by Board Member Jones, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7: Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan Update

Staff updated the Board on the progress of the Chico to Sacramento Strategic Plan and public outreach opportunities. There was an overview given of the Service Plan framework, which proposed nine weekday trips in each direction, and eight weekend trips during a slightly shorter time period, since there would be less commuters and it would most likely be utilized for leisure trips on the weekend.

The Board asked for clarification on service area, specifically wanting to know if this will serve, or could be made to serve, the Sacramento Airport. Due to the nature of the connection this bus would need to make in Stockton for Amtrak, serving the airport is not possible, however it would go to downtown Sacramento and there are several pre-existing shuttles that already operate from downtown to the airport. There was also conversation about how this would function if rail service were to be extended into Butte County. These two projects are completely independent and would function separately. There was also discussion about VMTs and emissions calculations, but those have not yet been calculated for this study.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

8: Butte Regional Transit 4th Quarter 2020/21 Progress Report

Staff presented the fourth quarter report for the 2020/21 fiscal year. Since it is the final quarter of the year, the memo also summarized the performance of Butte Regional Transit for the whole year, rather than just that three-month period. Comparison of quarterly and annual operational and financial data over the past three years has proven quite difficult as each of those years has had a significant event that has had a major impact on the system. Starting in November 2018 with the Camp Fire, and for the past two fiscal years COVID has drastically reduced ridership and caused various service disruptions.

The loss of fares caused all but the rural fixed route to miss their targets for farebox recovery. The California Assembly anticipated this throughout the state, however, so in June 2020 they passed AB90, which provides an exemption to the TDA farebox recovery requirement for FY 2020/21. In July 2021, AB 149 was passed to extend that exemption through FY 2022/23. Lost revenue from the farebox was covered in FY 2020/21 with remaining federal CARES funding.

There was general discussion between the Board and Staff regarding the financial and ridership data in the memo. The Board asked for specifics on what Chico State is doing and how that might change the ridership numbers. The university is back in person for most of their classes, and that has been providing a boost to ridership, but that is not seen in the fourth quarter since it ended in June 2021 and students didn't return to Chico until late August. We expect to start to see the effects of their return fully in the second quarter of FY 2021/22.

This item was presented for information purposes only.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no items from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further items to discuss, the BCAG Board meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM.

Attest:

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

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