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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### FEATHER RIVER AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUTTER COUNTY AND YUBA COUNTY August 2, 2021

The Feather River Air Quality Management District held a board meeting, commencing at approximately 4:00 p.m. on the above date via Zoom Meeting. The following members were present: Directors Fletcher, Blaser, Fuhrer, Conant, Pendergraph and Espindola. Absent: Directors Ziegenmeyer, Ghag and Branscum. Also present were Sutter County Deputy County Counsel Deborah Micheli, Air Pollution Control Officer Christopher D. Brown, AICP and Feather River Air Quality Management District Deputy Clerk of the Board Shelley Channel.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Fletcher inquired if there were any public comments.

There were none.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Board meeting.

Approve ERC Management Agreement with Advance Database Designs.

Approve Burn Permit Prep Agreement with Advance Database Designs.

Approve Source Data Agreement with Advance Database Designs.

Approve Resolution #2021-09 of the Board of Directors authorizing participation in the Quality Assurance Review of Point Source Emissions Data Grant Program and authorize the Chairman to Execute related documents.

Director Conant moved to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Director Pendergraph.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Blaser, Fuhrer, Conant, Pendergraph and Espindola.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Ziegenmeyer, Ghag and Branscum

Motion carried.

#### **APPEARANCE ITEMS**

Authorize the APCO to consolidate and extend two existing grants (VF 19-02 and VF 20-07) for the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority totaling approximately \$163,460 into a new Blue Sky grant with an expiration date of March 3, 2023.

Mr. Brown gave a report on consolidating and extending two existing grants (VF 19-02 and VF 20-07) for the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority totaling approximately \$163,460 into a new Blue Sky grant with an expiration date of March 3, 2023.

Discussion ensued regarding the consolidation and extension of the Yuba-Sutter grants.

Director Pendergraph moved to authorize the APCO to consolidate and extend two existing grants (VF 19-02 and VF 20-07) for the Yuba-Sutter Transit Authority totaling approximately \$163,460 into a new Blue-Sky grant with an expiration date of March 3, 2023, seconded by Director Conant.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Blaser, Conant, Ziegenmeyer, Pendergraph and Espindola.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Ghag and Branscum

Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt Final Budget (4/5ths Vote Required).**

Chairman Fletcher opened the Public Hearing and inquired if there were any comments from the public.

Director Pendergraph stated that it looked like a smooth transition so far and he realized that there good be some hiccups in the future with certain programs but so far it was looking good.

Director Pendergraph moved to adopt the Districts Final Budget, seconded by Director Conant.

Chairman Fletcher closed the Public Hearing and asked for a vote from the Board.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Blaser, Fuhrer, Ziegenmeyer, Conant, Pendergraph and Espindola.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Ghag and Branscum

Motion carried.

### **APPEARANCE CALENDAR**

#### **Approve Resolution #2021-08 amending the Allocation and Basic Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents.**

Mr. Brown gave a report on Resolution #2021-08 amending the Allocation and Basic Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

Director Conant moved to approve Resolution #2021-08 amending the Allocation and Basic Salary Schedule for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 and authorize the Chairman to execute related documents, seconded by Director Pendergraph.

On the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Fletcher, Blaser, Fuhrer, Ziegenmeyer, Conant, Pendergraph and Espindola.

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Ghag and Branscum

Motion carried.

#### APCO Update

Mr. Brown gave an update on the District activities which included that the District had been open for 2 weeks but went back to being closed to the public on Friday. Mr. Brown stated that the District was just taking safety precautions due to the new COVID variant. Mr. Brown stated that the District was fully staffed now and had hired a new inspector. Mr. Brown also stated that the District would be calling a Policy/Finance Committee meeting either in August or September to discuss the CalPERs Pension Trust.

Mr. Brown stated there were no Hearing Board actions at this time.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Air Resources Board activities which included that they were going to send a letter regarding the Asbestos issue about three weeks ago and they said it was in the mail. To this date the District has received no letter.

Mr. Brown stated there was nothing significant going on at the EPA.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Legislation which included there were several bills that the District was concerned about, but they didn't go forward and there was some grant money approved but the District won't see that for a while.

Mr. Brown gave an update on CAPCOA and BCC which included there was a new coordinator as Will was leaving for another job and there would be a BCC meeting on Friday.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Grants program which included the Grant programs were proceeding accordingly and the Blue Sky would be coming up soon and the counties and cities would be receiving notification soon.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Sacramento Region activities which included some issues with the Energy Commission and Power Plants.

Mr. Brown stated that he also wanted to update the Board on the District audit since Ms. Shawna Fitzgerald, Creating Answers, was attending the meeting.

Ms. Fitzgerald gave an update on the audit and stated that she had been in contact with the Auditors and there was a field workday scheduled for the end of August and should have the audit for the Board to review at the October Board meeting.

Chairman Fletcher inquired if the BCC meeting on Friday would be via ZOOM or in person.

Mr. Brown stated that he was not sure, but he believed it would be via ZOOM. He also stated that the agenda should be out by tomorrow and it would state whether it was via ZOOM or in person.

Mr. Brown stated that the District conference room had some electrical issues and there were currently non-live wires hanging from the ceiling because the lights hadn't been replaced yet. They are supposed to be replaced sometime in August. Mr. Brown stated however that the District was not able to hold public meetings in the conference room at this time.

Director Pendergraph stated that for the Policy/Finance Committee meeting he would like to see a lot of information regarding the CalPERs Fund. He stated that the committee really needs the information so that they are able to make an informed decision. Director Pendergraph also stated that if at all possible he would like to have the meeting in person so that the committee can go through everything.

Director Pendergraph inquired if the District would be replacing all of the old lights with new LED lights.

Mr. Brown stated that the District had brought in an electrical company, and they would be replacing all of the conference room lights with new LED lights.

Director Conant inquired if there was anything new regarding the Co-Generation Plants through the State.

Mr. Brown stated that the District has a contract with Colusa County, the District does know that they have received an application for a large Ag Residual Only Bio-Mass-Char-Gas Plant in Colusa County.

Discussion ensued regarding Bio-Mass Plants.

#### Board Member Reports

Chairman Fletcher inquired if there were any comments from the Board.

Director Blaser inquired if there were any mandates that had to be issued when the air quality index reached the 400 or 500 range.

Mr. Brown stated that the District will send out alerts and notifications but there are no mandates from the District. There is however a Cal-OSHA regulation that requires masking at 150 on the Air Quality Index and several other steps for employers who have people working outdoors. There are rules, but not from the District.

Chairman Fletcher stated that he would like the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman noted on the agenda for the meetings.

Shelley Channel, Deputy Board Clerk, stated that they would be noted on the agenda.

Chairman Fletcher stated that at the last meeting the board had discussed having in person meetings but if everyone was alright with it the board should stay on the Zoom meeting for an extended period of time and until we can clearly move back into regular meetings.

Mr. Brown stated that when and where the board meets is the call of the Chairman. You can wait until the week before the meeting and see what the situation looks like and decide what to do at that time.

Chairman Fletcher stated that it was pretty clear what was happening and to alleviate any issues going forward the board would stay on Zoom until otherwise notified.

With no further business Chairman Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Attest:



Clerk of the Board



Chairman