

**YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
(YARTS) JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

April 10, 2017

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority Board was held Wednesday, April 10, 2017, at Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA and conducted by video/teleconference at the Fresno Council of Governments, 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201, Fresno, CA, and Sierra Center Mall, Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Third Floor, 452 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA, and was called to order by Director Corless at 1:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacy Corless, Mono County Supervisor (via teleconference)
Bob Gardner, Mono County Supervisor (via teleconference)
Miles Menetry, Mariposa County Supervisor
Daron McDaniel, Merced County Supervisor
Jerry O'Banion, Merced County Supervisor
Rosemarie Smallcombe, Mariposa County Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rhonda Armstrong, City of Kerman
John Gray, Tuolumne County Supervisor
Nathan Vosburg, City of Coalinga
Tom Wheeler, Madera County Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Peggy Arnest, Fresno County (via teleconference)
Denise Demery, VIA Adventures
Richard Harmon, Townsend Public Affairs
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff
Curtis Riggs, VIA Adventures
Danna Stroud, AAC Committee Chair (via teleconference)
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff
Daisy Zaragoza, MCAAG

1. Introductions

So noted.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Oral Report – Authority Advisory Committee Chair or Designee - Recommendations

Danna Stroud gave the report from the Authority Advisory Committee.

4. Minutes of the February 22, 2017 YARTS JPA meeting

Director Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2017 YARTS JPA meeting.

Seconded by Director Smallcombe.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O’Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Information/Discussion Only

- a. VIA Monthly Service Reports for January – February 2017
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the February 8, 2017 YARTS AAC meeting

So noted.

6. Public Hearing – YARTS Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget

Cindy Kelly gave a review of the YARTS Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget. A public hearing was opened to receive comments regarding the YARTS Fiscal Year 2017/2018 Budget.

Public hearing opened: 1:30 p.m.

Public hearing closed: 1:31 p.m.

After a public hearing, where no comments were received, Director McDaniel moved to approve the YARTS Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018.

Seconded by Director O’Banion.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O’Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Mariposa County Annual Contract for Services

Director O'Banion moved to approve the Contract for Services between YARTS and the County of Mariposa and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Contract for Services on behalf of YARTS.

Seconded by Director Smallcombe.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O'Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. YARTS/MCAG Agreement for Services

Director O'Banion moved to approve the YARTS Joint Powers Authority:

- a. Authorize the Chair to sign the Agreement for Services between the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System and the Merced County Association of Governments for a period of one year from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; or
- b. Provide direction to staff on how to proceed to secure the services specified in the existing contract.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O'Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. YARTS FY 2018-2021 Title VI Program

Director Smallcombe moved to adopt the YARTS Title VI Program for FY 2018/2021.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O'Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Draft Amendment to NPS Cooperative Agreement Expanded Service – Summer 2017

Director O'Banion moved to approve the proposed Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement (CA) to fund the expanded summer service and authorize the YARTS Executive Director to execute the final version of the 2017 Amendment to the CA so long as it does not substantially vary from the draft that was reviewed by the Board.

Seconded by Director Smallcombe

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O'Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. YARTS 2017 Summer Schedules

Cindy Kelly gave an overview of the changes in the YARTS summer schedules.

12. YARTS Quarterly Social Media Statistics

Cindy Kelly gave an update on the YARTS Quarterly Social Media Statistics.

13. Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Director Corless moved to elect Director Smallcombe as Chair for fiscal year 2017/2018.
Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O’Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Director Smallcombe moved to elect Director Corless as Vice Chair for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Seconded by Director O’Banion.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O’Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. YARTS Joint Powers Authority Meeting Dates

Director O’Banion moved to approve the meeting dates for fiscal year 2017/2018.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

Ayes – Directors Menetry, Corless, McDaniel, O’Banion, Smallcombe, Gardner

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

15. Oral Report – National Park Service Report

Dick Whittington gave the National Park Service report per Jim Donovan’s email update.

16. Oral Report – Manager’s Report

So noted.

17. Board of Directors Remarks

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:32 P.M.