

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

MINUTES

February 22, 2017

The regular meeting of the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Joint Powers Authority Board was held Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at Merced County Association of Governments, Front Conference Room, 369 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA and conducted by video/teleconference at the Mariposa County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 5100 Bullion Street Mariposa, CA, 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 1:08 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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)
John Carrier, Mariposa County Supervisor (via teleconference)
Denise Demery, VIA Adventures
Cindy Kelly, YARTS staff
Kathleen Morse, Yosemite National Park Service (via teleconference)
Curtis Riggs, VIA Adventures
Danna Stroud, AAC Committee Chair (via teleconference)
Hub Walsh, Merced County Supervisor
Dick Whittington, YARTS staff
Daisy Zaragoza, MCAG

1. Introductions/Ceremonial Presentation

Dick Whittington presented plaques for former Directors Hub Walsh and John Carrier.

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 October 24, 2016 YARTS JPA meeting

Director Smallcombe moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2016 YARTS JPA meeting.

Seconded by Director Coreless.

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

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Information/Discussion Only

- a. VIA Monthly Service Reports for October 2016 – December 2016
- b. YARTS Ridership History/Visitation
- c. YARTS Financial Report/Budget Update
- d. Minutes of the October 19, 2016 YARTS AAC meeting

So noted.

6. YARTS Annual Social Media Statistics

Cindy Kelly gave a brief review of the Social Media statistics and commented on decreasing activity on Facebook due to less posting and internet issues.

7. Square Payment Services Discussion

So noted.

8. YARTS Online Reservations Update

So noted.

9. Fiscal Year 2015/2016 Annual Audit

Director Smallcombe moved to accept the YARTS Audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, prepared by Price, Paige & Company.

Seconded by Director Gardner.

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

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. Public Hearing – YARTS 5311(f) Grant Funding

Director O’Banion moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017/02-22-01 authorizing funding under FTA Section 5311 (49 U.S.C. Section 5311) with the California Department of Transportation.

Seconded by Director Gardner.

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

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

11. Capital Acquisition/Replacement Account-Discussion

Board provided consent for staff to create a Capital Acquisition/Replacement account and to fund it as is practical for the first year in the 2017-2018 budget and add the account as a component of the work plan required in the Short Range Transit Plan.

None needed – This item was agreed upon by consensus.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. Special Orientation Meeting

Director Smallcombe moved to approve the staff proposal for a special orientation meeting and agree on a date that such a meeting might be held. Directors agreed for the meeting to take place either middle or late March based on a meeting request that will be sent out.

Seconded by Director O’Banion.

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

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. YARTS Joint Powers Authority Agreement and Bylaws Revision

Director O’Banion moved to approve the proposed changes to the YARTS Joint Powers Authority Agreement and the YARTS Bylaws and direct staff to submit them to the Joint Powers Authority members for ratification.

Seconded by Director McDaniel.

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

Noes – None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

14. Oral Report – National Park Service Report

Kathleen Morse gave the report from the National Park Service.

15. Oral Report – Manager’s Report

So noted.

16. Board of Directors’ Remarks

So noted.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE YARTS JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 3:23 P.M.**