



Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office

GVRTC Minutes for March 11, 2021

Attendees (virtually): Dana Brosig, Kathy Young, Michael Bennett, Todd Hollenbeck, Kelley Duke, Sean Yeates, Dean Bressler, Greg Caton, Janet Hawkinson

Roll Call: Scott McInnis, Chair – Mesa County, called the meeting to order. Phyllis Norris – City of Grand Junction, Lori Buck – City of Fruita, and Greg Mikolai – Town of Palisade are present.

Call Meeting to Order: 2:04 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: None

Consent Item(s)

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Committee to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or Committee Members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

None

Individual Consideration Item(s)

Please limit public comment to a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker (unless otherwise restricted by the Chair).

1. Approval of a settlement agreement between Mr. Dennis Simpson and the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Commission (GVRTC)– Dana Brosig, RTPO and Kelley Duke, Ireland Stapleton Pryor & Pascoe, PC

Mr. Simpson issued a CORA request of an executive session back in December that involved two parts, contract negotiations with Transdev and legal matters associated with the contract. Mr. Simpson was not provided the recorded executive session and he subsequently filed a petition in court. Since December's executive session, circumstances have changed since Transdev has reached an agreement with the Union. A settlement presented itself and the agreement is to release the contract negotiations part of the executive session recording and pay Mr. Simpson's attorney fees in the amount of \$3,541. This settlement would dismiss this action but in no means would affect future executive sessions being released or admit fault. This settlement was reached so we did not continue to incur attorney fees.

GVRTC board would like to discuss how we got here in the first place but are fine with the settlement. The response to the court was due two weeks ago but this settlement presented itself. We have until March 22 to resolve this case.

Greg Mikolai moved to approve the settlement agreement with Mr. Simpson and the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee. Lori Buck 2nd the motion. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Briefing Item(s)

Briefing items are intended to allow the Committee to give Staff guidance in the day-to-day operations of the Regional Transportation Planning Office, or to hear general presentations from others.

None

Unscheduled Business:

The Unscheduled Business portion of the agenda provides the public an opportunity to speak about issues that were not on the main agenda. Please limit public comment to a maximum of five (5) minutes per speaker (unless otherwise restricted by the Chair). Testimony relating to scheduled agenda items will not be allowed during Unscheduled Business.

None

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15p.m. Minutes submitted by Kathy Young.