North Central Regional Transit District
Board Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2015
Jim West Regional Transit Center
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the North Central Regional Transit District Board was called to order on the above date by Mayor Daniel Barrone, Chair, at 9:15 a.m. at the Jim West Regional Transit Center, 1327 Riverside Drive, Española, New Mexico.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Governor Dorame

2. **Moment of Silence**

3. **Roll Call**

Ms. Lucero called the roll and it indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

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**Staff Members Present**
- Mr. Anthony J. Mortillaro, Executive Director
- Ms. Dalene Lucero, Executive Assistant
- Mr. Michael Kelly, Transit Operations Manager
- Ms. Stacey McGuire, Projects and Grants Specialist
- Mr. Jim Nagle, Public Information Officer
- Mr. Troy Bingham, Finance Director
- Mr. Mark López, Fleet and Facilities Maintenance Worker
- Mr. Daniel Simon, Marketing and Communications Specialist

**Others Present**
- Mr. Peter Dwyer, Legal Counsel
- Mr. Tony Ortiz, Legal Counsel
- Ms. Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer
- Mr. Dave Harris, NMDOT
- Ms. Marcy Eppler, NMDOT
- Ms. Lucia Sanchez, Rio Arriba County
- Ms. Tessa Jo Mascaréñas, Santa Fe County
- Mr. Ray Matthews, Santa Fe County
- Ms. Lisa Katonak, Santa Fe County
- Mr. Ken Smithson, Los Alamos County
- Mr. Gary Suiter, The Mercer Group
- Ms. Holly Buck, Felsburg, Holt & Ulevig

4. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present introduced themselves to the Board and public.
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Sheehy moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Valério seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County, Tesuque Pueblo and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (11-0).

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 5, 2015

Mr. Montoya moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2015 as presented. Commissioner Fambro seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County, Tesuque Pueblo and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (11-0).

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session of the meeting pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1.H (7) subject to the attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatened or pending litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant.

Commissioner Chávez made a motion to go into closed executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1.H (7) to consider threatened or pending litigation. Commissioner Naranjo seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County, Tesuque Pueblo and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (11-0).

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.
9. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 10:50 a. m. upon motion by Commissioner Chávez. The motion was seconded by Ms. Valério and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County, Tesuque Pueblo and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (11-0).

Mr. Dwyer announced to the public that during the closed session, no actions were taken and the only matters discussed were those allowed under Section 10-15-1.H(7) of the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Naranjo moved to accept Legal Counsel’s report as presented. Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with City of Española, Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County, Tesuque Pueblo and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (11-0).

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

A. Presentation of Above and Beyond Award

Mr. Mortillaro explained the Above and Beyond Award was presented to an individual employee nominated by fellow employees and there were a number of nominees. The award was presented to Mr. Mark López, Maintenance and Facilities Service Worker. His work for the District and his attitude shows his skill, effort and drive. He goes out of his way to learn new tasks and systems. Recently, he installed a number of bike racks and cameras and adjusted and repaired wheelchair lifts that saved the District money. He is a great example of how an employee can go “above and beyond.”

Mr. Mortillaro and Chair Barrone presented the award to Mr. López. He thanked everyone for the recognition and said he enjoys working here.

B. Presentation and Discussion of Long Range Transit Service Plan – Transit Options, Prioritization and Consensus on Final Plan Recommendations

Mr. Mortillaro reminded the Board that this is the 4th and final discussion on the Long Range Transit Service Plan which is now in final draft. The report is in the Board packet.
They have completed the financial scenario section since last time and the consultants reviewed it with the Board. The consultants are Holly Buck with FHU and Gary Suiter with The Mercer Group, Inc. They used a Power Point Presentation to review the mission statement and vision statement. They also reviewed the various long term financial scenarios.

Ms. Buck said scenario #1 would have the GRT rate stay the same and would produce more revenue than today.

Commissioner Chávez reminded the Board that the GRT right now will sunset in 2023. So we have to go back to the voters to keep the tax in place. Ms. Buck agreed.

Ms. Buck said scenario #2 would increase the GRT rate by ¼%.

Councilor Sheehy commented that, unless the economy improves, even getting the sunset removed and continuing at the same rate would be difficult to achieve. Maybe adding 1/16% would be another option. We all know getting voters to approve any tax increase is a heavy lift. The more clearly this money goes directly into transit system so voters can see the benefit, the easier it would be to achieve. It is a very focused thing. Like gas tax for roads. Then the tax resembles a fee and at least you are getting something in return. We will all have some hard decisions to make about increasing GRT.

Commissioner Chávez agreed with everything Councilor Sheehy said. He was leaning more toward scenario #1 and then fall back to scenario #2. Using a performance base gives the District more of a cash flow and we can demonstrate to the voters that their money is well spent.

Chair Barrone said that Taos County has probably the highest GRT rate in the state. It would put them above 9%. He didn’t know if they could sustain another GRT increase. The service is great and growing and appreciated. The Governor said the Taos community is growing and the economy is growing. Tourism at a boom now. She allocated money to Taos for some of its roads. But higher GRT would not do well in the community at this time.

Commissioner Fambro added that Taos has pledged GRT to mutual domestics now and we not able to get a little window in there to deal with roads, bridges. We are strapped already and the Hospital is asking for another 1/8%. Keeping it where it is now is where we have to go to continue it past 2023.

Councilor Sheehy suggested two separate measures. One to remove the sunset and then at some future time, hopefully with an improved economy, to propose a higher rate. Putting the two together is hazardous.
Mr. Mortillaro recalled that the sunset was voluntarily placed there by the Board. They felt that by putting the sunset on it. It was a good way to assure the public that it would not go on forever and that they would have an opportunity to revisit the tax in the future. But the Board doesn’t have to wait until 2023 to ask the voters to remove the sunset. There are several strategic decisions to look at. They could also discuss extending the sunset rather than lifting it.

Commissioner Chávez asked if during that discussion the Board members could sit down with our other partners, the Railrunner, The City of Santa Fe, Los Alamos County and figure out how we best move forward so that there is a funding source for everyone. He thought it might be better to be in the same room for that discussion.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed. The allocation to the Railrunner is an intergovernmental agreement. Santa Fe County, at the time, requested that the 50% allocation of Santa Fe County based RTDGRT go to the Railrunner until 2023. Half of what is collected in Santa Fe County goes to the Railrunner in a written commitment that runs to 2023.

Commissioner Chávez said he would be willing to revisit that. He would advocate for allocating a portion but not 50%.

Mr. Mortillaro said the 50% of whatever is generated in Santa Fe County is not embedded in the formula sharing with Los Alamos County and the City of Santa Fe. It is a whole different formula and structure for the Railrunner.

Mr. Bulthuis said, from the City of Santa Fe perspective that he concurred with all the comments made relative to GRT increases. He pointed out that the issue of hold harmless revenue loss has not been dealt with yet. At the City level there has been discussion about raising GRT to cover that but no steps have been taken by the City yet. He also didn’t see in the report a partnership with the state to have new revenues come in.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed. There is a reference to supporting efforts to secure a statewide transit fund.

Mr. Bulthuis said that was perfect. Statewide, there is recognition of how it should be going forward but how quickly those state revenues could be added to this budget structure is unknown.

Councilor Sheehy asked where the money would come from to support a state transit fund. Perhaps they could raise the state gasoline tax. Fee based is the most politically viable funding source. For Los Alamos County in the next couple of years there will be re negotiation of the Lab Contract.
Commissioner Chávez pointed out that for the past 20 years, there has been no increase in the gas tax at all. MAP 21 is a funding source for two years. It would be nice if we could argue on a Federal level for continued funding of MAP 21.

Mr. Mortillaro said the latest information was the federal legislature did a continuing resolution for three months. The Senate passed a 6 year bill and will go to Congress in October. But its success is anybody's guess.

Councilor Sheehy noted the projections in the operating budget assumed the current level of grants.

Ms. Buck agreed - they did assume minimal growth in time on those.

Commissioner Chávez asked if that is reflected in the pie chart.

Ms. Buck clarified that is a single year and is status quo.

Mr. Mortillaro commented briefly on the projections for the four-county area which are almost flat. The population will be getting older; not younger and somehow, need to change that trend.

Ms. Buck any other thoughts on 3 scenarios.

Mr. Mortillaro asked Ms. Buck to talk about what those 3 scenarios mean and suggested she might want to change the wording.

Ms. Buck explained that when she left here today she had to write the final section of the document and needed to have a clear understanding of what the RTD wants, hoping to identify if the Board has a highly preferred scenario. The second scenario does provide a bit of growth. Third scenario provides the most opportunity but has the most concern. It might be a phased approach. Right now the most critical action is to remove the sunset and put energy toward that. Phase is to sit down with partners to discuss GRT meeting needs.

Mr. Bulthuis thought they are interrelated, in terms of removing the sunset and the long term viability of the RTD not completely separate.

After a brief discussion, the Board seemed to have concurrence. Scenario 1, would focus on the sunset, meet with stakeholders, let performance based planning do its thing and get a track record. Then continue working on state and federal funding. Then when done, if the economy improves they might consider a GRT increase but fulfilling the other steps first.
Governor Dorame had a problem with meshing member entities with Tribal government because the tribes are totally different. The tribes have their own tax structure but when tribal members leave their designated areas they do pay GRT. He was not sure how they would fit tribal governments into any of these scenarios. It will take more time on his part to sit down and figure out how it affects his people and how they would react. As long as members are on the reservation they don’t have to pay the tax.

Commissioner Chávez asked if Governor Dorame thought within his pueblo that he was getting positive feedback about RTD services. If we just go to voters all tribal members would be eligible to vote. Would they support removing the sunset?

Governor Dorame thought they would but the RTD has to give them options if they vote either way. The tribes have their own economic plans on the reservation. He said he had not yet really gone over the latest DOT plans about roads. He saw a lot of people buying land and there will be communities. Their transportation needs must be met through some kind of plan.

Mr. Mortillaro knew members just got this yesterday. The strategies look at supporting economic opportunity in each area including tribal areas and talks about providing transit to those employee centers with public transit. One of the strategies talks about that. When you go back to vision and mission statement it is about economic opportunities. If the District can play a role in growing the economies we all win.

Governor Dorame pointed out that when the younger population go to work, they might have to spend more time than usual and might miss the bus so they often choose to use their own vehicle. On the other hand, MVD may not renew licenses for people over 60. Tesuque likes the service. But when you are asking a mixture of age groups you won’t get a consensus.

Councilor Sheehey said connecting the people in the tribal areas has been one of this organization’s primary missions - to have a standard “go to and come home” bus service. Schedules can be expanded only through more money. Although the services costs money, it does help keep people connected.

Mr. Mortillaro one of the things we have not been able to offer is guaranteed ride home. They will send a taxi at our cost if not your fault. We would like to get to those services. Los Alamos Dial a Ride from 7 to 9PM. Things like that can be employed but they cost money.

Mr. Suiter said this is rich discussion but all the transit agencies he has dealt with are dealing with these same issues: diversity of clients, interests and approaches. The
District talks about that in the vision statement. The options include a variety of things and it is a tricky balancing act.

Dave Harris said what he is hearing is that there is caution for going after more money but agreement on lifting the sunset. The RTD is doing a great job. In this area people who don’t take the transit think it is a good thing to provide service. The way typically a body like this deals with that is that they do polling. He thought lifting the sunset would pass but about more money, he wasn’t sure. He encouraged the District to putting polling in this plan and education of the public also.

Mr. Bulthuis thought there is consensus that sunset removal is the first step. He asked when the right time was to do that. The plan should allow options of dates instead of waiting until 2023 and have no options.

Ms. Buck suggested they start sooner rather than later. Then if it does not happen the first time you can try again.

Mr. Suiter said meeting with stake holders is the first step and the time frame needs to be determined by the Board.

Mr. Mortillaro suggested sometime starting FY 17 - within the next 3 to 4 years.

Commissioner Fambro pointed out that there are different strategies, depending on what election we want to be in. He asked which type of election would be best for the RTD. He thought it should be a 4-year strategy at the least.

Mr. Suiter said other transit agencies are looking at the presidential election years.

Chair Barrone thought it should be within the next 3 years. Voters like what the RTD is providing. The biggest thing is whether we want to increase the money. It should be on the same ballot with the hold harmless.

Commissioner Naranjo excused himself from the meeting.

Governor Dorame didn’t feel comfortable doing it without more strategy.

Mr. Harris suggested 2016 might be the best time to get the sunset lifted. He recommended a poll and see if people are supportive. He said Mr. Mortillaro and his staff have been aggressive to get more money from non-traditional sources. And people are pretty supportive. The Chairman’s point about GRT at 9% is an indication that each entity has unique circumstances.

Mr. Suiter commented that when he stays in town he is happy to tell people he
works for the RTD.

Chair Barrone agreed it is a real success in his community. If we went today and asked to take that sunset off it would work.

Commissioner Fambro noted the potential of working with Taos Ski Valley. They don’t have parking for the next two years so the RTD could have a partnership there.

Mr. Suiter another revenue strategy.

Councilor Sheehy thought polling now or repeatedly is a good idea. In the 2016 election, billions of dollars will be spent. He would hate to see RTD’s issue get overshadowed by that. Perhaps the 2018 state election might be better.

Ms. Buck thanked the Board for the great input today. She will consider all of it and put it into the last section and will come back to the Board. They are looking forward to wrapping up and giving the Board a good product.

Mr. Mortillaro said the District will get the final draft and put it on website and make sure the public can access and make comments and then bring it back to the Board for final review and approval.

C. Annual Presentation of Marketing Efforts and Strategic Plan

Mr. Mortillaro said the Board annually discusses this plan.

Mr. Jim Nagle showed a slide presentation.

Commissioner Chávez said it was encouraging for him to see the ads and the “off the beaten path” ads. It was a good job and refreshing.

Mr. Nagle recognized Dan Simon, marketing specialist, for his work on it.

Councilor Sheehy agreed it is a good job.

Governor Dorame offered some constructive criticism. He didn’t see the pueblos getting elevated on any of these marketing plans. August 12th is Pueblo Independence Day and the Santa Clara Feast Day. It would be nice if cultural pueblo events were listed as well. Also August 10th is the Ohkay Owingeh social dance. But in order to have this happen the District has to have permission from each tribe. It would help Tesuque and we would like to see people using alternative transportation to get there. Also special events at casinos, special nights, golf courses, etc.
Mr. Nagle said that is a great idea and he would support that, maybe going through the Tribal Subcommittee. On feast days often the pueblo is closed to the bus. He would love to generate awareness of those days.

Governor Dorame said the big event is Indian Market in Santa Fe. Ms. Valério asked what happens when people scan the bar code.

Mr. Nagle said it brings you to the RTD home page.

Mr. Mortillaro added that at a stop, it will take you to information on that bus.

Ms. Valério asked if all bus shelters have a bar code.

Ms. McGuire agreed and it is tied to the route that serves it. It will populate your phone.

Chair Barrone asked if we access the system by download or app.

Mr. Nagle said people can go to NCRTD.org. They will see each of the four counties and routes and schedules - Pueblos as well.

Ms. Valério asked if the app is in the home page to download.

Mr. Nagle said no. The app is called "my stop." They have to go to their app store and download the my stop app.

Mr. Mortillaro said they could also go to the Google store to download my stop.

Ms. Valério asked if they need to download the app.

Mr. Mortillaro said no.

Mr. Nagle said they could access it through the browser.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed to do a demo on it at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS FOR APPROVAL/DISCUSSION:

D. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2015-21 Adopting the FY 16 Service Plans from the City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County and acknowledging the Service Plan from the County of Santa Fe.
Mr. Mortillaro said annually, the Board is required to adopt this resolution to allow the District to fund regional services. Basically, this is no different than prior years. It has just minor changes and a copy is in the packet. The City of Santa Fe allocated funds and pulled the Santa Fe Pick Up from the list. Likewise Los Alamos County added a Dial a Ride service for Park and Ride folks from 7 to 9 pm. Based on the formula it turns out to be an additional $32,000. There are no other changes.

Councilor Sheehy said Los Alamos is pleased to continue this partnership arrangement. Buses are used all the time and the voters see the value of it.

Mr. Bulthuis echoed his comments about the partnership. He hoped to continue to have it going forward. Specific to Santa Fe Pick Up, the Council re-proposed the Santa Fe Pick Up operations as a downtown service. It is now for visitors and tourists to the Railyard and Museum Trail. Funding shifted to the Lodgers' Tax.

Mr. Mortillaro referred to the letter from the County of Santa Fe.

Commissioner Chávez summarized it.

Mr. Mortillaro went over the memo in the packet.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve Resolution No. 2015-21 Adopting the FY 16 Service Plans from the City of Santa Fe and Los Alamos County and acknowledging the Service Plan from the County of Santa Fe. Commissioner Fambro seconded the motion and it passed by roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Taos County, and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (7-0). City of Española, Rio Arriba County and Santa Clara Pueblo were not present for the vote. Tesuque Pueblo abstained.

The Board took time to get their lunch and proceeded on with the meeting.

E. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2015-22 Approving the FY 15 Fourth Quarter Financial Report

Mr. Troy Bingham presented three financial reports that were all in the packet. The first was the FY 15 Fourth Quarter Financial Report. Mr. Bingham went through it briefly with the Board.

Commissioner Fambro moved to approve Resolution 2015-22 Approving the FY 15 Fourth Quarter Financial Report. Mr. Montoya seconded the motion and it
passed by unanimous roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, Tesuque Pueblo, Taos County, and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (9-0). City of Española and Rio Arriba County were not present for the vote.

Chair Barrone asked about the single audit for this year.

Mr. Bingham said it would be a full audit with details this year by Troy, Hinkley and Landers who had done the audit in the past.

F. Discussion and Consideration of an Agreement between the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) and The Skarsgard Firm for the Expansion of NCRTD Driveway

Mr. Dwyer said, per the discussion in closed session it is being recommended that the Board authorize Legal Counsel and the Executive Director to proceed with negotiations with the Skarsgard Firm for the expansion of the driveway until an agreement can be reached.

Councilor Sheehy moved to authorize Legal Counsel and the Executive Director to proceed with negotiations for an agreement between the North Central Regional Transit District and the Skarsgard Firm for expansion of the NCRTD driveway. Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, Tesuque Pueblo, Taos County, and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (9-0). City of Española and Rio Arriba County were not present for the vote.

G. Discussion and Review of the District's Quarterly Investment Report

Mr. Bingham reviewed the investment report with the Board. He reminded the Board that in 2014, the RTD began participating in the LGIP (government investment fund) known as the New MexiGROW Local Government Investment Pool or LGIP as well as Certificates of Deposit from local and surrounding banks. The NCRTD established the short-term investments (12 months or less) in various FDOC insured New Mexico institutions. The initial investment was $5,975,492 and the current balance is $7,786,780.87 which includes the District’s operating account of $1,792,605.

Chair Barrone asked if up to $250,000 in an account is guaranteed under FDIC.
Mr. Bingham agreed and clarified that the District has a maximum of $250,000 at any one institution.

Councilor Sheehy asked if the LGIP provides money immediately available.

Mr. Bingham said it is available upon 24 hours’ notice.

Councilor Sheehy thought the District could get a better return elsewhere but maybe they needed to have some money there.

Mr. Mortillaro said this will come back to the Finance Subcommittee for some consideration of adjustment in the policy. We likely would suggest that we modify the percentages.

Commissioner Chávez moved to accept the District’s Quarterly Investment Report as presented. Councilor Sheehy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:


Mr. Bingham referred to the financial report for July in the packet and briefly reviewed it with the Board.

I. Finance Subcommittee Report

Mr. Mortillaro reported that the Finance Subcommittee met last month and reviewed the investment report. Next month, they will have 4 to 5 items including the entrance conference with the auditors.

J. Tribal Subcommittee Report

Mr. Montoya announced that the Tribal Subcommittee will convene shortly after the conclusion of this Board meeting and would continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

K. Executive Report for July 2015 and Comments from the Executive Director
1) **Executive Report**

Mr. Mortillaro referred the Board to his report in the packet and to let him know if there are any questions. Ridership report in packet. Working on kick off of mountain trail route.

2) **Performance Measures for June 2015**

3) **Ridership Report for June 2015**

Mr. Mortillaro referred the Board to the ridership report in the packet.

4) **Mountain Trail route Update**

Mr. Mortillaro said they are working on a kick off of the Mountain Trail route soon.

5) **Taos Chile Line Consolidation Update**

Mr. Mortillaro said the consolidation is going smoothly. They are advertising for a mechanic. Some of the Taos staff came over to RTD employment. Mike Kelly said the employees seem to be very pleased with the changes. They got a boost in pay. They like the working conditions and the atmosphere. They went through customer service training and drivers' training and were thrilled to have that opportunity.

4) **Mountain Trail Route Update**

Ms. McGuire said they are working on schedules now. It looks like they will be operating under four service levels. Based on number crunching it looks like because we have different levels of service will be positioned so that on weekends and winter the District will operate two buses. In non-winter it will be reduced service related to annual visitors. Community meetings and stakeholder meetings went well and they received a lot of valuable feedback.

Commissioner Chávez understood the Tribal Subcommittee is meeting after this but on the Mountain Trail Route related to the pueblo component that we have cultural component at the front end, he wanted to be sure that it is in place. It is up to the Pueblo to craft the desired message and asked that they work with staff on it.
Ms. McGuire agreed.

Councilor Sheehy asked if Staff would be working with Pueblos to get copy ready and up for interior advertising in buses and ads at bus stops.

Mr. Nagle agreed.

Governor Dorame let Commissioner Chávez know that he is more than welcome to stay for the Tribal Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Mortillaro said he and Chair Barrone and staff members met with Taos Ski Valley last Friday in preparation for ski services. They expressed the possibility of expanded services to summer as well. Staff will bring the agreement to the Board in the near future.

6. Recognition for Troy Bingham

Mr. Mortillaro announced that Troy Bingham achieved certification as a Certified Procurement Officer pursuant to 2014 state legislation. He will get re-certified every two years. So the District is in compliance.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

L. Alternate Quarterly Board Meeting at Member Locations

Governor Dorame said he was thinking about this for several reasons. One is for public input. Not many show up at the Board meetings. To make sure public is aware and go above and beyond to get people here, he proposed to have meetings throughout the District. It might provide better participation. He suggested alternate locations on a quarterly basis. He recommended they start hosting these meetings and going for outreach to the communities. He would like to see the Board come down to the Tesuque villages and he could host the meeting. It would help the Board become aware of our surroundings and our issues and get participation from our communities.

Chair Barrone thought quarterly might work.

Mr. Mortillaro recalled that is how the Board used to do it, every month at a new location, until August, 2012 when the RTD moved in here. He was open to try something again and could begin with the October meeting if the Board is in concurrence.

Mr. Dwyer pointed out one of the logistical challenges if the Board wants people to
participate telephonically they have to be able to hear and speak telephonically.

Commissioner Fambro said it would be very appropriate at their spot with a bus stop in front.

Governor Dorame if we choose to go to Edgewood they could go to Taos.

Mr. Dwyer said they need to consider the Open Meetings Act to make it happen.

Chair Barrone said he would be willing to host in October.

Mr. Mortillaro asked about September.

After further discussion, the Board established a location schedule as follows:

- September 4, 2015 at Taos County,
- January 8, 2016 at Santa Fe,
- April 1, 2016 at Pueblo of Tesuque,
- September 2, 2016 at Santa Clara Pueblo.

Commissioner Fambro requested that the Board consider new service in Arroyo Seco and Des Moines. The transit service requested could potentially be incorporated into the seasonal Taos Ski Valley route through the addition of 2-3 bus stops along the existing route.

He asked that the Board consider directing Staff to commence a comprehensive needs assessment report and place this item on the agenda for the February 5, 2016 Board meeting.

Commissioner Fambro moved to direct Staff to perform a needs assessment report for the February 5, 2016 Board meeting in addition to the authorization of the implementation of the 2 to 3 stops along the existing TSV route. Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, Tesuque Pueblo, Taos County, and Town of Taos voting in the affirmative and none voting against (9-0). City of Española and Rio Arriba County were not present for the vote.
MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous items.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chávez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Montoya seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: September 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Dennis Tim Salazar, Secretary

Submitted by:

Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.