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 9:11 a.m. at the Jim West Regional Transit Center, Española, New Mexico.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

Ms. Trujillo 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. Stacey McGuire, Projects and Grants Specialist
- Mr. Troy Bingham, Finance Director
- Ms. Jackie Trujillo, Executive Assistant
- Mr. Pat López, Financial Analyst
- Ms. Daria Veprek, Human Resources Director

**Others Present**
- Mr. Peter Dwyer, Legal Counsel
- Mr. Carl Boaz, Stenographer
- Mr. Ray Matthews, Santa Fe County
- Mr. Keith Wilson, Santa Fe MPO
- Mr. Tomás Martínez, Santa Fe Trails
- Mr. Jon Buthuis, Atomic City Transit
- Mr. Philo Shelton, Los Alamos County
- Ms. Bobbie Farrell, Senator Udall's Office

4. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Those present introduced themselves to the group after the agenda and minutes and awards were considered.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Sheehy moved to approve the Agenda as presented Commissioner Valério seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambe Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Pojoaque Pueblo, City of Española, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe
County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Rio Arriba County was not present for the vote.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 8, 2016

Councilor Sheehy asked for a correction on the effective date for the start of travel service for the Jicarilla Apache Nation. It should be February 15, 2014.

Commissioner Chávez requested a correction for the date of the auditing contract. On page 9, it should be Feb 15, 2017 and in the motion on page 10.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2016 as amended. Councilor Sheehy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambe Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Pojoaque Pueblo, City of Española, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Rio Arriba County was not present for the vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

A. Recognition of Mr. Jon Bulthuis Service to the North Central Regional Transit District

Chair Barrone thanked Mr. Bulthuis for all of his work on the Board.

Mr. Mortillaro said the RTD started in September 2004. Mr. Bulthuis joined the Board as an alternate in 2005 and Los County stole him from Santa Fe this year. He shared his expertise in those years and was very welcomed to make us a better agency and deal with issues we had never dealt with but Mr. Bulthuis had.

Chair Barrone read the recognition award and presented it to him.

Mr. Bulthuis said he appreciated the opportunity to serve and watch the RTD grow and now effectively serves a lot of people.

ACTION ITEMS:

B. Discussion and Consideration of NCRTD Board Attendance Report, April 2015-March 2016
Mr. Mortillaro said at the April board meeting, a board member asked Staff to review the report once again. We found the August meeting where Santa Clara was present, on page 21 of the report, on August 15, 2015. It is now accurate. We scanned through all the minutes to make sure.

Mr. Pino moved to approve the Attendance Report as presented. Chair Barrone seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (10-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Pojoaque Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Española, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against.

C. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-14 Authorizing a Budget Amendment to Increase the FY 2016 Budget for the 5304 Federal Funding for Planning Member Contributions, fund balance for the Santa Fe Trails Consolidation Study and Resolution No 2016-15 Authorizing the Use of fund Balance for Capital Outlay.

Mr. Mortillaro reminded the Board that two motions are needed.

Mr. Bingham explained this is related to a motion back in March to move ahead with the study. The RFP will take 30-45 days to complete. It is for $120,000 from NMDOT, with contributions from members. The use of the fund balance is consistent for capital projects and will capitalize the asset for use of the fund balance.

The first one is to increase the budget by $150,000 and the second is to use $15,000 from the fund balance with probably none in 2016. He explained that this is currently not in the budget the for the next item.

Mr. Campos joined the meeting at this time.

Councilor Sheehey asked if the Santa Fe City Council approved this. Mr. Pino agreed.

Mr. Mortillaro said the Santa Fe City Council did approve it without change to the letter of intent the Board had approved for the RFP. The City of Santa Fe reviewed the RFP and provided comments. The New Mexico Rail and Transit Division has also reviewed it. They sent us a 5304 contract and if approved, we will sign it.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-14 Authorizing a Budget Amendment to Increase the FY 2016 Budget for the 5304 Federal Funding for Planning Member Contributions, fund balance for the Santa Fe Trails Consolidation Study. Councilor Sheehey seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (10-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Pojoaque Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, City of Española, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve Resolution No 2016-15 Authorizing the Use of fund Balance for Capital Outlay. Ms. Van Buren seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (10-0)
D. Public Hearing and Presentation and Discussion of the Draft FY2016 Budget

Mr. Mortillaro presented a summary of the budget. It is a balanced budget and does use reserves for new service such as the second year of the Santa Fé Mountain Trail Route and the new La Cieneguilla route. It is $273,000 less than the prior year. The decline is mostly a decrease in capital spending. Also a decrease in salaries and benefits and $36,000 less in contracts. There are increases as well - some are related to increases in operations. And it has an increase in the non RTD allocation - that portion of GRT the District contributes to partners for regional services. Overall, the result is $273,000 or 2.3% less.

The budget continues the new route implementation that was approved in past fiscal year to the extent feasible and starts implementation of the Long Range Plan that over 20 years has $100 million associated with it. Obviously, the District doesn’t have the funding right now but there are parts that can be incorporated into it such as regional planning efforts and the strategy the board adopted with possible election in 2018 to remove the sunset clause. It continues to have heavy capital investment in 14 buses. And it also continues investment in our employees which the Board enthusiastically supports.

There are position adjustments, performance increases and this year, renegotiation of the CBA.

This budget was discussed with the Finance Subcommittee last week and they recommended Board approval.

Mr. Bingham addressed the new format. He pointed out that the budget last year was about 25 pages and this budget is about 100 pages to make it understandable. Page 38 is the budget guide which explains every section of the budget. Page 39 has the financial policies. The budgetary controls are on page 40. Page 41 shows the non RTD expenditures. Tribal allocations are on page 43; Operations and overhead on page 44 that explain our overhead to the feds. Capital is on page 46 and CIP is explained on page 47.

In response to Commissioner Chávez, Mr. Mortillaro explained the GRT percentages.

Mr. Bingham said page 48 explains how we came up with the budget, the process for approval and how staff makes sure we are within the budget. Page 55 shows the routes and Page 57 spells out the acronyms. Pages 59-60 shows ridership with projections and partners are shown at the bottom.

Mr. López reviewed the budget spreadsheet on page 61. The first column is a description of revenues; the next is 2014 actual; then 2015 actual; then the 2016 budget; then projections and the last column is the 2016 budget request.

He reviewed the GRT, the federal grants and the 5311 capital program which is enough for 10 buses in 2017. It also includes 5310 funds from DOT which is enough to purchase 3 buses. There is also the federal
tribal program for Tesuque, San Ildefonso, Nambe and Santa Clara. The last part is $307,000 from TAP funds for the ADA stops. Contributions include $30,000 from Santa Fe City and County; $15,000 from Rio Metro; $15,000 from Ski Santa Fe for the Mountain Trail route. And a local contribution of $350,000 from Los Alamos County.

Councilor Sheehy said $350,000 was approved by the Los Alamos Council.

Mr. López listed the other sources from investments, advertising, insurance and fares. The cash balance is $144,500 for operating. The capital outlay cash balance is $732,857 and the overall total is $12,274,833.

Mr. López said staffing is on page 65 and the organization chart. Page 66 gives the detail of historical positions. The FTE total will stay the same. There are no new positions. And the number of individuals is down 4.5 because we are converting some temps to full-time positions. There are 75 individuals, including 48 union individuals.

Mr. Mortillaro said Administration is shown on page 68 and priorities are listed for 2017. We budgeted for ITS for Taos fleet and ultimately will include the rest of the fleet with ITS. We will aggressively pursue federal and state funding for transit improvements. There are also funds to initiate efforts to eliminate the sunset. Lots of polling has to occur to determine where we are with voters. The administration budget has a slight increase from the prior year. Increases in personnel are related to incorporating performance and health insurance. Under contractual, the increase is related to polling strategy. There is a slight increase in legal expense but also a decrease in HR contractual. Overall, it is a $37,000 increase.

Ms. Van Buren asked about the salary study.

Mr. Mortillaro said the results are in the budget but it only affects 4-5 positions. Those are due to market adjustments and then also a performance adjustment. The District does not provide COLAs - just performance for non-represented employees. In July, the Board will consider that. The closed session for CBA is in June. Page 70 has highlights from 2016 and performance measures. The negatives mean we spent less than we budgeted. The positives mean we conservatively forecasted our budget. The reserves are set at 25% and we have been good in keeping it way above 25%.

Councilor Hernandez asked what the average proposed employee increase is.

Mr. Mortillaro clarified that there is only the performance evaluations which range from 0% to 4%. Most them are likely to be 2-2.5% increases. We have a new computerized performance system that includes their self-evaluation.

Mr. Mortillaro went to Public Information. Page 72 addresses increase in ridership and to get out to the various areas the District serves to promote the services. Staff is now evaluating the 2016 customer satisfaction survey. 2011 was the first satisfaction survey and none was done since then until now.

Page 73 shows that budget breakdown. It is a slight decrease of about $15,000. Reductions are not detrimental to our ability to carry out the mission here. Most is in contractual services, and most of that is
for the survey. Page 74 shows highlights from the prior year and performance measures. Social media just started with those efforts. We want to know how many people are using the QR codes. There are no staff changes.

Mr. Bingham continued the Finance report. Page 76 shows the first year for the budget award. The District meets all the criteria. We are looking to automate most of our systems. Page 77 is the actual budget. It is lower for audit. The cost for the financial software service is the largest expenditure. We have to be selective on training costs. A few policies are changed and investments are definitely up this year. For procurement, 511 POs from last year are down to 240 this year. We once did many for each vendor but now do one per vendor. The District is processing more paychecks. Paying more and more invoices. Risk management had 30 different incidents and we hope to decrease that to 28 this coming year. Finance has been a staff of three since 2014.

Councilor Hernandez asked what the most common incidents are.

Mr. Bingham said bus accidents are the most common. They are mostly minor and only one was our fault. It takes a lot of time with the insurance carrier.

Mr. Mortillaro added that a Safety Committee looks at all accidents to see what might be an unsafe practice.

Mr. Dwyer referred the Board to the back of the packet to the report on accidents and miles driven. On a monthly basis, the Board does look at that. It is a very good part of your packet. You can see when the events happen. Regarding non-vehicular events, the District has had only two tort claims notices since the beginning and two personnel actions. So it is a good track record. As we get bigger, there will be more issues but no big problems.

Ms. Daria Veprek, reported that this is the first year to have HR staff. In 2016, the main focus has been on alignment and consistency. We needed the HR Department to develop initiatives that are in line with our strategic plan. Her first goal was to implement a consistent policy in District practice. The first developed a manual for administration, including new hire information practices; how to complete the various forms, Workers’ Compensation, etc. She worked on employee relations and engagement to be able to partner with a new committee for employees. The committee gives feedback on recognition of employees. They maintain a manual calendar of events to send a message that work can be fun. She also defined what recognition should look like - not just once a year, but ongoing.

Her second focus has been to recruit for key positions. She expanded outreach through social media and accomplished computerized performance assessments, which has just been introduced. Her initial orientation includes a power point presentation that includes information from each department and allows employees to start on the right foot with this comprehensive orientation.

Finally, she has established a coaching culture and is training supervisors how to coach.

For 2017, her focus will be a global vision of HR and further refining of the values proposition as an employer and maintain a positive experience to work at the RTD. Page 82 gives the three main
performance measures: Training and recruitment, which can be expensive; Determining the turnover rate; reducing costs of hiring and the time to fill a position. Page 81 has the budget projections and includes the license fee for Performance Pro software each year. There is a decrease in costs for advertising by using social media.

Planning was presented by Ms. McGuire, starting on page 84, and deals with ongoing grant management (both requests and follow-through), tribal liaison and ongoing monitoring. Priorities for 2017 are to continue implementation of ITS staging in Taos and also collaboration with Human Services for vets and disabled riders as well as the ADA implementation. The budget, on page 85, has $10,000 for hardware and support for ITS. Page 86 shows the ADA transition plan. Route modifications are done in March and include the Taos consolidation and the Santa Fé Mountain Trail route. People will be able to use Google starting in October to plan their trips. We've accomplished almost everything from the plan in 2013.

For Staffing, we hired a regional transit planner so there are now two planners. She did not expect much growth in the next year.

Commissioner Chávez asked what the expected return is on the 12 grants applied for.

Ms. McGuire, said it depends on the type of grant. 5310 and 5311 is very high; TIGER is very low and she has tried for that funding for three years. TAP has been successful in the first three years. Now there is much more competition for those funds but she expects to get a TAP grant.

Mr. Bingham clarified that Staff always asks permission to apply but he does not want to put any of them into the budget until they are awarded, at which time, the Board can amend the budget.

Mr. Mortillaro usually indicates in his annual report on the amount actually received vs. what was requested.

Councilor Sheehy pointed out that the track record is a good selling point to local taxpayers. We need to take credit for those we've achieved.

Ms. Van Buren said she has been impressed with the effort and the time it has taken for them.

Mr. Campos asked who the District relies on for the legislature.

Mr. Mortillaro said they have a lobbyist for state appropriations and he does the federal work himself. Ms. McGuire does all the applications and some have totally different processes. On some, the state is the applicant. And sometimes have to bring in outside expertise.

Operations (page 88) was presented by Mr. Bingham. The Administrative Staff for Operations is Ms. Annette Granillo and one administrative assistant. Ms. McGuire was in this department but is no longer. The budget was previously $92,000 and will to down to $60,000 after this year.

Ms. Sanchez excused herself from the meeting at 11:04 a.m.
Page 90 shows the performance measures. The focus this year is on policies and includes things like a driver handbook.

The number of vehicles and fleet charges generate lots of invoices. Drivers track things as part of their work. They are now implementing the ITS at Taos to track things. They have mitigated Workers Comp by 15% system wide.

Mr. Mortillaro said the tracking will include the percentage of on-time arrivals. We set a standard of 90% and that will become a performance criteria item for the drivers. It takes traffic into consideration.

Page 93 is the actual budget which went down. Salary savings will be a factor. We are anticipating that in our budget. Training of drivers, winning the road-eo contests and other measurements are among the goals.

Page 94 shows ridership is budgeted to increase, costs per trip has also risen. The amount of complaints received has done down.

Ms. Van Buren asked if customer service representatives are the dispatchers. Mr. Bingham agreed.

Mr. Bingham said the fleet is the biggest expense. The District is implementing fleet maintenance software. We have a couple that spend a lot of time in the shop and the software will help make it more efficient. Replacements sought are with alternative fuel. Overall, we are trying to bring costs down with our own work and with contracts as shown on pages 97-98. Fuel is moved out of its own line item and into maintenance at $195,000. With a newer fleet, more is under warranty. Overall, the budget has gone down with more efficiency.

Page 99 shows the performance measures with industry standards with average bus costs and percent of vehicles available and is also part of the software.

Facilities is a new department now with three buildings and QR codes. Page 101 is Utilities and the numbers are consistent. There is a slight increase in maintenance on this building. TAP funds are used for improvements to bus stops, including places for riders to sit while waiting.

Page 104 shows the non RTD allocations for the Rail Runner, Atomic City Transit and Santa Fé Trails. With a little more in revenue projections, there is a little more in allocations. This is not a given until the Board approves the revisions for regional service plans.

Capital budget is on page 105 and more specific breakdown on page 32. One item is to replace the administration service vehicle. We ordered it but they sent the wrong vehicle. We will reorder it for next year. There are 11 units through 5311 and the 12th vehicle is the lease /buyout for Santa Fé Mountain Trail. Improvements to shelters and stops is in to the extent they can be done with a $25,000 budget. Solar lighting is for one in Española. Surface improvements is at $10,000.
TAB funds are for ADA program construction and project management for upgrading noncompliant shelters with $360,000 projected. There is still have a long way to go. Overall, ADA improvements will need an investment of over $1 million and after this year, we are almost half way.

The energy generator and on-call engineering services cost was a little more than anticipated so we are re-budgeting a portion to cover it. The copier needs replacement. It gets knocked out from surges but has old technology. It uses a wax type printing that is not used much anymore. What works best is to buy out the contract. Office additions this year include space in the back for a couple of offices. We also need to replace some videos in vehicles. The IVR is the new technology for information on bus location with no smart phone. The ITS system is for Taos and the budget is carrying over the funding since it won’t be finished until Sept 2017.

Page 106 is the Long Range Capital program with a snapshot of expenditures into the future. This chart integrates into the next section. The difference is $150,000 in the budget. The Long Range Strategic Plan has several scenarios given and the Board chose the Moderate scenario.

Mr. Bingham said a question remains on how to modify expenditures or increase revenues to address anticipated diminishments of reserves. It gets fuzzier, the further out projections are carried. There is no forced balancing.

The GASB 68 requirements call for pension liabilities. But Mr. Bingham sees them as State liabilities. It is up to PERA to make sure those monies are there. So he did an estimate with GASB and one without. Page 106 shows it without GASB. About midway down the page, $2,088,000 is the GASB liability. Technically, if the RTD went out of existence, it would be a PERA responsibility. When the reserves get down to zero, the RTD will have to find another funding sources or dissolve the entity. So we need to talk about increased GRT in the future sometime.

Mr. Mortillaro added that this doesn’t continue the Los Alamos contribution in the future. The maintenance facility also influences it. So there are some things that can be done to change the trajectory. For us, it is preservation of transit service first. It is not insurmountable. Other things can happen. We don’t know what will happen with the lab and whether it remains a taxable entity.

Councilor Sheehy said the contribution is safe as long as the contract is in place. If it goes back to non-taxable - it would reduce LA GRT by millions of dollars. So keeping that is a big deal.

It is a political thing also. And Los Alamos would have to look at increasing GRT and property taxes also. But through 2018, it is safe.

Chair Barrone asked for Public Comment regarding the budget.

There were no public comments and the public hearing was closed.

E. Discussion and consideration of Resolution No. 2016-16 Adopting a Preliminary Fiscal Year FY2017 Budget
Mr. Campos moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-16, Adopting a Preliminary Fiscal Year FY2017 Budget. Mr. Pino seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambe Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Rio Arriba County, City of Espanola, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Pojoaque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

F. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-17 Authorizing NCRTD Staff to Apply for Federal Funding through the FFY2016 Section 5339(b) Bus Facilities Grant Program for the following project: A Maintenance Facility, Wash Bay, and Fueling Station

Ms. McGuire reminded the Board of the earlier discussion about this. TIGER was the only 5339 source. There is no significant change to the application except for a larger match of 20% vs. TIGER at 5%. So this would be $1.2 million and the details are on pages 113 and 114. It is ready to go with a deadline of today and would go to USDOT by next Friday.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-17 Authorizing NCRTD Staff to Apply for Federal Funding through the FFY2016 Section 5339(b) Bus Facilities Grant Program for the following project: A Maintenance Facility, Wash Bay, and Fueling Station. Commissioner Chávez seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambe Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Rio Arriba County, City of Espanola, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Pojoaque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

Mr. Bingham asked for approval of the cash adjustment in Resolution 2015-14.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve the budget (cash) adjustment in Resolution 2015 -14 (last paragraph). Councillor Sheehy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambe Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Rio Arriba County, City of Espanola, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Pojoaque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

G. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution No. 2016-18 Authorizing NCRTD Staff to apply for Federal Funding through the FFY 2016 Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants Program to Conduct a Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan for the Four-County Service Area

Ms. McGuire gave details on this application for federal funding. The application is due May 20. The District can only apply through the State. The FTA deadline is May 31, not March as it indicates at the bottom of page 133.

Ms. McGuire clarified that the fiscal impact is a commitment of 20% of the award up to $100,000. She is interested in engaging financial partners on this project. Ultimately, we would need to commit to cover
that.

Commissioner Chávez asked if this could help the District with inmates from adult corrections to provider or a social agency to help upon their release.

Ms. McGuire said it could be but she would have to defer to the actual study.

Mr. Campos indicated that the HSD office got a one year grant with mobility if Ms. McGuire could meet with the woman in his office, she could help with that.

Commissioner Chávez moved to approve Resolution No. 2016-18 Authorizing NCRTD Staff to apply for Federal Funding through the FFY 2016 Rides to Wellness Demonstration and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grants Program to Conduct a Coordinated Human Service and Public Transportation Plan for the Four-County Service Area. Councilor Sheehy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Rio Arriba County, City of Española, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Pojoaque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

H. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2016-19 Requesting the Los Alamos County Council to Consider a Long-Term Commitment for an Annual Contribution to the NCRTD

Mr. Mortillaro said this was requested by Gov. Dorame and Councilor Maestas. Mr. Pino didn’t have other comments.

Chair Barrone said this is a tough thing to bring up. It is pretty hard for Los Alamos County to make that commitment.

Councilor Sheehy said it is good for the short term. Los Alamos citizens and Council recognize the benefit but it is year by year. He hoped the importance will continue to be seen and welcomed this advice to Los Alamos County.

Commissioner Chávez asked for continuation annually of $350,000 and that no further reductions be made. He asked for Councilor Sheehy’s response.

Councilor Sheehy said he was pleased that the Council in this year’s budget hearings were willing to hold it at $350,000. But we are in a situation of revenues dropping. He made the point that it is important for matching contributions for grants.

Mr. Pino asked if resolutions are binding.

Mr. Dwyer said they are binding on this Board but not binding on Los Alamos. What they do with it is up to them. We all have to acknowledge that all budgets are only good for the current year. They could say there are no other present intentions. But it is always conditional. The two requesters saw the downward
trend and wanted a response from their Council.

Mr. Campos asked if that language is too harsh. We want to ask kindly so with a pretty please. We don’t want to upset the Los Alamos Council.

Commissioner Chávez agreed but it should not to be too subtle. It is a long term commitment. He was concerned about the way it is being asked.

Mr. Dwyer noted that the sponsors and Gov. Dorame and Councilor Maestas are not present and he understood the response. Maybe the Board should consider postponing it.

Commissioner Chávez moved to postpone Resolution 2016-19 Requesting the Los Alamos County Council to Consider a Long-Term Commitment for an Annual Contribution to the NCRTD to the next Board meeting. Mr. Campos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

I. Discussion and Consideration of Investment of District Funds Summary

Mr. Bingham gave his quarterly report. He reported that a few six-months CDs will be moved to one year and also one that expires monthly. He is exceeding budget expectations and is in discussion with LANB for a better rate.

Mr. Pino moved to accept the Investment of District Funds Summary Report. Ms. Valério seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (9-0) roll call vote with Los Alamos County, Nambé Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh, Rio Arriba County, City of Española, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Clara Pueblo, and Town of Taos voting in favor and none voting against. Pojoaque Pueblo was not present for the vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS


Mr. Bingham provided the financial report for March 2016 and referred members to page 141 for details. He commented that revenues are higher than expenditures. The county receipts begin on page 143 and the revenues for all four counties are exceeding the budget. The grants on page 148 show the District is bringing in more than the previous year. Money will be reimbursed when the buses come in.

There were no questions from the Board concerning the Financial Report.

Lt. Gov. Garcia excused himself from the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

K. Finance Subcommittee Report
Councilor Sheehy reported the Subcommittee looked at the preliminary budget. The detail in the budget and getting the awards are not simply a feather in our cap but save us money with our reserves and financial records together.

L. Tribal Subcommittee Report

Governor Dorame was not present to give the Tribal Subcommittee Report.

Mr. Mortillaro said the April 21 meeting did not take place so we are working with Gov. Dorame to get another meeting scheduled.

M. Executive Report and Comments from the Executive Director:
1. Executive Report for March 2016

Mr. Mortillaro said these reports are in the packet. He called attention to the gun violence law presentation at 1:30 in Española. The District will have a bus there at no cost to the City or the County.

Mr. Mortillaro announced that he was reelected as chair of the New Mexico Transit Association.

Commissioner Chávez said he heard the US Forest Service is now allowing bike racks.

Mr. Mortillaro agreed. They will be letting our stakeholders know that it will be available. The route will recommence in July with bike racks on front and back. We will see what kind of ridership we get.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Sylvester reported for Rio Metro. He thanked the Board for their support. Rio Metro is working on three main things now. One is the federal mandate that we install positive train control along the corridor. We feel it is redundant but we have to have it in place in 2018 and it is very expensive. We are looking for grants to help.

Secondly, Rio Metro applied for TIGER funds for transit services in downtown Albuquerque. Thirdly, they are preparing to celebrate the 10th anniversary for the Rail Runner (southern leg) on July 10th. They will let the District know how to participate.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chair Barrone announced Mother’s Day celebration in Taos on Saturday and Sunday. The RTD is providing transportation from various parking lots.
ADJOURN

Commissioner Chávez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Campos seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Councilor Ring moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Fambro seconded and it passed without exception.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved by:

[Signature]

Daniel R. Barrone, Chair

Attest:

[Dennis Tim Salazar, Secretary]

Submitted by:

[Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.]