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PTBA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES July 14, 2010 at 11:00 am

Held at: GTA Project Site, 8392 W Westover Blvd, Moses Lake, WA 98837

Board Members Present

- Mayor Kathy Bohnet
- Commissioner Carolann Swartz
- Councilman Dick Deane
- Mayor Roldan Capetillo
- Councilman Manuel Guerrero

Staff Present

- Greg Wright, Transit Manager
- Brandy Heston, Clerk of the Board
- Michael Wyman, Legal Counsel

Board Members Absent

- Councilman Philip Isaak
- Councilwoman Gina Bennett
- Councilman Bruce Reim
- Councilwoman Roberta Hensley

The meeting of the Grant Transit Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Board Chair Mayor Bohnet at 11:03 am. Roll call was taken by Brandy Heston, Transit Operations Supervisor/ Clerk of the Board, 5 Board Members present and 4 Board Members absent.

Greg Wright, GTA Transit Manager, welcomed everyone to the groundbreaking ceremony for Grant Transit Authority's new Operations & Maintenance Base. Mr. Wright acknowledged several people in attendance including:

GTA Board Chair, Mayor Kathy Bohnet; GTA Board Members Councilman Dick Deane, Councilman Manuel Guerrero, Mayor Roldan Capetillo and Commissioner Carolann Swartz; Moses Lake Mayor Jon Lane; People For People CEO Madelyn Carlson; WSDOT Representative Tom Hanson; Graham Constructions Representatives Tim Steinbrecher, Tom McCune and Reggie Brussel; GTA Legal Counsel Michael Wyman; GTA Transit Operations Supervisor Brandy Heston; and Ralph Harig with People For People. Program was turned over to Board Chair Kathy Bohnet.

Mayor Bohnet welcomed and thanked everyone for their support. This has been a long process and it is great to begin the construction. Mayor Bohnet gave special recognition to Tom Hanson at the Washington State Department of Transportation. Also to the FTA for providing technical assistance to ensure GTA met all FTA regulations and reporting requirements.

Mayor Bohnet noted that a large portion of the funding for this facility comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act with the intent to provide stimulus in this current economic downturn and provide the opportunities for jobs in our community. The construction over the next many months will meet the goal of providing jobs and long term and lasting benefits to our community.

Lastly, Mayor Bohnet thanked the citizens of Grant County for their continued support of the Grant Transit Authority. It was also noted that a substantial amount of Grant County Sales Tax dollars are being invested into this project. Thank you Citizens of Grant County.

Tom Hanson, Washington State Department of Transportation, commented on what a great partnership this has been and continues to be.

Board Members, Greg and Moses Lake Mayor Jon Lane used the golden shovels for the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Councilman Deane noted that he was very pleased that this project is underway and that this is the perfect location. Councilman Deane is happy to have been a part of this long process and thanked all of the current and past GTA Board Members for their part in this project.

Mr. Wright again thanked everyone for attending this great event.

Commissioner Swartz made a motion to adjourn the GTA Board of Directors Special Board Meeting. Mayor Capetillo seconded the motion, motion unanimously carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 am.

Attested:

Brandy J. Heston
Transit Operations Supervisor/Clerk of the Board

I certify that this is a true copy of the accepted GTA meeting minutes.

Board Member