

TRINITY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

June 21, 2022

MINUTES

HYBRID – In-Person and Virtual Teleconference

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A. Chair Groves called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Members present: Commissioners Evan Barrow, Jill Cox, Pat Frost, Keith Groves, Andrew Johnson, and Joseph Kasper (arrived 4:10).

Members absent: Commissioners Anna Burke, Liam Gogan, and Alternate Commissioner Jeremy Brown

Staff Present: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer, Kathy Bull Administrator/Clerk.

2. PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

No presentations were presented.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of Minutes from the April 19, 2022 Commission Meeting

B. Authorizing Teleconferencing of Meetings in accordance with AB 361

Motion to approve Consent Calendar was presented by Commissioner Frost, seconded by Commissioner Cox, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Cox, Frost, Groves, Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Burke, Gogan, Kasper

4. PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

There were no comments received from the public.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Ms. Santsche noted the proposed budget was approved at previous meeting with staff circulating the proposed budget to all local funding agencies and have not received any comments. Staff is proposing a budget expenditure with no change from previous year budget with a 3% increase to member contributions.

The Chair asked for public comments, and with no public comments, the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 via Resolution 2022-06 as submitted was presented by Commissioner Frost, seconded by Commissioner Barrow, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Cox, Frost, Groves, Johnson

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Burke, Gogan, Kasper

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Mountain Communities Healthcare District Ambulance Services By Contract Outside District Boundaries

Ms. Santsche informed the Commission of an application filed by Mountain Communities Healthcare District regarding an urgently needed ambulance services contract outside of district boundaries. The agreement, noted as attachment A, Mountain Communities Healthcare District

would provide administrative support, hire alternative life support employees, and manage ambulance service in the Trinity Life Support CSD service area. The agreement would also provide for Trinity Life Support to retain all real property, equipment assets, special taxes and billing prior to the agreed upon date. The agreement has a five-year term with a provision for extension. Mountain Communities Healthcare District is proposing to hire all of Trinity Life Support CSD's employees with a wage increase.

Scott Alvord, Trinity Life Support CSD Board President explained that through the stated agreement, the CSD would be able to remain solvent and be able to purchase a new ambulance each year and make station improvements. The agency did state they were interested in a partnership and not a consolidation.

Aaron Rogers, Mountain Communities Healthcare District CEO was in agreement with Scott Alvord and was hopeful community services would be improved. Mr. Rogers was available to answer questions about the mutual benefits of maintaining ambulance services, how ambulance relies on cost-based reimbursements, and how the critical access designation may bring financial advantages.

Motion to adopt item as presented via Resolution 2022-07 as submitted was presented by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Kasper, and passed by the following votes:

Ayes: Barrow, Cox, Groves, Johnson, Kasper

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Burke, Gogan

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Expiring Commissioner Terms Update

Ms. Santsche provided updated information regarding Commissioner terms. A Special District Selection Committee meeting was previously scheduled which did not receive a quorum. Another Special District Selection Committee meeting is scheduled. The Alternate Public Member position is still open until filled.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Santsche stated she had received inquiries from Weaverville Sanitary District and Trinity County Waterworks District asking about the annexation application process. Staff has updated application materials and is available to review on our website. There was discussion regarding Special District member seats being designated as enterprise district and non-enterprise district, with the possibility of bringing this as an agenda item for future voting to change designations.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Barrow was pleased with the conversation about the ambulance service in Trinity County. There was additional recognition that ambulance service is struggling, including STAR.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Groves adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kathy Bull
Administrator/Clerk

Keith Groves
Chair

DATE: _____

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