

Minutes of WMAC Board November 2, 2021, meeting by Zoom Videoconference at 7 p.m.

- 1) **Roll Call: 7:00 pm** All Board members were in attendance. also in attendance were Mr. Bailey Oakes (candidate for the Board's Alternate member), also members of the public: (a) Mr. Robert Finnell; and (b) Mr. Bill Studebaker.
- 2) **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:** It was noted that the draft WMAC Board minutes from the October 5, 2021 Board Meeting were previously timely issued to the Board in advance of the Meeting. Upon motion duly made (Mr. Knapp) and seconded (Mr. Van Bueren), the Board unanimously approved the draft minutes of Oct 5, 2021.
- 3) **Public Expression - (Discussion Only)** The WMAC welcomes public participation in Council meetings. Comments provided in the Public Expression portion of the agenda are for matters under the jurisdiction of the Council (planning issues, local infrastructure, and safety). The Council may limit testimony on non- agenda items to 3 minutes per person and 10 minutes per subject. No action shall be taken at the same Meeting on public expression items, but the matter may be placed on a future WMAC agenda for action if appropriate.

Robert Finnell thanked the Board for following good protocol.

4) **Prior business** - (discussion and possible action)

a) **Invitation to Kyle Farmer on County redistricting** - Mr. Farmer was not in attendance. Mr. Robert Scott went over several informational emails received by the WMAC from the redistricting committee.

b) **County Transportation Plan** – Mr. Thad Van Bueren reported that he had submitted a complete report that was published in the November 2021 edition of *The Westport Wave* newsletter and online posting. The Commission is now winding up its assignment and it was decided the WMAC would send the Commission a letter acknowledging the Commission's efforts. Questions were asked and answered. The draft letter will be circulated between the Board members for approval in the coming days before issuing the letter to the Commission before the December 5, 2021 written response date.

c) **Abandon vehicles letter update** – Mr. Gary Quinton announced that a letter penned by Mr. Scott had circulated through the Board and after several changes was agreed to by all Board members. It was decided that the letter would be sent to a list of agencies previously approved by the Board, such as the Commission of the California Highway Patrol, Mendocino County Public Works, County Code Enforcement. Questions were asked and answered, and it was noted that currently there are no other abandoned vehicles identified in the WMAC Area.

d) **Coastal Accessory Dwelling Units - Possible comments to the Coastal Commission** – Mr. Bill Knapp provided the update, noting that there was no additional input

and reporting that the ordinance was passed by MBOS and Fort Bragg Planning Department allowing for approval for up to 400 ADUs.

(e) Clay Road update re litigation update. Mr. Gary Quinton reported that the litigation between the Company who is acting with respect to closing Clay Road and Mr. Markley is still progressing. Mr. Scott reported that he was contacted by Mendocino County Counsel regarding a report that the WMAC was joining in the lawsuit. Mr. Scott reported to County Counsel that such a report was not accurate. Mr. Scott read to the County Counsel the minutes of the October 5, 2021 WMAC Board meeting demonstrating no such topic was even considered. Mr. Scott did represent to County Counsel that many in the Westport area were very concerned about Clay Road closing and that it was the belief of many Westport long time citizens take the position that Clay Road was a County road that had never been abandoned and is necessary for the safety of our community as an alternate emergency escape route considering the few ways out of our community. The Board decided that a letter to the MBOS, County Counsel, and other possible agencies was appropriate to express the WMAC's concerns of the WMAC community and ensure that the County will keep the WMAC informed in a timely manner. A draft will be circulated amongst the WMAC Board in the coming days for review and approval prior to sending to the County Counsel MBOS and any other relevant County agency.

5) New Business (discussion and possible action)

a) WMAC website update. Mr. Bill Knapp reported that the website activation process which has been stalled needs to move forward. Mr. Knapp noted that he will be working on the website activation in the coming weeks.

b). MCOG update - No comments were presented.

6) Announcements / Correspondence - Mr. Scott reported he received a phone call from Senator McGuire's office regarding future action by his office on SB231. Mr. Scott informed the Senator that the WMAC wished to continue to be informed of all action towards the furtherance of the newly signed SB231.

A discussion ensued with questions asked and answered. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the Senator's office stating that the WMAC is interested and requesting that the WMAC is timely informed in writing of any and all developments related to SB231 and the process that would involve Caltrans and the designated Tribal Government's future qualified non-profit entity in the future.

7) Set preliminary agenda for next Meeting. December 7th, 2021, Items on this 11-2 agenda not completed will be included and any new items received by the Secretary before the 12-7 meeting.

(Post Meeting note: The Board will also address the review and process for continuing use of virtual WMAC Board Meetings in accordance with new legislation recently enacted (Assembly Bill 361). Mendocino County Counsel's office has provided a sample resolution template that the WMAC could use and a Memorandum on the process and protocols by reviewing updates from the Public Health Department of Mendocino County.)

8) **Adjournment.** Upon motion duly made (Ms. Griggs) and seconded (Mr. Quinton) the Board adjourned the Meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Gary Quinton – WMAC Secretary and Director

Approved on _____, 2021

Signature

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