



Sonoma County Consolidated Oversight Board

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2022

8:30AM – 10:00 AM

Recording of Meeting:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HK9LPN_8eV4

1. Call to Order

- At 8:33 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Chair Rogers
- Board Roll Call was taken:
 - Present: Grant Davis, Bill Arnone, Kate Jolley, Nance Jones, Vice Chair Dr. Herrington, Chair Chris Rogers, and Supervisor Gorin
 - Absent: none
 - Vacant: one seat

2. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Mr. Lloyd Guccione indicated he sent his comments via email to CDC staff the day before the meeting in which he requests to meet with a member of the Board. He asked if his comments would be read out loud into the record or if he should read it. The Chair informed Mr. Guccione that the Board members did receive his comments and they would be included as an attachment to the meeting minutes. There was no further public comment.

[Mr. Guccione's emailed comments are attached to these minutes]

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2021

There were no corrections or comments from the Board. Vice Chair Dr. Herrington moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 27, 2021 and this was seconded by Board member Arnone.

There was no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Grant Davis, Nance Jones, Bill Arnone, Vice Chair Dr. Herrington, Chair Rogers
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Kate Jolley

The motion passed.

4. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2021

There were no corrections or comments from the Board. Board member Arnone moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 3, 2021 and this was seconded by Grant Davis. There was no public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Grant Davis, Kate Jolley, Bill Arnone, and Chair Rogers

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Nance Jones, Vice Chair Dr. Herrington

The motion passed.

5. City of Rohnert Park Bonds

Staff from the City of Rohnert Park gave an oral report on the expenditures of Excess Bond Proceeds. There were no questions from the Board. There was no public comment.

6. Successor Agency Recognized Obligation Payment Business

6.1-6.9 The cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, the Town of Windsor, and the County of Sonoma Community Development Commission staff each gave an oral presentation on their respective recognized obligation payment schedule for fiscal year 2022-23.

After the presentations, Board member Jones asked the Board how long are the cities and the county able to use the \$250,000 allocation for administrative costs. Board member Arnone and Vice Chair Dr. Herrington answered that the administrative budget is statutorily set and that as long as the city or county has bond debt they are able to claim the \$250,000.

Public Comment: Mr. Guccione spoke and clarified that the \$250,000 budget is the maximum allowed by the Department of Finance and expressed his displeasure in that over the last 10 years each city and the county have claimed the maximum amount without any justification. He asked that the Board not approve the administrative budget requested by the County, because the County has not provided justification for their expenses and has not accounted for the \$8.1million of Russian River redevelopment funds. There was no additional public comment.

Chair Rogers called on the City of Santa Rosa staff to assist in explaining if the budget of \$250,000 covers the cost to implement the program. Staff explained that the administrative budget covers staff's salaries and benefits for accounting staff and consulting services used by staff. Vice Chair Dr. Herrington clarified further that during the regional consolidated board meeting and at the first County consolidated board meeting, each agency has to validate their expense and they are analyzed at that time. Since these are recurring expenses that don't

change very much, they do not have to be re-analyzed. Chair Rogers concurred with the Vice Chair's comments. Board member Arnone added that the reports submitted will be reviewed in detail by the Department of Finance (DOF). Afterwards, Vice Chair clarified that if they are returned by DOF, then the City/County will have to come back to this Board.

Board member Arnone moved to approve each of the requests made by the cities, town, and county and thereby adopt each resolution presented, subject to abstention by Chair Rogers for the request made by the City of Santa Rosa for which Vice Chair Dr. Herrington stepped in to assist, and abstention by Supervisor Gorin for the County of Sonoma request. Vice Chair Dr. Herrington seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Grant Davis, Kate Jolley, Bill Arnone, Nance Jones, Vice Chair Dr. Herrington Chair Rogers, Supervisor Gorin
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Supervisor Gorin for request made by County of Sonoma and Chair Rogers for request made by City of Santa Rosa.

The motion passed.

7. Board Communications

Vice Chair Dr. Herrington asked how will this Board comply with AB361 in continuing to hold remote Board meetings due to the pandemic or does the County declaration of emergency and resolution allowing remote meetings extend to the functions of the Consolidated Board, thereby not requiring one to be made. The Board discussed this amongst themselves and Supervisor Gorin stated that County Counsel would research the matter and follow up with the Board.

Public Comment: Mr. Loyd Guccione spoke in favor of resuming in-person meetings for the sake of democracy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.