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Regular monthly meeting of the Authority.
Meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by the Chairman.

Members present: Walter J. Brunmark
Fred S. Dean
Martin E. Pollard
Lloyd S. Whaley
Jim Wilson

Members absent: H. C. McClellan
B. O. Miller

Also in attendance: Ralph P. Merritt, General Manager
James L. Beebe, General Attorney
Miss Bea Kay, Wells Agency

It was moved by Mr. Dean, seconded by Mr. Brunmark, that the minutes of March 24, 1953, be approved. Motion carried, five votes aye; no votes none.

Copy of letter addressed to Governor Earl Warren and referred to this Authority by Strauch, Nolan & Diggins, 1001 15th Street, Washington, D.C., relating to the ALWEG monorail transportation system in Cologne, Germany, was read by the Secretary. Upon recommendation of the General Manager the letter was referred to the Engineers of the Authority for their information. The Secretary acknowledged receipt of the same.

The General Manager reported that Mr. Stephen L. Wells, Public Information Counsel, and the General Manager had, in the interest of a harmonious relationship and more effective service to the Authority, agreed upon the wording of an amendment in Resolution 15 by which the words "and said Public Information Counsel under the supervision of the General Manager" should be changed to read "and said Public Information Counsel in cooperation with the General Manager". Attorney Beebe indicated the wording did not alter the effectiveness of the Resolution.

Resolution No. 15, amended as above, reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, this Authority, from the time of its organization has received the services of Stephen L. Wells as Public Information Counsel; and

"WHEREAS, the Authority had no funds prior to July 1, 1953; and

"WHEREAS, the members of the Authority had expected to compensate Mr. Wells for services during the fiscal year 1952-53 from funds made available for that purpose, but no resolution or order providing for his compensation was adopted prior to March 3, 1953, and it is the opinion of the General Attorney for this Authority that Mr. Wells cannot be compensated for services prior to March 3, but nothing herein shall prevent payment for such services in the event a legal method of making such payment can be found; and

"WHEREAS, Mr. Wells was employed as Public Information Counsel for the Authority with compensation to begin on March 3, 1953;

"NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the appointment of Stephen L. Wells as Public Information Counsel for the Authority at the meeting of March 3, 1953, be and it is hereby confirmed. Such employment shall run until June 30, 1953.

"The services of said Public Information Counsel shall not include any propaganda or any publicity for purposes other than furnishing information, and said Public Information Counsel, ~~under-the-supervision-of-the-General-Manager~~ in cooperation with the General Manager, shall prepare, transmit and release information upon the purposes and activities of the Authority.

"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND AGREED that beginning March 3, 1953, such Public Information Counsel shall be paid at the rate of \$_____ per month for his services."

The General Manager stated that the Public Information Counsel would prepare and mail to members of the Authority a report on the activities of his office from March 3, 1952, to March 3, 1953, and also would prepare and send to members of the Authority an outline of the proposed services to be rendered to June 30, 1953.

Attorney Beebe called the attention of the Authority to the following: (1) Public Information Counsel cannot be paid for services performed prior to date of employment; (2) the services of Public Information Counsel must be performed within the definitions of activities of that officer defined in the contract.

It was moved by Mr. Whaley, seconded by Mr. Dean, that Resolution 15 employing Mr. Stephen L. Wells as Public Information Counsel be adopted as amended, but with the exception that the last paragraph of the resolution providing for the compensation of Public Information Counsel should be deleted and consideration thereof postponed until a later date. Motion carried, aye votes five; no votes none.

The General Manager then reported on the proposed amendments to be submitted to Assembly Bill 2311 as prepared by Attorney Beebe providing for amending the qualifications required for the Treasurer; providing for the creation of working capital; providing for the equipment trust certificates and the sale of short term notes.

General Manager recommended that in addition to these amendments the word "interurban" appearing in two places in Section 1.1 of the original Act should be stricken from the Act.

On motion to approve the amendments as above described, five members voted aye; voting no, none.

The General Manager then reported on a meeting held between himself, Mr. McClellan and Mr. Wilson of the Authority, and Mr. Jesse Haugh, purchaser of the bus system of the Pacific Electric. The meeting was held in the office of the Transit Authority on April 1. The purpose of the meeting was to determine whether Mr. Haugh would support Assembly Bill 2311 or whether he would support it with certain amendments which might be acceptable to the Authority. At this meeting Mr. Haugh proposed the form of amendment which was unanimously rejected by members of the Authority on the ground that such an amendment would prevent the issuance and sale of revenue bonds. Mr. Haugh had no further amendments to offer and the Authority members invited Mr. Haugh to present at a later time any amendments which he desired to have considered by the Authority.

The General Manager acting under Resolution No. 9, unanimously passed by the Authority authorizing the General Manager to present to the Legislature such legislation as may be approved by the Authority, and to direct the campaign for legislative approval, stated that it was his opinion that unless a compromise was proposed which would be acceptable to the Authority and would be supported by the California Transit Association prior to the presentation of the proposed amendments to committees of the Legislature, no further attempt should be made to amend the Act in the expectation of receiving approval of the opponents of the Act. Such amendments as may be presented to the Legislature by the California Transit Association may then at the time of

presentation come before the Authority for consideration and determination of its position in the Legislature.

The General Manager presented the contract between the Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts with subcontracts with Gibbs & Hill and Ruscardon Engineers for the making of feasibility studies to accomplish the purposes of the Transit Authority Act. The contract was explained in full by the Attorney who presented a written resolution to be known as Resolution No. 16 which reads as follows:

"Resolution Approving Contract Between
The Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts,
Engineers.

"WHEREAS a proposed contract between the Authority and Coverdale & Colpitts, Engineers, providing for certain surveys and a report to be made by said Engineers and other engineers associated with them has been presented to this Authority; and

"WHEREAS said contract is in furtherance of the objectives of the Authority and is satisfactory;

"Now therefore it is hereby RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that said contract be dated April 15, 1953, and as so dated is approved hereby, and that the Chairman of this Authority is hereby directed to sign and the Secretary is hereby directed to attest said contract."

Mr. Whaley moved, and Mr. Dean seconded the motion, that adoption of Resolution No. 16 be made, and on roll call resolution was adopted by five ayes; noes none.

The Chairman and Secretary were authorized upon the return of the contract signed by Coverdale & Colpitts, Gibbs & Hill and Ruscardon Engineers to sign the contract in behalf of the Authority and call a

a press conference making public announcement of the execution of the contract by the Authority.

Attorney Beebe was excused from the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

The Secretary reported that the lease between the Authority and Builders' Control Service, owners of the building occupied as offices of the Authority, was ready to be executed. On motion by Mr. Whaley, seconded by Mr. Dean, the Chairman and Secretary were authorized to execute this lease on behalf of the Authority.

Mr. E. C. Johnson, President, Gibbs & Hill, Consulting Engineers of New York and Los Angeles, was introduced by Mr. Merritt. Mr. Johnson gave an interesting and informative statement as to the history of his organization, the types of work done, its ability to act as consulting engineers in various capacities, particularly with reference to mono-rail transportation systems. He said that although the amount of compensation involved might not be adequate to cover the total costs of studies required, his firm had decided that any additional funds required to complete the contract would be paid by his company as a calculated business risk.

The Secretary presented the financial report of the Treasurer of the Authority for the period from January 1, 1953, to March 31, 1953, inclusive. It was moved by Mr. Brunmark, seconded by Mr. Whaley, that the report be approved and filed. Motion carried, five members voting aye; noes none.

It was moved by Mr. Brunmark, seconded by Mr. Dean, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.


Secretary