The Regional Planning Governing Board (RPGB) met in regular session at the Washoe County Commission Chambers, 1001 East Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada, and conducted the following business:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Abbott at 2:00 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL**

   The clerk called the roll and RPGB Members in attendance were: Jenny Brekhus, Naomi Duerr, Marsha Berkbigler, Donald Abbott, Charlene Bybee, Jeanne Herman, Vaughn Hartung, Ed Lawson, Bonnie Weber (*present at 2:01 p.m. by phone*)

   RPGB Members absent: Devon Reese

   Non-voting Member Katy Simon Holland, Washoe County School District, was present.

   Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) staff present: Jeremy Smith, Interim Director of Regional Planning; Norman Azevedo, Legal Counsel; Jessica Prunty, Legal Counsel; Damien Kerwin; Nate Kusha; Chohnny Sousa; Chris Tolley

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

   TMRPA Interim Director Jeremy Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.  **[For possible action] APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

   MEMBER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) MEMBERS PRESENT.

   (*Member Weber present at 2:01 p.m.*)

4.  **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

   A.  **[For possible action] June 13, 2019 RPGB Meeting**

   MEMBER BERKBIGLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER BYBEE. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.
B. [For possible action] August 8, 2019 RPGB Meeting

MEMBER BERKBIGLER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUERR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Brown discussed the work the TMRPA has done to get the Regional Plan update done, including the housing element and the Enterprise work that has been incorporated.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. [For possible action] Discussion and possible action to ratify the contract with Jeremy M. Smith for the position of Interim Director of Regional Planning

MEMBER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER BERKBIGLER. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

7. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

A. [For possible action] RPGB Resolution 19-04, resolution of appreciation for the service of Marsha Berkbiger as Chair of the RPGB 2018-2019

Interim Director Smith read the resolution into the record.

B. [For possible action] RPGB Resolution 19-05, resolution of appreciation for the service of Kimberly H. Robinson as Executive Director of the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA)

Chair Abbott read the resolution into the record.

C. [For possible action] PUBLIC HEARING – Discussion and possible action to adopt the update to the 2019 Comprehensive Truckee Meadows Regional Plan as recommended by the Regional Planning Commission as set forth in RPGB Resolution 19-06

Interim Director Smith gave a presentation on the draft 2019 Comprehensive Truckee Meadows Regional Plan and answered questions from RPGB Members related to the implementation of the plan. He also noted clerical errors to be corrected on page 115 of the draft in under Policy RC3.

Member Duerr discussed UNR Farm being partially in the City of Sparks as Tier 3 and in the City of Reno as Tier 2. If a UNR Farm Conservation Easement is not completed, steps should be taken to unify the land and put it all into Tier 3 at some point.

Interim Director Smith responded to questions from Member Brekhus explaining that TMRPA staff was not involved in any of the discussions on the Lands Bill and this policy is an attempt to
make sure that the master plans of the local jurisdictions acknowledge that TMRPA staff should be involved in the Lands Bill. Also, even if an area of land is identified and put into the hands of local government for disposal, they will still have to follow the standards.

Member Herman discussed the water resource limits and poor planning in the past that led to the situation in Lemmon Valley.

Public Comment:

Mojra Hauenstein, Washoe County Community Services Department, spoke in support of the plan.

Kim Rhodemyer advocated for UNR Farm to be entirely in Tier 3. It needs to be protected in order to have flood storage for a viable flood project.

Bob Webb, Washoe County Community Services Department, stated that Washoe County staff fully endorse and support the policies as written in the draft Regional Plan.

Amy Cummings, Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), expressed appreciation for the robust community engagement process. The RTC looks forward to implementing the Regional Plan in their next update of the Regional Transportation Plan.

Chad Giesinger, Washoe County Community Services Department, spoke in support of the plan.

Sharon Zadra, Truckee Meadows Healthy Communities, spoke in support of the plan.

Sarah Chvilicek, Chair of the Regional Planning Commission, spoke in support of the plan.

Jim Smitherman, Western Regional Water Commission and the Northern Nevada Water Planning Commission, spoke in support of the plan.

Armando Ornelas, Sparks Community Services Department, stated that the City of Sparks staff does endorse the draft plan.

Member Duerr suggested considering a future motion to address UNR Farms and have the tiering of that property come before the RPGB if they do not complete their conservation easement.

Member Lawson suggested including in this motion that we review the tiering in one year.

MEMBER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2019 TRUCKEE MEADOWS REGIONAL PLAN WITH THE AMENDMENTS ON PAGE 115 AS RECOMMENDED BY STAFF AND A CAVEAT THAT WE WILL REVISIT THE TIERING WITHIN A YEAR, SECONDED BY MEMBER BYBEE.

Member Bybee asked for legal opinion on the ability to amend the plan.
Norm Azevedo, Legal Counsel, confirmed that they do have the right to look at the plan at any point in time. It is up to the RPGB how they wish to proceed with regard to reviewing assigned tiers.

Member Simon Holland stated she also feels strongly about UNR Farms and asked if changes to the assigned tier would trigger a Regional Plan amendment.

Mr. Azevedo responded that the initial step is a review and that could precipitate an amendment.

Member Hartung stated that UNR needs to be part of that conversation.

Member Brekhus expressed appreciation for all the work done on the plan. She will not be supporting the motion and stated that in not identifying a vision among the scenarios, we are defaulting to a scenario of the classic which is sprawl or satellite isolated communities. In the surveys conducted during this update process, people said they wanted emphasis on maintaining infrastructure before adding new and that is not going on in this scenario. The plan will work against our goal to develop the most affordable attainable housing, which is infill development.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SIX (6) IN FAVOR AND TWO (2) OPPOSITIONS BY MEMBERS BREKONUS AND HERMAN.

C. [For possible action] Informational presentation, discussion and possible direction to staff regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget

Interim Director Smith presented information included in the staff report for this item and answered questions from RPGB Members.

Member Berkbigler stated she would like to not fill the GIS position at this time. She discussed the possibly reviewing staffing at mid-year as we see how involved the implementation of the plan will be.

Member Brekhus discussed the process of implementing the new Regional Plan and encouraged the RPGB to ask Interim Director Smith to bring back a work program at the next meeting with resources identified that will be needed.

Member Duerr expressed support for the suggestion regarding the need for a work plan at the next meeting laying out what the steps are for implementing the Regional Plan and the staffing needs that will be required to do that.

Interim Director Smith responded to Member Lawson’s question regarding current unfilled positions.

Member Lawson discussed the possibility of not filling the positions until next fiscal year.
Member Brekhus discussed the need for staffing positions to be filled while implementing a new plan.

IT WAS MOVED BY MEMBER BREKHUS, SECONDED BY MEMBER DUERR, TO DIRECT STAFF TO COME BACK TO THE DECEMBER RPGB MEETING WITH A WORK PROGRAM AND THE RESOURCES ASSOCIATED WITH THAT.

Member Hartung questioned the need for a motion if this is coming back for approval at a future meeting.

MEMBER BREKHUS WITHDREW THE MOTION.

Interim Director Smith summarized direction to bring back a more itemized budget that indicates what our revenue sources will be and a more itemized list of expenditures. Staff will also have a work plan that is itemized so we know how many resources we think we will need.

Member Duerr requested staff also bring a report on what they can accomplish in the work program with the current resources.

Member Brekhus requested that staff identify on the schedule of meetings the budgetary cycle for the agency.

Chair Abbott asked that staff keep the city and county managers involved in the process as well.

8. REPORTS
   A. [For possible action] Members’ and Director’s reports
      i. NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 2019

(Member Berkgibler absent at 4:18 p.m.)

The next regular RPGB meeting will be scheduled for December 12, 2019.

B. [For possible action] Legal counsel’s report

None

C. [For possible action] WCSD Board of Trustees Member report

Katy Simon Holland, Washoe County School District, expressed appreciation for the support shown at the school groundbreaking that have taken place.

9. [For possible action] REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Duerr requested an update on the plans for a school subcommittee to discuss Projects of Regional Significance and how they affect schools.
10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

11. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

12. [For possible action] ADJOURNMENT

MEMBER HARTUNG MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:19 PM, SECONDED BY MEMBER ABBOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH NINE (9) MEMBERS PRESENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christine Birmingham.

Reviewed by:                                      Approved by:

Jeremy Smith, Interim Director                     Donald Abbott, Chair
Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency           Regional Planning Governing Board

APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING GOVERNING BOARD IN SESSION ON 12/12/2019.