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GOVERNMENT OF GUAM

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor
Joshua F. Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor
Celestin C. Babauta, Interim Executive Manager



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Department of Public Works CIP Conference Room

January 22, 2020, 9:30 AM

Agenda

- I. Meeting Called to Order
- II. Roll Call and Opening Remarks
- III. Review of Minutes – November 19, 2019
- IV. Old Business – Southern Bus Route, Fleet Status
- V. New Business
 - A. Election of Board Members
 - B. Paratransit
 - C. Bus Fares
 - D. Contracts (Maintenance, KEI, Leased Vehicles, FY2020 Budget)
 - E. GRTA Radio Call Policy
 - F. Status of Buses/Dispatch System
- VI. Public Participation 3 Minutes per individual
- VII. Executive Session
- VIII. Adjournment



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GRTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2020 - 9:30am
CIP Conference Room, Building B - DPW Compound

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 10:00am

CIP Conference Room, Bldg. B, DPW Compound, Upper Tumon

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order:

Chairperson Evelyn Duenas called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

II. Roll Call:

GRTA Board Members present: Chairperson Evelyn Duenas, Vice-Chairperson John Leon Guerrero, Director Alejo Sablan, Director David Arentz and Director Rudy Iriarte.

III. Review of Minutes:

Chairperson Duenas requested for members to review the meeting minutes of October 17, 2019 and make motion to act. Motion to approve was initiated by Director David Arentz and Director Alejo Sablan second it. Motion to approve passed 5 yes and 0 no.

IV. Management Reports:

- A. FY20 Budget/NAF Funds: Staff Member Catherine Blas provided handouts on FY20 Budget and NAF funds. She informed the Board that the first handout indicates expenditures to-date and the balance of FY20 budget as of November 19, 2019 is \$1,979,889.00 and includes budget allotments. She also presented another handout that describes the expenditures of the GRTA contracts – Kloppenburg Enterprises Inc (KEI) for fixed and paratransit bus operations and Atkins Kroll performing the maintenance contract. Additionally, she stated that the maintenance contract is on a month-to-month because GSA has not made an award due to a protest by one of the bidders. Staff Member Blas also briefed the Board on the Non-appropriated Funds (NAF). As of November 19, 2019, the balance is currently \$174,229.53. Staff Member Blas stated there is \$5,867.60 in GRTA's Bus Fares account in Government of Guam.
- B. FTA Funds: Staff Member Pilar Carbullido informed the Board that GRTA was awarded 5 active grants that totaled \$8.4 million; however as of November 19, 2019 the balance is \$5.975 million. She also mentioned that FTA continues to fund Paratransit operations and we are still in the procurement process with the buses as well as for Transportation Management System (TMS) and the Architectural and Engineering (A & E) design of the GRTA facility. Interim Executive Manager Babauta informed the Board that GRTA will be using \$2.5 - \$3 million dollars to construct the new GRTA Maintenance/Admin facility.



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- C. **Paratransit:** Staff Member Jackie Taitano informed the Board that as of November 19, 2019 GRTA has 491 paratransit riders in the system. This month she processed 12 new applicants, 3 renewals, and 2 ID card replacements for Paratransit.
- D. **Vehicles:** Staff Member Mark Crisostomo informed the Board that presently GRTA has 12 operational vehicles for Paratransit and Fixed routes while 11 vehicles are not operational due to accidents and repair. AK is working on them and some are awaiting parts. Interim Manager Executive Babauta informed the Board the funds used for maintenance repairs will come from the local funds and not from NAF. Staff Member Crisostomo stated that GRTA does not have any back up vehicles at this time. Interim Executive Manager Babauta informed the Board that GRTA does have 2 leased back up vehicles for ambulatory riders and for demand response using GRTA's drivers. Chairperson Evelyn Duenas and Vice-Chairperson John Leon Guerrero expressed their concerns regarding no back-up and overuse of vehicles. Interim Executive Manager emphasized to the Board GRTA is doing its best to provide all riders with transportation. Director Rudy Iriarte and Director Alejo Sablan commended Interim Executive Manager Babauta and his staff with for all the accomplishments that have been achieved.
- E. **Status of Procurement Packages:**
1. **Bus Procurement:** Mr. Babauta informed the Board that GSA will notify the vendor who met the requirements for the bus procurement. Furthermore, GSA told Mr. Babauta that he will be informed to sign the procurement documents. The bus procurement is approximately \$1,083,000.
 2. **One Call-One Click Transportation Management System (TMS):** GRTA was told by GSA that Executive Manager Babauta will be informed to sign documents to approve the procurement. The One Call-One Click procurement is valued at approximately \$424,000.
 3. **Vehicle Maintenance Contract:** Mr. Babauta also conveyed to the Board that a representative from GSA and GRTA will visit the site of the vendor who is tentatively picked to do the maintenance contract to determine if the vendor actually meets all of the maintenance contract requirements. The vehicle maintenance contract is about \$250,000.
 4. **A&E (Architecture Engineering):** On November 22, 2019, GRTA is anticipating DPW will have received the proposals from four Architectural and Engineering firms who are interested in bidding to design of the facility. Interim Executive Manager Babauta is hopeful in the next couple of weeks, DPW will award the A & E firm who will be designing GRTA's building. Federal funds available for the A&E contract is about \$237,500.

V. **Old Business:**

- A. **Bus Routes:** Staff Member Mark Crisostomo informed the Board the Southern Shuttle in conjunction with Paratransit is in its final planning stages and will commence January 2, 2020. He explained that the route will start at the Agat Mayor's office, Umatac, Merizo, Inarajan, Talafofo Mayor's office, Cross Island road, Santa Rita, and back to Agat. Staff Member Crisostomo stated this additional route will shorten both Blueline 2 and Greenline routes by about 45 minutes each. According to Interim



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Executive Manager Babauta, GRTA will be holding Town Hall meetings, in the north, central, and south. The purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to inform the public of the Paratransit Takeover by GRTA, the Southern bus route, and Demand Response. Interim Executive Manager Babauta advised the Board that he met with all the Mayors down south to inform them of the southern bus route.

VI. New Business:

- A. **By-Laws:** Interim Executive Manager Babauta suggests that Board review the current By-Laws and let GRTA know if there are changes that need to be made. However, there no recommended changes.
- B. **Additional Funding:** Interim Executive Manager Babauta informed the Board that Vice-Chairperson Leon Guerrero has been diligent with regards to additional funding for procurement of more vehicles. He explained that GRTA currently has \$500,000 from FY19 FTA funds reserved to purchase 5 more buses and are in addition to the 10 GRTA is currently proposing to purchase. Interim Executive Manager Babauta informed the Board that Vice-Chairperson Leon Guerrero contacted Program Coordinator IV Pilar Carbullido to provide a breakdown for \$1 million with respect to purchase/leasing of buses, maintenance, parts, and labor. Mr. Babauta respectfully advised the Board members that they see the Governor before going to the legislature for more funding.
- C. **Changing Destinations-Paratransit:** Director David Arentz shared his concerns with the Board on changing destinations without being scheduled. He explained how passengers get mad at the drivers when a change to destinations is requested and not accomplished because of the dispatcher's directive. Director Arentz explained how changes without being scheduled creates an uncomfortable situation, it takes up too much time, and makes other riders late. Director Arentz suggested he would like to eliminate it all together unless it's an emergency. He also stated that GRTA does not have the resources to fulfill such changes. Chairperson Evelyn Duenas informed Director Arentz that she will take his concerns into consideration, but if it's along the way and its not going to disrupt the service then it may be done.
- D. **Relocation of GRTA Building:** Chairperson Duenas shared her concerns regarding GRTA's current facility that it's not ADA-compliant. She acknowledges GRTA staff have been very accommodating with assisting the riders. Chairperson Duenas stated since GRTA relocated from the old building she has yet to see the office and also suggested to install lifts. Interim Executive Manager Babauta provided a rough estimate of about \$35,000-\$45,000 to purchase and install the lifts. Interim Executive Manager Babauta expressed to the Board that although he would like to move into a fully ADA-compliant facility it will cost money. He informed the Board if they choose to relocate GRTA, the staff can start exploring new locations and report back to the board on costs to make the move – rental, moving and installing phone/computer lines, set up of One Call-One Click/TMS. Interim Executive Manager Babauta informed the Board that GRTA is moving right along with the design of the new facility and speculates that if all goes well the design should be completed by June 2020 and ground breaking will take place around October-November 2020.



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VII. Public Comments – 3 minutes per individual:

Ms. Ginger Porter states that as member of the public she would like to receive copies of the management reports relevant to finances. Ms. Porter would also like GRTA to ask the Provider to remove the PT designations on the buses that are being run by Sanko and KEI. PT is for public transportation. It's a simple measure, but leaving it on may confuse the public. With regards to Paratransit destination changes her recommendation will be to form a focus group comprised by GRTA and a Paratransit rider representative and have the group initiate recommendations. Last, but not least she advises everybody in the conference room that not only is ADA over 21 years old, but the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 mandates that all government agencies have accessible services and spaces. GRTA had 12 new applicants last month and many may have had difficulty accessing the office. She states "How do you get ahold of somebody if you don't have a phone?" The offices are not accessible, everybody needs to understand that it's a Civil Right. Ms. Ginger submitted a document of a GRTA facility that could be used as reference in designing the GRTA facility.

Interim Executive Manager Babauta informed Ms. Ginger that any person with disabilities who needs service with regards to GRTA transit operations, that GRTA staff is available to serve them. Mr. Babauta explained he clearly understands the fact that the law requires a facility to be accessible. Mr. Babauta explained further that this facility has been afforded to GRTA during the midst of the large rainstorms. The previous facility was flooding, moldy and people were getting sick. Mr. Babauta said he was informed by leadership that at that time, finances were very tight. Mr. Babauta informed the board he is willing to support them with their decisions.

Mr. Brad Kloppenburg introduced Mr. Thomas Higa who has been hired by KEI to serve as their Contract Administrator for their current contracts for Paratransit and Fixed Routes.

No other public comments were made.

VIII. Adjournment:

Being that there were no further discussions, Chairperson Duenas adjourned the meeting at 11:16am and entered into Executive Session thereafter.

John C. Leon Guerrero, Acting Chairperson
Guam Regional Transit Authority Board of Directors

01/22/20
Date

FLEET REPORT

Vehicle ID #	Description	License Plate #	Vehicle Location	In Maintenance Start	Mileage Complete	Mileage	Maint Status	Status	Back in service date
PT001	2014 MV1 VAN	6375	GRTA						
PT003	2014 MV1 VAN	6360	KEI						
PT004	2014 MV1 VAN	6361	GRTA						
PT 008	2014 MV1 VAN	6359	GRTA						
PT009	2015 MV1 VAN	6363	GRTA						
PT010	2014 MV1 VAN	6365	GRTA						
PT 011	2015 MV1 VAN	6366	KEI						
PT 012	2015 MV1 VAN	5736	VA						
Total Operational: 8									
PT100	2015 ARBOC BUS	5850	GRTA						
PT101	2015 ARBOC BUS	5848	KEI						
PT 103	2015 ARBOC BUS	5851	KEI						
PT105	2015 ARBOC BUS	4991	KEI						
PT106	2015 ARBOC BUS	4990	GRTA						
PT108	2015 ARBOC BUS	5747	KEI						
Total Operational: 6									
	2016 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK	4974	GRTA						
	2015 TOYOTA RAV4	5980	GRTA						
	2016 ALUMA, 638LW TRAILER	5767	GRTA						
	2017 KIA SEDONA VAN	4999	KEI						
Total Operational: 4									
G88188	2018 Ford Transit	BW1634	GRTA						
G88269	2019 Kia Sedona	MIN4945	GRTA						
G813A8	2018 Kia Sedona	IN4783	GRTA						
G822A8	2018 Kia Sedona	MG4951	GRTA						
Total Operational: 4									
NOT IN SERVICE									
PT002	2014 MV1 VAN	6364	KEI	9-Nov-19			Accident (pending Police Report)		Awaits Police Record
PT005	2014 MV1 VAN	6372	GRTA	18-Jan-20			Brakes grinding		Evac to AK 22 Jan 20
PT006	2014 MV1 VAN	6358	AK	30-Aug-18			Window (o/Hand @KEI); Steering bad; Wiper motor	Parts on hand	28 Jan 20 (T)
PT007	2014 MV1 VAN	6369	AK	24-Jun-19			Misfring; Trans plate making noise; Rear main seal (on order); PM; Starter bad		23 Jan 20 (T)
Total Down: 4									
PT102	2015 ARBOC BUS	5849	AK	10-Dec-19			Air pressure loss; Engine light on; Sputtering; Eng wiring harness bad	Parts due in 22 Jan 20	awaits air compressor
PT104	2015 ARBOC BUS	4989	DPW	24-Sep-18			Major Repairs; Decommissioned	Parts due in 22 Jan 20	Submit current estimate
PT107	2015 ARBOC BUS	5744	AK	5-Nov-18			Bracket broken; Air compressor bad	Parts due in 22 Jan 20	awaits air compressor
PT109	2015 ARBOC BUS	5746	DPW	23-Oct-19			Major Repairs	Parts due in 22 Jan 20	Submit current estimate
PT110	2015 ARBOC BUS	5745	GRTA	23-Oct-19			Air bag leak; Door switch; Air compressor	Parts due in 22 Jan 20	awaits air compressor
Total Down: 5									
as of 21 Jan 20									

500 : 4/22/2020

FY20 APPROVED GRTA BUDGET
P.L. 35-36 Section 1(dd)

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(Budget Report)

LOCAL FUNDS -

GUAM HIGHWAY FUND (GHF) - \$2,853,159
 PUBLIC TRANSIT FUND (PTF) - \$383,571

		TOTAL: \$3,236,730		
Object Class	FY20 Budget	Less 15% Reserve	Expenditure	Total Available Budget
111 Salaries	582,967	87,445	107,696	387,826
113 Benefits	247,414	37,112	37,795	172,507
220 Travel	-	-	-	-
230 Contractual (GHF)	1,909,703	-	1,573,510	336,193
230 Contractual (PTF)	383,571	-	74,912	308,659
233 Office Rental	-	-	-	-
240 Supplies (Incl. Fuel)	210,001	-	70,113	139,888
250 Equipment	10,000	-	-	10,000
290 Misc.	10,200	-	1,884	8,316
361 Power	12,000	-	-	12,000
362 Water	-	-	-	-
363 Telephone	4,445	-	3,735	710
450 Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3,370,301	124,557	1,869,645	1,376,099

TOTAL 230:
\$ 2,293,274

Fiscal Restraint

0106/12/17/2018

CONTRACTOR: KEI

FY 2020 BUS OPERATIONS		FIXED ROUTE	PARATRANSIT	TOTAL MONTHLY COST
October	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	109,333.98	110,784.39	220,118.37
November	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	48,498.09	51,445.71	99,943.80
December	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
January	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
February	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
March	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
April	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
May	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
June	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
July	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
August	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
September	15 hrs/day, 6 (Fixed), 6 (Para)	-	-	-
CURRENT TOTAL:		157,832.07	162,230.10	320,062.17
TOTAL BUS OPERATION COST, FY20		\$ 157,832.07	\$ 162,230.10	\$ 320,062.17

Note: November 16 -31, 2019 Invoices still being reviewed

CONTRACTOR: AK

FY 2020 BUS PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE	-
Please note current Bid under Protest	
FY 2020 BUS MAINTENANCE	180,242.28
	\$ 180,242.28

Current month to month pending Bid Award

Note: October Pending, November, and December Invoices submitted to DOA for payment

1/22/2020

GRTA CHECKING ACCOUNT: (Bank of Guam)	
Balance Forwarded	173,331.36
Payments/WD/Fee (-)	(7,320.42)
Deposits/Credits(+)	4,966.49
	\$ 170,977.43
As of 01/21/2020	

Based on an Average
FY20

Based on an Average Deposits:	Daily	Monthly	Annual
	\$ 313.00	\$ 8,588.00	\$ 103,056.00
(Est) Based on current tracking			

BUS FARES ACCOUNT: (TOG)	
As of : 01/21/2020	\$ 5,867.60

**Funds collected at DOA and deposited into GRTA Account



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January 21, 2020


LETTER OF SUPPORT

We the undersigned Board of Directors of the Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) fully support the Addendum to IFB No. GSA-065-15 between GRTA and Kloppenburg Enterprises Inc. The Addendum is in support of the Fixed Route Bus Operations Scope of Services.

The Addendum became effective January 1, 2020 and will expire December 31, 2020.



JOHN C. LEON GUERRERO 1/22/20
Acting Chairperson Date




ALEJO C. SABLAN 1/22/2020
Secretary Date



RUDY A. PACO 1-22-2020
Director Date

RUDY D. IRIARTE Date
Director



DAVID ARENTZ 1-22-20
Director Date



2019 recorded as second-warmest in history

(Tribune News Service) - In a time of climate anxiety, 2019 was the second-warmest year since scientists began taking temperatures in 1880, government scientists announced Wednesday.

The near-record temperatures cemented the past decade's title as the warmest in modern human history, according to data from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The steady increase in land and ocean temperatures around the world has been fueled almost entirely by greenhouse gas emissions since the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

"The decade that just ended is clearly the warmest decade on record," said Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York. "Every decade since the 1960s clearly has been warmer than the one before."

In 2019, the average global surface temperature was 1.7 degrees above



WILDFIRES: A firefighter tries to extinguish a fire as a wildfire burns near the village of Gavallas, in Evia, Greece, July 6, 2019. Reuters file photos



DROUGHT: Clouds gather but produce no rain as cracks are seen in the dried up municipal dam in drought-struck Graff-Reiner in South Africa, Nov. 14, 2019.

the 20th-century average of 57 degrees Fahrenheit, according to NOAA's measurements.

NASA pegged 2019's global temperature at 1.8 degrees Fahrenheit above the average from 1951-1980.

Each agency performs its own analysis using temperature readings from thousands of land-based weather

stations around the world as well as from buoys floating throughout the oceans. Minor differences in their methods produce slight variations in the numbers, but the results are in lockstep when it comes to the pace and direction of global warming.

All of the last five years were exceptionally warm, with only small differences that were driven by natural

variations in weather patterns, scientists said.

"We've seen very clearly over the long term (with) many decades of temperature observations from around the world that the global temperature is going up," said Noah Diffenbaugh, a climate scientist at Stanford University who was not involved in the analyses.

RP volcano shows signs of calming, but danger remains



LIFE CONTINUES: A man catches fish as the Taal Volcano erupts in the background in Talisay, Batangas, Philippines, Jan. 15.

Jerome Morales/Reuters

MANILA (Reuters) - A Philippine volcano that has been spewing ash for days appeared to be calming down on Thursday, but seismologists said the danger of an eruption remained high and authorities warned evacuees not to return to their homes.

Some residents took advantage of what they perceived as a lull in the activity of Taal, one of country's most active and

deadliest volcanoes, to return home even though a 9-mile exclusion zone remained in place.

"We are analyzing what this seeming calm of the volcano means," Maria Antonia Bornas, chief science research specialist at the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs), told reporters.

The lake inside Taal has dried up, Bornas said, which

was to be expected since it began spewing lava fountains a day after it shot giant clouds of ash miles into the air on Sunday.

Phivolcs said volcanic activity had "generally waned to weak emission of steam-laden plumes." Even so, it had recorded more than 100 tremors since Wednesday, meaning magma was still rising.

More than 53,000 residents

have abandoned their homes around Taal to take shelter in evacuation centers, but thousands more are refusing to leave or have already drifted back to check on their animals and possessions.

Power has been restored in some areas in nearby Tagaytay city where business owners were cleaning away the ash and preparing to start trading again.

NOTICE OF GOVERNMENT MEETING

The Contractors License Board regular board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Contractors License Board conference room, located at 542 North Marine Corps Drive in Upper Tumon. For any special accommodations, please contact 649-2211/9676

This is paid for by the Contractors License Board.

Kumision I Tano Saina'ta Guam Ancestral Lands Commission

The Guam Ancestral Lands Commission Board Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.**, Department of Land Management conference room, 3rd Floor of the ITC Building 590 S. Marine Corps Drive, Tamuning. The agenda may be viewed at the following link:

<http://dlm.guam.gov/announcements-2/>

Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services, please call Liza Camacho at 649-5263 ext. 475/440.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors Meeting

The Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) announces there will be a regular board meeting scheduled for **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020.** The meeting will be held in the **DPW CIP Conference Room, 1st floor of Building B** located at the Department of Public Works Compound, 542 North Marine Corps Drive, Upper Tumon, Guam.

Paratransit riders please make your reservation at least one (1) day prior to your scheduled pick up time. Please call our **Dispatch Office at 647-7433/34/35**

Individuals requiring **special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services** may contact **Myra Hernandez** at 475-4686 or **Cynthia Terlaje** at 475-4616, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm. Closed on weekends and GovGuam Holidays.



Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D.

The Committee on Heritage and the Arts, Parks, Guam Products, *Hagåtña* Revitalization, Self Determination, and Regional Affairs ("Committee") will convene an Oversight Hearing of the *Hagåtña* Redevelopment and Restoration Authority on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 5:00 PM, at I Liheslaturan Guåhan's Public Hearing Room.

Inquiries and individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services may contact and submit their request to the office of Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), Ph.D., at 163 Chalan Sauto Papa, *Hagåtña*, Guam 96910, by phone at 472-3455, or by email at office.senatorkelly@guamlegislature.org.

The *Hagåtña* Redevelopment and Restoration Authority Oversight Hearing is a public meeting.

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50.952 PHPP	110.14 JPY	1,159.48 KRW	29.938 TWD NT\$	6.8598 CNY	1.4547 AUD A\$	0.9016 EUR €
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Official: China will curb farming near rivers to reverse water pollution

BEIJING/SHANGHAI (Reuters) - China will impose more curbs on agriculture and widen restrictions on industrial development in the next five years in a bid to protect scarce, already contaminated water supplies from further pollution, a government official said on Friday.

The government is planning to restrict farming that encroaches on major rivers, restore wetlands and ecosystems and tackle excess water consumption in its 2021-2025 five-year plan, said Zhang Bo, head of the water department at the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, speaking at a news briefing.

With per capita water resources only a quarter of the global average, China has made the restoration of contaminated supplies a priority. Zhang said the government would now take ecological value into consideration as well as economic value.

Beijing has been drawing what



UNHEALTHY: A farmer works on a polluted river in Shanghai, China, March 21, 2016. Reuters

it calls "ecological protection red lines" that make areas off-limits to agriculture and industry. But with water demand still on the rise, it

must strike a balance among bolstering economic growth, maximizing agricultural output and protecting its rivers.

Walmart reshuffles leadership as investors await results

(Bloomberg) - Walmart's new U.S. chief has appointed his former top lieutenant as second in command and parted ways with the retailer's head of merchandising. Dacona Smith, a company veteran who most recently served as chief operating officer for Walmart's Sam's Club, will become COO under John Furner, according to a memo seen by Bloomberg News. Steve Bratspies, who ran the retailer's merchandising unit for nearly five years, will leave the company and be replaced by longtime executive Scott McCall. The company also named

its first-ever chief product officer in Meng Chee, who joins from JPMorgan Chase & Co. The rejig, which sent Walmart shares down nearly 1%, will focus more attention on the company as it prepares to report its fourth quarter results on Feb. 18.

Housing starts surged last month to highest in 13 years

(Bloomberg) - Groundbreakings on new U.S. homes surged in December to a 13-year high, giving the housing market momentum heading into the new year amid low mortgage rates, solid job growth and optimistic buyers and builders.

Disney to remove 'Fox' from 20th Century film studio name

(The Washington Post) - Disney is removing "Fox" from the name of its 20th Century Fox film division, continuing a process of subsuming the company it bought last year for \$71 billion. The unit has been renamed 20th Century Studios, while the iconic 20th Century Fox logo will no longer contain the word "Fox." Meanwhile, Fox Searchlight, the prestige unit behind films such as 2020 Oscar best picture nominee "Jojo Rabbit" and past winners "Slumdog Millionaire" and "12 Years a Slave," is being rebranded as Searchlight Pictures. The move further

Clean energy investment hits record high

LONDON (Reuters) - Clean energy investment in the United States surged to a fresh record of \$55.5 billion last year, despite the government's attempts to roll back supportive policies, a report showed on Thursday.

As renewable energy costs have plunged and onshore wind and solar developers rushed to qualify for tax credits before they are scaled back this year, investment surged 28% from a year earlier, a report by Bloomberg New Energy Finance said.

This, along with a bigger jump in financing for offshore wind, helped to offset a decline in investment in the world's biggest market, China.

The U.S. wind power tax credit has seen its value drop since 2017 and was scheduled to be phased out completely by this year.

Global renewable energy capacity investment inched up by 1% to \$282.2 billion last year.

separates, at least in the public eye, Disney and Rupert Murdoch's new Fox Corporation, which counts the Fox Broadcasting Network and Fox News among its core assets.

Facebook must hand over data about apps that may have violated privacy

(The Washington Post) - A Massachusetts judge has ordered Facebook to turn over data about thousands of apps that may have mishandled its users' personal information, rejecting the tech giant's earlier attempts to withhold the key details from state investigators.

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Board of Directors Meeting

The Guam Regional Transit Authority (GRTA) announces there will be a regular board meeting scheduled for **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2020**. The meeting will be held in the **DPW CIP Conference Room, 1st floor of Building B** located at the Department of Public Works Compound, 542 North Marine Corps Drive, Upper Tumon, Guam.

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