

**KALAMAZOO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of August 27, 2010**

Members Present: Chair Carol Fricke, Andy Havice, Michael Gregor and Garrylee McCormick, Jason Meddaugh

Members Absent: Vice Chair Donna Treloar and Rueben Richardson (Excused)

City Commission Liaison: Terry Kuseske, City Commissioner (Absent)

Technical Support Members Present: William J. Schomisch, Executive Director

City Administration Member Present: Beth Sowles, Administrative Office Specialist

Others Present: Joe Szuszwalak

Chair Fricke called the regular meeting of the Transit Authority Board of Directors to order at 9 am.

ROLL CALL

The absences of Vice Chair Treloar and Rueben Richardson are both excused. Mr. Meddaugh was also absent but not counted as unexcused.

INTRODUCTIONS

Transit Authority Board introduced themselves to the people in attendance.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Action Item D: Resolution for Michael Gregor
Discussion Items: Electronic Fareboxes

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Szuszwalak inquired about the Alamo routing and whether the current route was new or detour routing.

ISSUES/ITEMS FOR CITY MANAGER/CITY COMMISSION

City Manager approval for the information kiosks.

ACTION ITEMS

Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2010

Mr. Gregor requested that the resignation include the September 1st date. The minutes were accepted, as amended.

Mr. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, from July 23, 2010, and was supported by Mr. Havice. Motion carried unanimously.

Income and Expense Statement – July

Mr. Schomisch presented the July Income and Expense Statement to the Board. Mr. Schomisch stated that actual operating revenues have increased and that our 11% farebox increase target should be met by the end of the year.

Mr. McCormick made a motion to accept the July Income and Expense Statement, and was supported by Mr. Gregor. Motion carried unanimously.

Ridership Report – July

Mr. Schomisch presented the July Ridership Report to the Board. WMU ridership has decreased, but is not impacted by the fare increase (due to WMU students ride for free).

Chair Fricke asked whether WMU had added parking. Mr. Gregor stated that parking has decreased on campus. Mr. Havice asked how Indian Trails provided buses for this service.

Mr. Havice made a motion to accept the July Ridership Report, and was supported by Mr. McCormick. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MR. GREGOR'S SERVICE

Chair Fricke read the Resolution to the Board. The Board recognized all the efforts given by Mr. Gregor to the transit system.

Mr. McCormick made a motion to approve Resolution recognizing Mr. Gregor, and was supported by Mr. Havice. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

State/Federal Funding Update

Mr. Schomisch stated that there is not much new information available. There has been talk about a possible gasoline tax. Chair Fricke asked whether the diesel fuel tax is also being considered.

Mr. McCormick stated he has been elected to be a delegate to the Democratic Party Annual Caucus and there was a discussion on the gasoline tax.

KCTA INFORMATION

Mr. Schomisch stated that a meeting was held regarding language changes to Act 196 to allow one authority to have two millages. One authority board would be needed that would oversee both millages that would in effect be two authorities. Mr. Havice asked whether this language would change the constitution. Mr. Gregor asked whether this system is the only one that would be affected by this language. Mr. Schomisch stated that Ann Arbor is considering going countywide and could potentially benefit from such a change.

Mr. Havice suggested that the county millage would need to be higher to provide more service. Mr. Schomisch stated that service has been requested for later evening service and Sunday service. The only way to fund these services would be through millage increases. Mr. Schomisch stated that 65% of hours and miles exist in the City of Kalamazoo and does not see that changing.

Mr. Schomisch stated that a Search Committee had been formed to work with a nationwide recruiting firm to find a CEO for the KCTA. KCTA hopes to have this position filled by April 2011. The CEO would work on strengthening the Board. The Search Committee is being restructured as the current KCTA Board Chair has expressed an interest in the CEO position.

Chair Fricke clarified that the search committee will be conducting a nationwide search to fill this position so that the successful applicant has the necessary experience.

Mr. Gregor asked whether there was a job description. Mr. Schomisch stated that there had been, but unsure whether it has been modified. Mr. Gregor asked whether Mr. Hein's position would change. Mr. Schomisch stated that Mr. Hein does not have any interest in the KCTA CEO position. Mr. Schomisch stated he has not decided whether to apply for this position or not.

Chair Fricke clarified that until the next two millages pass, Mr. Schomisch will continue to be the Executive Director.

Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)

Meetings continue to be held on this issue.

Electronic Fareboxes

Mr. Schomisch stated that these were purchased and installed in conjunction with the fare increase. There were to be vending machines that people could purchase their passes and add value to their current passes. The ticket vending machines are being sent back to the vendor due to the fact that the machines were not tied to a financial institution to accept credit card payments. The City's Finance Department is looking into accepting payments electronically and Metro may be able to work with this plan also.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Fricke, Mr. McCormick and Mr. Schomisch will interview potential candidate for the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mr. Gregor expressed his appreciation in working with the TAB. Chair Fricke stated Mr. Gregor will be missed. Mr. McCormick also thanked Mr. Gregor. Mr. Havice also stated thanks to Mr. Gregor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business presented before the Transit Authority Board of Directors at their meeting dated Friday, August 27, 2010, Chair Fricke adjourned the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Beth A. Sowles, Recording Secretary

Date: August 27, 2010