

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) April 9, 2013, 5:30 P.M.

In the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room of the Bloomington Transit Operating Facility, 130 W. Grimes Lane, Chairman McConn convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Chairman McConn, Vice Chairman McDaniel, Secretary Cartwright, and Board Member Hasler. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Brenda Underwood, Human Resources/Marketing Administration, and there were no members of the public.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chairman McConn opened a public hearing to receive public comment on the 2013 proposed Program of Projects to be funded under 49 U.S.C. Section 5307. No one from the public offered any comments or input relative to the 2013 proposed Program of Projects. Chairman McConn closed the public hearing accordingly.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions and communications.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no messages from Board Members.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May opened with the 2013 Program of Projects he noted that a public hearing was just held on the proposed 2013 Program of Projects and at the last Board Meeting we discussed the various items that are included in the Program of Projects. Mr. May directed the Board's attention to Resolution 13-10 and the attached Program of Projects for 2013. He solicited questions from the Board on any of the proposed projects and none were offered.

Mr. May said that we have been receiving JARC funding for the last few years that helps to fund our late night bus service on week nights that goes until 11:30 p.m. Under the new MAP-21 reauthorization the JARC program was eliminated and JARC funds were formulized along with State of Good Repair (discretionary) funds. This resulted in a significant increase in the total amount of 5307 funding we will get for 2013, however, we will no longer receive any JARC, New Freedom or discretionary grants. This is a significant problem for BPTC in that we have done very well in the past in securing discretionary grants that have funded major capital purchases such as the new downtown facility and the replacement of most of our buses in the fleet over the past 10 years including several hybrid buses. As such, the increase we got will be

offset by the loss of JARC and discretionary funds to the point where it's a net loss for BPTC in the long run. Mr. May noted a small victory in grant funds as INDOT has approved our request for 2014 JARC funds in an amount that is about \$70,000 more than we requested. This will be the last of the JARC funds as INDOT had some leftover funds that you were looking to provide to a system such as BPTC that could make good use of them.

Mr. May noted IDEM gave us the go ahead to backfill the area where the tanks and soil were removed and to proceed with construction. He said IDEM did say we would need to do additional soil and groundwater testing and submit those test results to IDEM and they may issue additional directives. Mr. May noted that backfilling should be complete over the next week or so and concrete will begin to be poured for footers, the elevator pit, stairwells, and other areas of the foundation.

Mr. May said we have found it more and more difficult in recent years to find good qualified people to hire as driver trainees. He said we recently reviewed our new hire driver trainee wage rate history and believe it is time to increase the trainee wage rate to better attract good candidates. Mr. May shared the history of our driver trainee wage rate going back to May 2000. Prior to May 2000, the driver trainee wage rate was \$5.15/hour. It increased to \$7.50/hour in May, 2000, was increased again to \$9.87/hour in July 2009, and then increased again to \$10.00/hour in July, 2009. Mr. May said we are proposing to increase the hourly wage rate for driver trainees to \$11.00 effective immediately for both fixed route and BT Access trainees. Mr. May shared that upon completion of training that fixed route trainees would see a pay increase to \$12.14/hour and BT Access trainees would see an increase to \$11.41/hour. Mr. May estimated the annual cost of boosting the training wage rate to \$11.00/hour would be \$1,600 based on training about 10 drivers annually. The Board concurred with Mr. May's recommendation to increase the training wage to \$11.00/hour.

Mr. May said we have a request from MCCSC asking BPTC to donate bus passes for children and staff to be used to provide transportation for their summer EdVenture Camp. He said they propose to use regular fixed route bus service to transport children and staff to parks, swimming pools and area field trips. He noted the face value of the bus passes is \$1,560. He noted that staff does not have a recommendation on this request but have forwarded the request to the Board for consideration. The Board discussed the request and concluded that approving the request would help to fill seats during the slower summer period and help to acclimate youth to using public transportation at an early age thus making future customers.

Mr. May said we have a request from the City of Bloomington to allow people who ride their bikes to ride free on National Bike to Work Day on May 17, 2013. Mr. May recommended approval of this request and the Board concurred.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

There were no messages from Controller Browning.

MINUTES

The minutes for March 26, 2013 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Board Member Hasler. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CLAIMS

The claims for April 9, 2013 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Board Member Hasler. The claims were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Vice Chairman McDaniel moved to approve Resolution 13-10; a resolution adopting the final CY 2013 Program of Projects to be funded under 49 U.S.C Section 5307 and authorizing the BPTC Chairman to file and execute grant assurances and the grant contract. The motion was seconded by Board Member Hasler. Resolution 13-10 was approved unanimously.

Under New Business, Secretary Cartwright moved to approve increasing the training wage for new fixed route and BT Access driver trainees to \$11.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Under New Business, Board Member Hasler moved to approve MCCSC EdVenture Camp's request for bus passes for their summer camp program. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. The motion was approved unanimously.

Under New Business, Board Member Hasler moved to approve free rides to bike riders on Bike To Work Day on May 17, 2013. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



Ray McComb, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

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ATTEST:



Alex B. Cartwright, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC

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