

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) FEBRUARY 11, 2014 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, Board Member Hasler and Board Member Obermeyer. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Brenda Underwood, Human Resources/Marketing Administration, Christa Browning, Controller, Ian Patton, Operations Manager, and member of the public Randy Paul.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Randy Paul noted he wanted to talk about what he discussed with the Board at the last Board Meeting two weeks ago. He said we have not always agreed but we have always had a good working relationship and two weeks ago he came in and expressed concern relative to BT Access driver wages. He noted he has been doing this 35 years and he has never ever been so wrong on one of the issues that he brought to light at the last meeting – that being that BT Access drivers had not received any pay increases. He noted he pointed the issue out to the Mayor and a few days later he got an email from the Mayor saying Randy's figures and ours are not matching. In fact the BT Access drivers have had pay raises and pretty good ones. Mr. Paul issued an apology to the Board and to Mr. May for not getting his facts correct. He said what he had been told and what he had been talking about for 4 years was just flat wrong. He said he has always spent a great deal of time making sure his facts are right but he just dropped the ball on this. He said they have issues yet about the pay differential with fixed route drivers but I have totally lost my credibility with this issue so you will not be hearing from him at this point as far as what is going on with the union. He said he was sorry and he hopes that the Board understands. He said he never has done this before and he is still trying to think of what happened and how he could have done something different and he is going to work through that. Chairman McConn thanked Mr. Paul for his statement.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no messages from Board Members.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May noted at the last Board meeting we discussed proposed service changes to downtown routes and how they would operate in the downtown area once we move to the new Downtown Passenger Transfer Center when it opens. He said there is one additional proposed service change that we would like to include for public comment and that involves changing Route 3 on the Westside. He said currently Route 3 operates the inbound and outbound direction through the Highland Village area. He said it has the highest operating speed and also deals with some of

the heaviest traffic. As a result, the Route 3 west bus is often arriving late at our downtown terminal and it sometimes misses connections between routes. He said we need to reduce the round trip distance to bring the average speed down to a more realistic level. He said by operating Route 3 West in only one direction through the Highland Village area the round trip mileage could be reduced by 1.15 miles going from 14.28 miles to 13.13 miles and reducing the average speed from 15.30 mph to 13.63 mph which would help improve on-time performance and reduce the number of missed connections downtown. He said the negative impact would be to require riders who are catching the bus in the Highland Village area and going toward downtown to ride down to Walmart and back thus increasing their travel time by about 9 minutes. He noted those riders could walk to Curry Pike to catch the bus but that would likely add a few minutes of walking time as well. He said the proposed service change was implemented on a temporary basis in the Highland Village area when the widening of West Third Street was underway for more than a year and this temporary detour worked well. He said the recommendation is to include this proposed service change along with the downtown routing changes for public comment allowing the Board to consider public comment on this proposed change before making a final decision. The Board concurred with Mr. May's recommendation and directed him to include the proposed change with the proposed changes to downtown routing for the other routes.

Mr. May noted construction on the new downtown transfer facility continues. He said limestone installation on the south east and west side of the building is almost complete. He noted the glass windows have been installed on the southwest corner of the building in the stairway as well as the southeast office area on the ground floor and the southern second floor atrium. He said the glass storefront at the northwest corner should be installed in the next few weeks as well as completion of the limestone and windows on the north side of the building. He said the electrical and plumbing installation is ongoing on the interior of the building and completion of the roof soon will allow drywall and ceiling installation to commence soon. He said we continue to work with the architect and contractor on a number of challenging design and construction issues that have and will continue to generate change orders.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

There were no messages from Controller Browning.

MINUTES

The minutes for January 28, 2014 were presented for approval by Secretary Cartwright and seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. The minutes were approved by all Board Members except Vice Chairman McDaniel who abstained.

CLAIMS

The claims for February 11, 2014 were presented for approval by Secretary Cartwright and seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. The claims were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

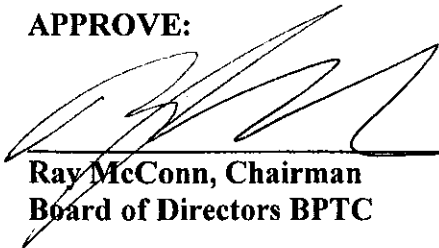
EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining as per Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A).

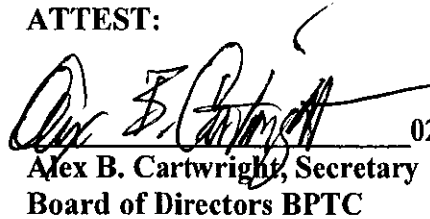
Upon completion of the Executive Session, Chairman McConn certified that an Executive Session was held for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining as per Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A) and that no other topics were discussed in the Executive Session other than allowed by Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A).

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:


02-25-14
Ray McConn, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:


02-25-14
Alex B. Cartwright, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC