

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, 5:30 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Chairman Obermeyer, Vice Chairman McDaniel, Secretary Hasler, and Board Member McLary. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, and Brenda Underwood, Human Resource/Marketing Administrator and there were no members of the public present.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS

There were no petitions and communications on non-action items.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no messages from Board Members.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May noted the fall IU semester ridership is off to a good start compared to last during the first week of the semester. He said the first week we were up 3 percent compared to the first week last year. He said a couple of notable highlights from the first week were that we had the all-time highest day in history at 20,797 and we had the all-time highest week in history at 104,450. He said the second week was surprisingly better than the first week and was slightly higher this year and we had three 20,000 days compared to two in the first week. He said we didn't set any single day records in the second week but it turned out to be the highest week in our history at 104,528. He said the second week was up 4.67 percent while the first week was up 3 percent which averages out to about a 3.8 percent increase combined for the first two weeks of the semester. Mr. May provided a comparison of BT fixed route ridership for the first week of the IU fall semester dating back to 1994. He noted ridership for the first week of the IU fall semester has increased more than three-fold over the last 20 years from 29,860 in 1994 to 104,450 this year.

Mr. May noted Luckys has provided us a draft License Agreement from one of the property owners for our review which he has sent to our legal counsel for review. He said the license agreement is from the property owner where our shelter would be placed and appears to be an agreement for a tenant or lessor in a shopping center. He said it includes language such as responsibility for utilities cost, maintenance and repair costs, and real estate taxes. He said Luckys has told us the property owner of the store location will have a similar licensing

agreement as well. He said he is hopeful that we can negotiate changes in the in the licensing agreements that will satisfy BT and the property owners. Mr. May said if and when we get an acceptable tentative agreement, we will bring it back to the Board for approval and review.

Mr. May said INDOT has solicited new grant applications for 5339 capital funds and New Freedom funds. He said the 5339 capital funds grant opportunity is a capital only program with funds limited to capital projects to replace and purchase buses and bus related equipment. He said the solicitation is limited to small urban areas such as Bloomington under 200,000 in population. He said INDOT has two years of funding 2015-2016 with a total of \$2.6 million available statewide. He noted the projects have to be shovel ready which means in other words we have to have specifications ready for bid by the time INDOT awards the grants. He said the grant application is due in the middle of October we will submit for \$725,000 for two 40-foot diesel buses.

He said INDOT is soliciting New Freedom grants again. He said the existing two New Freedom grants we have, have funded the taxi voucher program and provided the means to research development of a volunteer driver program and mobility education program. He said he has had some preliminary conversations with Rural Transit and Barbara Salisbury and they are interested in continuing our partnership with Rural Transit. He said first we are going to discuss the ideas for the project at a MCCAM meeting tomorrow and then we will have a meeting with Rural Transit to talk about their ideas for projects. He said we would like to continue the taxi voucher program and talk with them to see if they have any new mobility management ideas. He said anticipates putting in an application somewhere in the range of \$35,000 and possibly more depending on the projects we agree on and depending on whether or not local match can be provided through Area 10. He said he will keep the Board advised on what those projects are.

Mr. May said he included an article in the Board packet on how Uber and public transportation are trying to get along.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

There were no messages from Controller Browning.

PUBLIC COMMENT – ACTION ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS

There was no New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

MINUTES

The minutes for August 25, 2015 were presented for approval by Secretary Hasler and seconded by Board Member McLary. The minutes were approved by all Board Members.

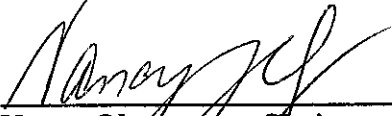
CLAIMS

The claims for September 8, 2015 were presented for approval by Secretary Hasler and seconded by Board Member McLary. The claims were approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

ATTEST:



Nancy Obermeyer, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

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Gloria Hasler, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC

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