

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) MARCH 8, 2016, 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, Board Member McLary, and Board Member Cartwright. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Christa Browning, Controller, Brenda Underwood, Human Resource/Marketing Administrator, Ian Patton, Operations Manager, 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 said things are moving quickly in the General Assembly. He said SB 128 did not get a hearing in the Ways and Means which meant the bill was essentially dead unless it gets inserted into another bill which passes. He said efforts have been going on behind the scenes at the State House to do just that. He said the ITA lobbyist Mark Palmer has made a concerted effort to work with several legislators to get the Senate Bill 128 language into another bill. He said specifically there is a Bill 1081 which is sponsored by Representative Thompson who is open to putting the language of Senate Bill 128 as long as there is no local objection to the language. Mr. May noted he met with Jeff Ellington for breakfast as well as Mark Palmer and talked about the bill and what it would do for Bloomington Transit. He said he also spoke on behalf of Rural Transit because Kerry Conway could not be there. He said Jeff was very non-committal stating he had concerns about any new tax. He said he knows if they get that authority they will implement it here in Monroe County. He said his concern was how will it benefit the rural areas and do we really need expanded transit service in the rural areas. Mr. May said he explained to him as Kerry had told him it would potentially help the rural areas. He said Kerry had mentioned how a lot of people are homebound in their older years and want to stay in their homes. Because they cannot drive any longer, expanded rural transit service would help provide them with mobility linkages so they can stay in their homes. He said Kerry has good relationship with influential people in Greene County who Jeff knows and she had convinced them to support it and both of them had contacted Jeff urging him to support it. Jeff stated he may not speak against this bill which might allow it to go to a vote in the House but when it comes down to a vote he couldn't promise he would vote for it. In fact he stated he would probably vote against

it. Mr. May said for us the important part was getting it to a vote. If we can get it to a vote, we have a chance to get a positive outcome. He said in terms of Peggy Mayfield we used Jim McLary's connections with Peggy. He said Jim has worked with Peggy for a while now and he made a call to her. Board Member McLary said she basically said the same thing she would not speak against it but she wouldn't support it. He said he does have a meeting with her the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>. He said she did say if Morgan County was included somehow she might be inclined to better support it. Mr. May said it likely is going to die. He said every year we seem to get closer. Chair Obermeyer said if Peggy Mayfield is saying that Morgan County can be included maybe that's some conversation to have over the coming year. Mr. May said the best way to include them would be not to include them where they have enacted the tax in Morgan County but to provide a linkage to Morgan County. Board Member McLary said he was talking with Kerry Conway and she said the same thing that they would run an express from Martinsville. Mr. May said if that is what it takes to get Peggy's support I think she would be willing to do it. Board Member McLary agreed. Vice Chairman McDaniel said Morgan County has got to pay for it though you cannot expect the Monroe County tax payers to pay for it. Board Member McLary said he has been doing some pro bono work up there and they have \$1.6 million dollars they are sitting on in foundation money. Board Member Cartwright asked before Representative Ubelhor decided to leave abruptly do you recall his position on this. Vice Chairman McDaniel said he worked hard for us last year. Board Member Cartwright asked why couldn't you come back to Ellington and say we understand Ubelhor was in favor of this - would that influence your position. Mr. May said these last minute efforts are probably not going anywhere but wanted the Board to be aware there is an effort underway to somehow save the language but it will be a difficult uphill fight.

Mr. May said on Friday we go to the MPO Policy Committee to get our TIP Amendment approved for the STP dollars. He said he anticipates it will go smoothly. He said also on Friday he will have his first meeting with the City Council in a work session to talk about our additional appropriation ordinance relative to the two discretionary grants to add to the budget as well as the reversion projects that are proposed to be carried over from last year.

Mr. May said our evaluation committee has narrowed it down to three firms for the provision of paratransit scheduling software and vehicle tracking hardware/software. He said we had interviews with all three of those firms which were helpful. He said we were able to learn some things about the software that we liked and didn't like. He said we have narrowed it down to two firms and Eli will be doing some further online demonstrations over the next week or so and he will be including his dispatchers as well as his reservationist in the demos trying to get them a feel of what it is going to use the software and how user friendly is it. He said they are going to lean very heavily on the staff's perception of the software and what they like in making our final decision. He said we will be making a decision in the next three to four weeks and will come to the Board at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for the final recommendation on it. He said the cost of the project is going to be less than what is in the budget but we would probably hold onto any remaining grant funds and possibly use it for optional modules that we are interested in buying in the future.

Mr. May noted we met with our third party administrator SIHO for our partially self-funded employee health insurance plan. He said we had a reasonably good year with our claims experience and this should enable us to keep employee premium increases at a reasonable level.

Mr. May gave an overview of the SIHO reinsurance proposal for the renewal. He noted the plan renewal begins May 1, 2016.

Mr. May gave an overview of the January ridership noting that January 2016 fixed route ridership was up 2.11 percent compared to January 2015. He said we managed to make this gain in spite of having one fewer non-class weekday in January 2016 compared to January 2015. Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was down 4.39 percent in January compared to January 2015. He said the primary reason for that would be there was one fewer weekday.

#### **MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER**

Controller Browning gave an overview of the February Financial Report.

#### **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 February 23, 2016 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Hasler. The minutes were approved unanimously.

#### **CLAIMS**

The claims for March 8, 2016 were presented for approval by Vice Chairman McDaniel and seconded by Secretary Hasler. The claims were approved unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session for discussion to receive information about and interview prospective employees as authorized under IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

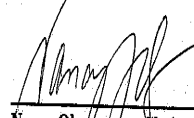
Upon completion of the Executive Session, Chair Obermeyer certified that an Executive Session was held for discussion to receive information about and interview prospective employees as per

Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) and that no other topics were discussed in the Executive Session other than allowed by Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5).

**ADJOURNMENT**

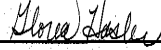
**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**



Nancy Obermeyer, Chair  
Board of Directors BPTC

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Gloria Hasler, Secretary  
Board of Directors BPTC