

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) APRIL 18, 2017, 12:30 P.M.**

In the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room of the Bloomington Transit Operating Facility, 130 W. Grimes Lane, Chair 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 McLary, Board Member Cartwright, and Board Member Hartman. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Christa Browning, Controller, and Brenda Underwood, Human Resource/Marketing Administrator, Ian Patton, Operations Manager, and members of the public Marilyn Conn, James Coker, and Patrick Galm.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

Marilyn Conn noted that she wanted to take the opportunity to introduce themselves to say who they are and why are they here. She introduced herself Marilyn Conn, President of the local AFSCME union for Bloomington Transit employees, James Coker, Vice President, and Patrick Galm who is one of the Executive Board Members. She said at one of our recent meetings we were talking about we have a lot of issues in common with this Board and we should probably at some point work together. She said we are both interested in providing better service and that the union is interested in providing better working conditions for the employees. She said they thought that maybe the place to start is to come to the Board meetings and introduce ourselves and get to know each other and then when things come up we can work together on them. Chair Obermeyer said she liked that idea. Marilyn Conn said and hopefully by May in the summer things will lighten up a bit with the drivers and hopefully by May maybe we can get some of the other guys over that are driving buses to meet you. Chair Obermeyer thanked Ms. Conn and welcomed them to the meeting.

**MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

There were no messages from the Board Members.

**MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER**

Mr. May said first on the agenda we have our group health insurance. He said since 2010 we have been partially self-funding our group health insurance. He said the way it works is BPTC pays for the medical claims of covered employees and dependents up to \$30,000 per person and if any employee has more than \$30,000 in claims a specific reinsurance policy kicks in and pays anything in excess of \$30,000. He said in addition to having a stop loss of \$30,000 on every employee we have an aggregate stop loss on the entire organization and this year it is a little under \$380,000. He said if the group as a whole has medical claims that exceed \$380,000 then the aggregate stop loss kicks in. He said in our experience we have never had a year where we

exceeded the aggregate stop loss and only a few times when the employee stop loss of \$30,000 has been exceeded. He said we have a third party administrator for the group plan who is SIHO. He said SIHO administers the claims on behalf of our group and they also provide the network for the group. Additionally, SIHO shops for and purchases our reinsurance policies. He said the bottom line for the upcoming renewal is we have had a pretty good year with regard to claims. He said it looks like there is going to be a 1.6 percent increase on the fixed costs. He said fixed costs are the cost of reinsurance and the cost of third party administration. He said under the recommended option #3, the aggregate stop loss would decrease about \$19,000 compared to what we have in the current plan year. He said the specific deductible would remain the same for each employee at \$30,000. He said our total annual exposure will decrease slightly about 2.7 percent for a reduction of about \$15,000. Annual expected claims are projected by SIHO to decrease by about \$15,000. He said it is our recommendation based on the reduction in the aggregate stop loss, reduction in the total annual exposure, and because our reserves are very healthy, we can recommend a 0 percent increase in employee contribution. He said then you will actually see some small to modest reductions on some of the dependent care employee contributions and that is primarily because of the premium equivalents that SIHO has crunched and has brought these costs down slightly. He said we have two different plans we offer our employees including a traditional PPO plan and a high deductible HSA health savings account plan. He noted the breakdown on the enrollment is we have 16 employees in the PPO plan and we have 23 employees in the HAS, with a total of 7 dependents in the HSA. He said our recommendation again is to go with Option #3 as it will have a small increase in fixed cost, a reduction in the aggregate stop loss, and a reduction in annual exposure. He said we recommend no increase in the employee contribution. Mr. May noted that under new business we have a resolution for the Board's consideration.

He said an annual thing that we bring to the Board for consideration is we work hand in hand with the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department to help them with transportation with their Kid City Program. He said each year the Kid City Program has a number of venues and camps around town and the children who attend those camps and venues use the fixed route bus system to travel in groups to and from those locations. He said for many years we have made a donation of Summer Fun Passes and passes for adults who work in those camps to be able to use our service at no charge. He said the face value of the passes that they are requesting for this summer's camp is about \$3,216 and that is down slightly from last year's request. Mr. May said in the grand scheme of things this is a pretty small dollar amount here and recommended that we continue our donation to the program. Mr. May also asked if this action item should continue to be brought to the Board each year for consideration. Secretary McLary said it is still good to come to the Board with this action annually. Mr. May noted that we have a motion under new business to approve this donation of passes.

Mr. May said there has been a major detour on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Lincoln as a result of the underground storm water infrastructure problems that they have had there. He said they had to close it on short notice on Thursday afternoon. He said when it happened at the time we really thought it was going to be a long term detour because they were characterizing this as a big dig type of project and those kind of things usually go for months. Board Member Cartwright said this is a temporary fix. Mr. May said from what he understands this is going to get them five

years. He said they are actually going to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street portion of it open by the end of the week. He said it effects five different routes on our system but we are glad to hear it is going to be open in a matter of days.

Mr. May said late last year he was providing a profile of different routes and he wanted to continue that series. He said he wants to finish with Route 7 which primarily serves IU students. Mr. May provided a PowerPoint presentation of Route 7 along with operating statistics, route metrics, route maps, and schedules.

Mr. May said we are looking at a possible schedule change on Route 5. He said we have had some riders come to us and suggested that if the bus was to get to campus 10 minutes earlier throughout the day than it currently does that potentially more people would use it. He said they suggested if we get the bus there about 15 after the hour it might be more attractive to people in terms of timing with classes. He said we are fortunate this route has a big layover at the end of the route. He said we are planning on doing a survey before we change the schedule we are going to survey the ridership on that route to see what the majority of the people think. He said potentially we will come back to the Board with a schedule change sometime this summer to be effective in the fall.

Mr. May gave an overview of March ridership. He said March fixed route ridership was down 2 percent compared to March of last year. He said year-to-date ridership is down 2.63 percent compared to the same period last year.

Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was up 3.42 percent in March compared to March 2016. He said year-to-date BT Access ridership is up 9.66 percent in March compared to the same period last year. Secretary McLary noted that productivity is up and more efficient. Mr. May said productivity for BT Access was 2.47 in March compared to 2.28 in March of last year.

Secretary McLary noted looking at the accidents we are up from 5 to 13 on fixed route and 1 to 4 on BT Access and those are pretty substantial jumps. Mr. May said you also need to look at the number of preventable accidents and do the comparison. He noted that the number of fixed route preventable accidents is 2 in March of this year compared to 2 in March of last year. He also noted that we had 2 preventable BT Access accidents in March compared to 0 in March of last year.

Mr. May said we took delivery earlier this week of a couple BT Access vehicles. He said these are ones that we placed the order for back in November last year and they arrived on Monday. He said one of these vehicles is a larger vehicle. He said we were looking at different types of vehicles and ultimately we made the decision to go with one larger and one medium size vehicle. He said we have two different seating configurations in both these vehicles. He said we will have them up in front for Board members to look at after the meeting.

### **MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER**

Controller Browning gave an overview of the March Financial Reports.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – ACTION ITEMS**

Member of the public, James Coker, Vice President of AFSCME, noted that some of the insurance is too high for instance if you are a family of four \$2,000 is a lot to pay. He said nobody can afford this amount. He said he thinks that is part of the problem why we are not getting other people to hire on as drivers.

## **NEW BUSINESS – ACTION ITEMS**

Under New Business, Board Member Hartman moved to approve Resolution 17-09; a resolution authorizing the continuation of partial self-funding of group health insurance for BPTC employees and a plan agreement with SIHO for the provision of third party administrative services at the rate of \$32.50 per employee per month, the purchase of specific stop loss of \$30,000 per employee and an aggregate stop loss of \$359,228, the continued use of a medical claims account to fund and pay for employee medical claims and other related group health insurance expenses within the parameters of the plan design, and the establishment of the employer/employee contributions for the May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018 plan year. The motion was seconded by Board Member Cartwright. Resolution 17-09 was approved unanimously.

Also under New Business, Board Member Cartwright moved to approve the donation of bus passes to the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department for their 2017 Kid City program for transportation to and from various program venues. The motion was seconded by Secretary McLary. The motion was approved unanimously. He said on Route 5 are you saying every half hour. Mr. May said no that would mean adding another bus out there and adding additional hours. He said we are talking about doing the layover downtown instead of at Jackson Creek Middle School. Mr. Coker said he has been pushing that forever with Heidi and he thinks that is a great idea. Mr. May said we are going to survey the riders because it is a handful of people who made this suggestion to us and the rest of the ridership may not like it. He said maybe a short break at Jackson Creek Middle School and turn around and head out and that way you would get to the campus sooner and the bulk of your layover would be spent at the downtown transit center.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes for March 21, 2017 were presented for approval by Board Member Cartwright and seconded by Secretary McLary. The minutes were approved unanimously.

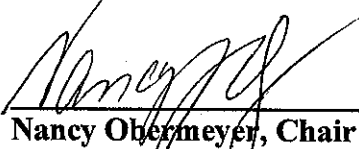
## **CLAIMS**

The claims for April 18, 2017 were presented for approval by Board Member Cartwright and seconded by Secretary McLary. The claims were approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**



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**Nancy Obermeyer, Chair  
Board of Directors BPTC**



05-16-17

**James J. McLary, Secretary  
Board of Directors BPTC**