

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) JANUARY 18, 2022 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair Mclary convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation. The meeting was held with some members attending in-person and some via a virtual electronic means.

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ROLL CALL

Board Members and staff present: Secretary Nancy Obermeyer, Board Member Marilyn Hartman, Board Member Doug Horn. Also present were General Manager, John Connell, Controller, Christa Browning, Planning and Special Projects Manager, Zac Huneck, Human Resource Administrator/Marketing Director, Brenda Underwood.

Members of the Public: Dave Askins, B Square Beacon

The following additional persons were also present via Zoom. Chair, Jim McLary, Vice Chair, Kent McDaniel, Customer Service Manager/BT Access Manager and Andrew Coomer.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Obermeyer noted that General Manager John Connells performance to date is excellent.

Mr. Connell stated we are continuing negotiations on Resolution 21-30; a resolution approving an Inter-local Cooperation Agreement between BPTC and Indiana University.

Chair McLary stated it is his hope in the next year we will be able to develop a strategic plan for Bloomington Transit. He asked if we should engage a facilitator or if we want to participate with the board itself? General Manager John Connell recommended that the Board considers soliciting request for proposals and select a firm to assist in the process, since this is going to be a major undertaking. Mr. Connell said he wants make sure all the stake holders in the community have an opportunity to give their input as we develop this road map for Bloomington Transit. Mr. Connell noted that he thinks it is in everyone's best interest to hire an expertise in this area. Chair McLary questioned if the firm would act as facilitator or a consultant? Mr. Connell said it would be both. Mr. Connell stated there are a lot of different projects that we want to accomplished, and that this strategic plan hopefully will allow us to create that roadmap to make sure everything falls into place.

MINUTES

The minutes for the December 21, 2021, meeting were presented for approval by Board Member Horn and seconded by Board Member Hartman. The minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS

Collegiate Development Group (CDG) is currently finishing construction of a high density housing development located at 1820 n. Walnut Street. The complex is scheduled to open prior to the start of the Fall 2022 semester. Mr. Connell stated the agreement for consideration allows for residents of the facility to ride a mutually agreed upon route fare free. The contract is similar and modeled from the contract the board approved with IN-IUB 17 Holdings, LLC, in December of 2020 for the same type of service. The contract has been reviewed by the City Legal. Mr. Connell noted that the Collegiate Development Group has requested to postpone until a future date. Mr. Connell said he would recommend postponing it until the needs, the requirements the City Council has set forth. He said once that is complete we will have the contract reviewed by legal council to make sure it is in the best interest of Bloomington Transit. Mr. Connell said he would then present it to the board.

Vice Chair McDaniel made a motion to approve Resolution 22-01: a resolution approving the 2022 public official bond for Christa D. Browning, Controller of the Bloomington Public

November	14494	3039	7336	-49.38%
December	11656	2147	4715	-59.54%

Controller Browning gave an overview of the November financial report as included in the Board packets.

Human Resource Administrator/Marketing Director Brenda Underwood gave an overview of the November Personnel Report. Brenda stated we hired one fixed route driver, and lost three. We lost one to retirement, one that took a leave until fall one that left, came back and is at BT Access and we had one service attendant to leave. We are still looking for 14 employees, 11 Drivers, 1 Mechanic and 2 Service Attendants. Brenda noted she had a couple of interviews for mechanics and another driver. Chair Mclary questioned where we stand on the new advertising campaign. Mr. Connell noted we were set to launch an aggressive add campaign. With some unforeseen issues it has been delayed, he said everything is in place and we are just fine tuning it. Mr. Connell noted we are going to be making our big hiring push in March and April so we will be prepared for the large class coming in for the fall semester. Board Member Horn questioned if IU was having issues in terms of their staffing. Mr. Connell said they are battling the same issues as Bloomington Transit.

CLAIMS

The claims for December 14, 2021 were presented for approval by Board member Horn and seconded by Board Member Hartman. The claims were approved with Vice Chair McDaniel and Chair Mclary abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Andrew Coomer questioned when the new route optimization will take place. Mr. Connell said that is one of the discussions that will be taking place in the next few weeks. He said our goal as it stands now is August. Mr. Connell noted we want to do some more public outreach because a lot has changed since the original recommendations were put together.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Horn reported that he attended his first Bloomington Monroe county Metropolitan Planning Organization policy committee meeting. He said he would like to thank the chair, Lisa Ridge of the Monroe County Highway Department for her kind introduction and welcome. He noted the MPO agenda included a brief, but very helpful primer from staff titled MPO 101. He said it was offered annually for the new appointees beginning term and a refresher for those that might be returning. Board Member Horn noted, if anyone is interested in it, it can

be accessed on the MPO side as part of the meeting packet file. He said it is very helpful in understanding how this particular organization functions.

Board Member Horn said Bloomington Transits recent change to route 2 were presented to the committee as represented as a partial implementation of a recent route optimization study that was predominantly financed by the MPO. He said there was a significant interchange regarding a long standing county request for review of State road 45 and 46 traffic issues, particular to current and future developments along the route on the East side of Bloomington. Mr. Horn said he thinks it would be safe to say that a resolution from Rural County Representatives will be appearing before the committee in short order. Mr. Horn stated he will keep everyone updated.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:

James J. McLary 2-15-22
James J. McLary, Chair
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:

Nancy Obermeyer 2-15-22
Nancy Obermeyer, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC