

RCTB RICHLAND COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD

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MINUTES OF the October 18*, 2021 RCTB Board meeting

* The October 13 RCTB meeting did not have a quorum and was rescheduled to 10/18

PRESENT:

Board: Val Ashcraft, Aurelio Diaz, Clint Knight, Ed Pickens & Carl Neutzling

ABSENT: Maura Siegenthaler & Leona Smith

RCRPC staff: Jean Taddie

First Transit (via Zoom): Tara Burchett, Chris Terry & Cristin Tolen

Call to Order

Chairman Clint Knight called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Recommended Actions

1. Routine Matters – CONSENT AGENDA

The Bills to Pay, Minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting, September TMR and RCTB financial reports, GM and ridership reports, status of grant programs, and an advertising update were provided in advance for review, along with a revised ridership report for August.

For the grant status update, Jean Taddie noted that the FTA apportionments have not been announced for FFY 2022 yet. Average daily totals on August's ridership report were revised. The total ridership figures were correct.

Ed Pickens made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Val Ashcraft seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Old Business

The TransLoc AVL system has still not “gone live,” and it has been 2 years since the contract was signed with DoubleMap. Chris reported that there are still problems with the tablets, call outs, and reporting. A new tech support contact at TransLoc, Gina, has been helping get the tablets assigned appropriately to each bus and working to address problems with the repeating stop call outs. Frank Robinson has been working with Dan from TransLoc on the reporting section.

Jean Taddie shared preliminary comments from the prosecutor's office that getting out of a contract is slow and potentially risky. One clause in our AVL contract states that if a

contract is terminated, DoubleMap/TransLoc would still be entitled to payment for the equipment and services that were already provided. The prosecutor's office is assessing what help, if any, they could provide to RCTB, if that route is chosen. While the board waits for more info from the prosecutor's office, Chris and the TMR team will continue to work with TransLoc to try and make the system work reliably.

The Oct. 13th ribbon cutting event for the 3 new Gillig buses was successful. The buses were nicely decorated. Three local media stations - the News Journal, WMFD, and Richland Source - covered the event. Commissioner Vero and Chamber President Jodie Perry were among the guests who attended.

A report of upcoming procurements and major purchases was provided in advance for review. Jean Taddie also noted that board guidance of the Transit Development Plan goals and scope is essential. She will develop a brief open-ended survey to get input.

RCTB's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) triennial goal proposal was provided in advance for review. The goal proposed to the FTA is low (.2%), based on a lack of DBEs doing business in Richland or surrounding counties. Only 11 DBEs were found in a 6 county area, and only 2 of those offer services that RCTB needs, both in the printing and graphics industries. Carl Neutzling suggested a letter be sent to all 11 DBEs to let them know of upcoming RCTB procurements.

Public comment on the DBE goal is welcome, and the announcement was posted on the RCT website and social media and shared with community organizations that work with DBEs and potential DBEs. Once the DBE goal is approved by the board, the report will be uploaded to the FTA for approval.

Val Ashcraft made a motion to approve the RCTB Triennial DBE Goal report. Aurelio Diaz seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

New Business

A brief overview of the Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA) conference was provided in advance. Hot topics included micro-transit, mobility on demand, alternative fuel vehicles, driver shortages, lost ridership and delayed vehicle replacements. Information was shared about EZfare, a project of NEORide, which was formed as a Council of Governments structure. The EZfare program originally started with 4 transit agencies and has expanded to 14 and growing. This electronic ticketing service allows a rider to pay for transportation throughout the system. It works with cash, for those who are unbanked, as well as credit or debit.

The board reviewed the remaining 2021 meeting dates. The November 10 meeting will remain that day at 8am. The December 15 date might change to December 14, so the date will be reviewed again next month.

Executive Session (if necessary)

There was no executive session.

Other Business from the Floor

There was no other business from the floor.

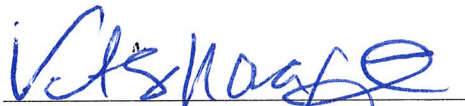
Adjourn

There being no further business, Carl Neutzling made a motion to adjourn. Ed Pickens seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, at 8:00 a.m.

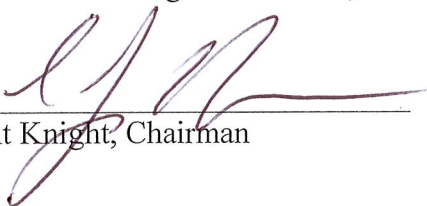


Valeria Ashcraft, Secretary

11-10-21

Date

The undersigned duly qualified and acting chairman of the Richland County Transit Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes, approved at a legally convened meeting of the Board, of the meeting held on October 18, 2021.



Clint Knight, Chairman

11/10/21

Date