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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2013

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

Chair Horn called the regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 9 a.m. Board Members present were Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Simmons, Storer, Weir. Director Schroder arrived after the meeting convened. Director Worth was absent.

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Glenn, Allison, Barnes, Brown, Burdick, Casenave, Churchill, Finn, Hill, Madrigal, Mitchell, Moran, Muzzini, Polk

Guest: Ron Leone (Alternate for City of Concord), Katy Carney, Germaine Miller, Julie Linford.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

Julie Linford discussed community cats and CCCTA. She represents The Feral Cat Foundation, and they have a system where they will come out trap, neuter, and return cats in a humane way.

CCCTA Transit Operator Ron Allison discussed his feelings on the ATU negotiations, and how with the medical cost constantly increasing every year a 3 percent raise would counter the added expenses for the employees. He asks that the Board consider the 3 percent as soon as possible.
(Director Schroder arrived.)

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Hudson moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 21, 2013, (b) Approval of RM2 Project Funding for Pacheco Transit Center and Resolution 2013-017. Director Manning seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hoffmeister, Horn, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, and Weir.

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Worth

REPORT OF CHAIR

Chair Horn discussed his tour of the Gillig Bus manufacturing plant. To see the building of buses in each phrase were both fascinating and interesting. He expressed his new found appreciation of CCCTA employee Mike Foley, since he is the one who inspects all of our buses before we put them in circulation for public use.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

Recognition of Departing Employee

General Manager Rick Ramacier recognized Rolando Aguilos, Service Worker, for his twenty two years of service. And he also recognized Glen Edlund, Mechanic, for his twenty six years of service.

Recognition of Employee with 30 Years of Service

General Manager Rick Ramacier recognized Janet Madrigal, Clerk to the Board, for her thirty years of service. The Board expressed their appreciation and gratitude for all her years of service. Janet Madrigal expressed how it has been her privilege and honor to serve them all.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Administration and Finance Committee:

FY2014 Draft Budget and Ten-Year Forecast

Director Dessayer presented the FY2014 Draft Budget and Ten Year Forecast. He stated that this draft has been developed to support a timely submittal of the County Connection TDA claim to MTC. The claim is due on May 1. Director Dessayer stated that the FY2014 Draft Budget and Ten Year Forecast has been thoroughly reviewed by the A & F Committee and that staff has responded to numerous questions. Director Dessayer noted that the Ten year Forecast suggests that County Connection will have a positive balance in each of the years in the forecast. A brief discussion was had on future fare increases. Staff noted that the projected fare increase scheduled for the next fiscal year has been deferred at least one year in this budget. Staff also noted that County Connection is working with LAVTA, Tri Delta Transit, and WestCat to develop a common fare structure and common fare rates. Thus any fare increase will take that work into an account.

The Board was asked to approve the FY2014 Draft Budget and Ten Year Forecast, for purposes for the TDA claim. The Board will have a chance to review and update the budget prior to their adoption in June.

MOTION: Director Dessayer moved acceptance of FY2014 Draft Budget and Ten Year Forecast and Resolution No. 2013-016. The motion was seconded by Director Hudson and it received the following vote of acceptance.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Schroder, Simmons, Storer and Weir
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Worth

Operations & Scheduling Committee:

Paratransit Board Workshop

Director Simmons discussed the value of having a Board workshop on Paratransit. A workshop would help the Board provide direction to staff with respect to proposing service improvements and in developing a new Request for Proposals for service. The O & S Committee recommends that the Board agree to add a hour and a half section to a regular scheduled Board meeting. The board generally expressed that they have this discussion in July. The staff stated they will work on that time line and will advise the Board if it has to be pushed back to August or September.

BOARD COMMUNICATION: There was no further communication from the board.

CLOSED SESSION

Consultation with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Employee Organizations: Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators,
and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors

Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Legal Counsel

At 9:37 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board would take a two minute break and reconvene for a closed session to consult with its Labor Negotiator, Pat Glenn, Esq., pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1605, AFL-CIO, Bus Operators, and Teamsters Union, Local 856, AFL-CIO, Transit Supervisors. The Board will also consult in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 with its Labor Negotiator, the chair of the A&F Committee, regarding negotiations with Legal Counsel..

OPEN SESSION

A. REPORT OF ACTION(s) TAKEN DURING THE CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:14 a.m. Chair Horn announced the Board met in closed session with its Labor Negotiator, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, regarding negotiations with the two employee organizations.. Direction was given to the labor negotiating team. No action was taken.

B. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED LEGAL SERVICES RATE ADJUSTMENT. Chair Horn asked for a vote regarding an increase in rates for Legal Services.

MOTION: Director Dessayer moved approval of Resolution No. 2012-018, Authorizing Rate Adjustment to Agreement for Legal Services. The motion was seconded by Director Manning and it received the following vote of acceptance.

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Horn, Hoffmeister, Hudson, Manning, Schroder,
Simmons, Storer and Weir
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Director Worth

Director Hoffmeister expressed her appreciation for our legal representation, and acknowledges that although legal counsel has not had a rate adjustment since 2007-2008, they continue to do an outstanding job. Therefore she supports the rate adjustment. She asked Madeline Chun to comment for the record that the firm's partners would bill County Connection at the Associate Rate for Board and Board Committee meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Horn adjourned the regular Board meeting at 10:17 a.m., in memory of the Boston Marathoners, the participants and spectators that were killed or injured.
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Date