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Agenda Item No. 4.a.

CCCTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/CONFIRM QUORUM

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

Staff: Ramacier, Chun, Barnes, Bowron, Casenave, Churchill, Dean, Hill, Mitchell, Muzzini, and Vassallo

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Director Storer moved approval of the Consent Calendar, consisting of the following items: (a) Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 21, 2014; (b) CCCTA Investment Policy-Quarterly Reporting Requirement; (c) Resolution No. 2015-007, Appointing Central Contra Costa Transit Authority Representatives to the California Transit System Joint Powers Authority. Director Dessayer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

REPORT OF CHAIR

Election and Seating of CCCTA Officers

Director Simmons thanked the Board for a great year while he was the Board Chair. He noted that staff was a delight to work with and throughout the challenges, never lost sight of the big picture when it comes to County Connection and the community.

MOTION: Director Hudson moved the election of Al Dessayer as Chair, Robert Storer as Vice Chair, and Jack Weir as Secretary of the Board of Directors for 2014-15. Director Worth seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth
No: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Director Hoffmeister and Manning

Director Dessayer thanked and voiced his appreciation for all the work that Bob Simmons has done for the County Connection. Director Dessayer presided to take over the meeting as Board Chair.

Director Dessayer informed the Board members that the new committee assignments are as follows:

Administration & Finance Committee

Director Manning
Director Simmons
Director Tatzin

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

Director Schroder
Director Weir
Director Worth

Operations & Scheduling

Director Andersen
Director Hoffmeister
Director Hudson
Director Storer

Due to the upcoming APTA Conference in October, the Board meeting may be rescheduled. The Board Clerk will survey the Board members to determine if there will be a quorum for October 16, or if the meeting should be scheduled for October 23.

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER:

General Manager Rick Ramacier stated that BART has announced it will run an all-night bus service on Friday and Saturday nights. County Connection was contacted by BART to help with the bus service, but AC Transit has offered to provide the service at a lower cost. They will have select stops in Contra Costa County in Orinda and Bay Point as well as in downtown Oakland near the Rockridge area, starting sometime in the next couple of months.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Marketing, Planning & Legislative Committee

FY2013-14 Short Range Transit Plan-Final Draft

Director Schroder explained that the committee started looking at the draft short range transit plan in February 2014. Staff did additional financial analysis using updated financial data, to support the current draft, which assumes that a service cut is not necessary to retain a balanced budget.

MOTION: Director Schroder moved approval of the FY 2013-14 Short Transit Plan-Final Draft. Director Hudson seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth
No: None

Abstain: None
Absent: Director Hoffmeister and Manning

Operations & Scheduling Committee

Retrofit Thirty 2009 Gillig Bus Cooling Systems

Scott Mitchell, Director of Maintenance, explained that County Connection the 2009 Gillig buses will be in service for another eight years. Retrofitting the cooling systems will standardize the cooling system with the rest of the fleet, improve fuel economy, reduce emissions, lower maintenance costs, and improve safety.

MOTION: Director Hudson moved adoption of Resolution No. 2015-008 authorizing the General Manager to execute an agreement with Gillig Corporation to purchase thirty EMP cooling systems for a total cost not to exceed \$400,000. Director Weir seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

Purchase of Four 30-Foot Trolleys

Scott Mitchell explained that a couple of years ago County Connection was granted a federal grant in order to buy four 30-foot electric trolleys to be used in Walnut Creek. Purchasing the trolleys from Gillig Corporation is the first step in the project and should be done now to be included in Gillig's 2015 production schedule. At a later date staff will review with the Board its recommendations for electric power systems, and possible costs. Director Dessayer noted that he does not support electric power for trolleys, because of the major cost of doing so (including additional parts, training, and maintenance costs), compared to diesel power, which now has negligible emissions. Director Hudson noted that the trend is for electric power and that federal funding supports this direction. Director Weir noted that if this is the trend, County Connection is in the best position to carry it out responsibly. Director Simmons noted the project will give County Connection positive recognition, and that bus riders will welcome its quiet operation. Director Storer stated he is proud that County Connection will be taking on a new and exciting venture in electric trolleys; it will be great publicity as well as role models for agencies to come.

MOTION: Director Weir moved adoption of Resolution No. 2015-009 authorizing the General Manager to release a purchase order and Letter to Proceed to Gillig Corporation for the purchase of four trolley buses. Total cost not to exceed \$1,950,000. Director Simmons seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

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

Purchase of 33 Forty-Foot Low Floor Heavy Duty Buses

Scott Mitchell explained that the purchase of 33 forty-foot low floor heavy duty buses is needed to replace the 2002 models. With the Board's approval, these buses will be built in early 2016.

MOTION: Director Hudson moved adoption of Resolution No. 2015-010 authorizing the General Manager to release a purchase order and Letter to Proceed to Gillig Corporation to build thirty-three 40-foot low floor heavy duty buses. Total cost of the vehicles, tax, and delivery not to exceed \$19,719,938. Director Weir seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Hoffmeister and Manning

BOARD COMMUNICATION: None

CLOSED SESSION:

Public Employee Performance Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Position: General Manager; Conference with Labor Negotiators – Unrepresented employee Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

At 9:32 a.m. Chair Dessayer announced that the Board will go into closed session regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation, and conference with the Board's labor negotiators, regarding the General Manager.

OPEN SESSION:

A. REPORT OF ACTION(S) TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:45 a.m. Chair Dessayer announced the Board met in closed session to consider the General Manager's performance and review the report from its labor negotiators, Directors Simmons and Dessayer, regarding adjustments to the car allowance and deferred compensation contribution for the General Manager.

MOTION: Director Simmons moved approval of Resolution No. 2015-011, Approving the 7th Amendment to the General Manager's Employment Agreement. Director Storer seconded the motion and it received the following vote of approval:

Aye: Directors Andersen, Dessayer, Hudson, Schroder, Simmons, Storer, Tatzin, Weir and Worth

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Hoffmeister and Manning

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Simmons adjourned the regular Board meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Minutes prepared by

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Date