

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

October 13, 1971

The Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District held their monthly meeting at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon on October 13, 1971.

Present were:

Craig Robinson, President, presiding
Al Brandt, Vice President
Lewis Hoffman, Secretary
Russ Fryburg, Treasurer
Fred Brunner
R. W. McDuffie
Fred Dyer, General Manager
Richard Bryson, Counsel

Absent:

Leonard Wildish

MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes of the Board meeting of September 8, 1971 was dispensed with as copies had been mailed to all members. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of said meeting as written.

FEDERAL GRANTS:

The President of the Board introduced Mr. Herman Shipman of UNTA who spoke to the Board on the subject of its Federal Grant application. He told the Board that the criteria for our Federal Grant had been accomplished and the Federal authorities have everything that they are supposed to have in connection with our application. He acknowledged that the delay in the Federal Grant was the fault of his department and was not the fault of the Transit District or its General Manager. He explained that the department has been lacking in adequate staff and funding, but that it now has a larger staff and the money and an approvable grant for this district, and he hopes to have definite word of approval of our application within 30 days and that although initial approval will be for a fifty percent grant, the material is on the way to justify a two-thirds grant and he believes that by the time the specifications for equipment are approved, a two-thirds grant will be authorized. In response to questions, Mr. Shipman advised that approval of specifications would not hold us up very long and could be given within a week or so after the specifications are submitted; that at the present time

foreign companies are not bidding for bus orders but we will be able to get bids from General Motors and Twin Coach; and that the district should obtain bids on a performance basis rather than on a specific piece of equipment. He advised that we look for buses in the size of 29 passengers and larger rather than in the smaller bus range; that we should probably count on up to 180 days for delivery after placing an order for buses; and that the federal contract administration usually withholds 10% of a grant pending audit, but this withholding might be partially waived.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Mr. Dyer exhibited to the Board the type of bus driver's uniform he has selected and told the Board that he was able to make substantial savings by joint purchase with Tri-Met.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Robert Merrell reported that the committee feels that public relations is the biggest problem facing the district and that efforts need to be made to find ways of communicating with the public. Mr. Merrell also announced that he has resigned as chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for health reasons and in order that he may devote time to study mass transit on a regional basis. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Fryburg both expressed the Board's appreciation for Mr. Merrell's contribution to mass transit in this area and for his helpful service to the Board.

Mr. Fred Brunner, who had been absent, arrived at the meeting.

FINANCE:

Mr. Dyer presented his financial reports for the month of September, 1971. Mr. Brandt questioned the amount of the payments to the State Revenue Department and ask Mr. Dyer to find out whether the payments are within previous estimates and if not what the reason is.

Mr. Fryburg and Mr. McDuffie asked Mr. Dyer to present details of the item of \$691 for business expense.

Mr. Brandt asked that Mr. Dyer obtain detailed statements from the public relations contractors.

On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to authorize payment of the bills for the month of September as presented by the general manager in the total sum of \$45,447.01.

PLANNING:

Mr. Dyer presented to the Board for approval the proposed agreement for transportation planning between Lane Council

of Governments and Lane County Mass Transit District. During the discussion that ensued, Mr. Dyer and Mr. Shipman explained to the Board that the signing of such an agreement would further the District's chances of obtaining a two-thirds federal grant for acquisition of buses. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement and authorized the signature by Mr. Robinson.

BUDGET:

Mr. Dyer reported to the Board that Donald Derickson, CPA, has tendered his resignation as a member of the Budget Committee due to a conflict of interests as he has accepted the position of auditor for the district. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to accept his resignation.

TAXATION:

After discussion of changes in the tax statutes pertaining to the District and the taxation opportunities available to the District, it was decided that a meeting should be arranged with representatives of State Revenue Department next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting Adjourned.

Secretary