

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

December 22, 1971

The Board of Directors of the Lane County Mass Truasit District met at the Eugene Hotel at 7:30 A.M. on December 22, 1971, pursuant to adjournment from its meeting of December 15, 1971.

Present were:

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

Absent:

None.

TAXATION:

The President asked the Board to consider further the matter of Ordinance No. 5 on the subject of the employer's payroll tax. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously that the Ordinance be read by title only. Richard Bryson, the District's counsel, then read Ordinance No. 5 by title. Copies of the Ordinance were made available to the public.

The Manager, Mr. Dyer, advised that he had a projection of income and expense prepared by Don Derickson the auditor for the District, indicating that there will be a surplus and Mr. Dyer recommended that the Board adopt a payroll tax of three tenths of one percent for the first quarter of 1972 and two and one-half tenths of one percent for the last three quarters of 1972 and that bus fares be reduced from thirty cents to twenty-five cents. Mr. Dyer has been informed by the Department of Revenue that the additional administrative costs to make a rate change in 1972 would be between \$260 and \$500.

Mr. Wildish moved that Mr. Dyer's recommendation concerning the tax ordinance be adopted and that the payroll tax should be three tenths of one percent for the first three months of 1972 and two and one-half tenths of one percent for the last nine months of 1972. It was seconded by Mr. Hoffman. State Representative, Jack Craig, and Union Representative, Mel Schoppert, spoke against the decrease in tax because of the need to acquire used buses until the new buses arrive and Mrs. Briscoe, from the League of Women Voters also spoke against the decrease.

Mr. Dyer said that good used buses are not available, but new parts for the District's existing buses are available and with the mechanical staff employed by the District, it will be possible to keep the present buses running until the new buses are received. Mr. Robinson reminded the audience that the Board is not at this time engaged in preparation of a budget, but is only trying to determine whether the tax can be reduced in order to meet the budget under which the District is now operating. Mr. Fryburg spoke in favor of building up a reserve. Mr. McDuffie spoke in favor of leaving the tax as it was last year.

At the request of Mr. Robinson, Mr. Wildish withdrew his motion so that the Board could vote on the Ordinance as read at the start of the meeting with the tax rate of three tenths of one percent for the entire year, 1972.

Mr. Fryburg moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 5 as read with the tax rate of three tenths of one percent of all sums paid by employers on account of services performed within the service area in 1972. Motion seconded by Mr. Brunner. Those in favor: Messrs. Robinson, Brandt, Fryburg, Hoffman, McDuffie and Brunner. Those opposed: Mr. Wildish. Mr. Robinson announced that the motion required a unanimous vote because of the emergency clause and therefore the motion failed.

Mr. Wildish then moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 5 as written, except the rate be amended to three tenths of one percent of all sums paid by employers on account of services performed within the service area in the first three calendar months of the calendar year 1972 and two and one-half tenths of one percent of all sums paid by employers on account of services performed within the service area in the last nine calendar months of the calendar year, 1972. Motion seconded by Mr. Hoffman. Those in favor: Messrs. Robinson, Brandt, Hoffman, Brunner, McDuffie and Wildish. Those Opposed: Mr. Fryburg. Mr. Robinson announced that because of the requirement for a unanimous vote the motion failed.

After some further discussion, Mr. Fryburg announced that he was prepared to change his vote. On motion of Mr. Wildish, seconded by Mr. Hoffman, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 5 as read except for Section 1.03 on page 2 which shall be amended to read as follows:

"1.03 Rate. Every employer subject to tax shall pay an amount equal to three tenths of one percent of the wages paid by him with respect to services performed within the service area in the first three calendar months of the calendar year 1972, and an amount equal to two and one-half tenths of one percent of the wages paid by him with respect to services performed within the service area in the last nine calendar months of the calendar year, 1972."

Mr. Robinson then declared Ordinance No. 5 as so amended to have been adopted.

PLANNING:

Mr. Wildish moved that the sum of \$9,233 be set aside into a reserve fund for long-range planning to be carried forward into next year's budget. Motion seconded by Mr. McDuffie. Motion carried, five to two. Those in favor: Mssers. Robinson, Fryburg, Brunner, Wildish and McDuffie. Those opposed: Mssers. Brandt and Hoffman.

BUSES:

Mr. Wildish reported that the bus specifications are finished and that Mr. Dyer is sending them to the potential bidders.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary