

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

June 6, 1972

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall at Eugene, Oregon on June 6, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

Present were:

Craig Robinson, President, presiding  
Daniel M. Herbert, Treasurer  
Phyllis P. Loobey, Secretary  
Fred Brunner  
Glenn E. Randall  
Leonard Wildish  
Fred Dyer, General Manager  
Richard Bryson, Counsel

Absent were:

Al Brandt, Vice President

MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 1972, was dispensed with as copies had been sent to the members of the Board and the General Manager. On motion, duly seconded, the minutes of said meeting were approved as written.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Henderson's report, having been previously submitted in writing, he made no oral report to the Board, but proposed for membership on the committee, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cherry. On motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cherry as members of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

INSURANCE:

Bill Bowes and Jim Bennison, of Fred S. James & Co./Dooley & Co., Inc., presented that firm's written insurance proposal, dated May 19, 1972, and written copies were distributed to the General Manager and all members of the Board. Mr. Bowes and Mr. Bennison discussed the proposal with members of the Board, and in response to questions told the Board that although the proposed policy is not perfect, it is a very good policy and has no weaknesses for which the Board might be liable; and that it does protect the District to the extent of the District's statutory limits of liability. When asked what they would recommend to improve the policy, they said they would suggest an "umbrella policy"



with larger limits and with errors and omissions coverage for officers and directors. Mr. Brunner and Mr. Wildish expressed interest in having other insurance people study the coverage, and advise the Board. Mr. Robinson said that he felt the Board should not employ another insurance agency or broker to make such a study, and if the Board wants a study made, it should employ an insurance consulting firm; however, Mr. Robinson believed that the Fred S. James & Co./Dooly & Co., Inc. is a very capable and reliable concern and that the Board does not need to hire any further studies made by other insurance specialists.

At the request of Mr. Randall, Mr. Dyer was requested to investigate the cost of physical damage coverage on the buses recently acquired from California and report to the Board.

#### OPERATIONS:

Mr. Dyer told the Board that the subcommittee to search for and recommend to the Board new temporary locations for housing the buses is still studying the matter and analyzing the available locations, and he expects that a report will be ready early next week.

#### BUSES:

Mr. Dyer reported that the District has now received 12 of the new used buses from California, four of which are in the paint shop; and that the manufacturer of the new buses has advised that the manufacture of the first buses will probably be completed in July. He is still expecting the last of the new buses to be ready by September 1st.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING:

Mr. Robinson noted that there has been some recent unfavorable publicity released unofficially in the name of the District. He reminded the Board that although there is no desire to hinder free individual expression by Board members, it has, nevertheless, always been the policy of the Board of Directors that the publicity releases from the Board itself should come only from the President of the Board or the General Manager. He expressed the hope that all of the Directors and staff would adhere to that policy.

Mr. Brunner said that he thinks the advertising consultants should devise a plan for a first-class program for introducing the new buses to the public when the new buses arrive and not leave the matter to accidental or improvised publicity. Mrs. Loobey and Mr. Robinson concurred. Mr. Herbert requested a special meeting to consider such a plan and it was agreed that there will be an informal work session of the Board at a breakfast meeting to be held at the Eugene Hotel at 7:00 A.M. on June 13, 1972.

#### BUDGET:

Mr. Dyer told the Board that on advice of Counsel he would have to publish a new notice of the first meeting of the Budget

Committee and has therefore designated June 20, 1972 as the date for the first meeting of the Budget Committee.

FINANCE:

Mr. Dyer presented the financial reports for the months of April and May, 1972, and on motion of Mr. Randall, seconded by Mrs. Loobey, the Board voted unanimously to authorize payment of the bills listed in those financial reports.

LEGISLATION:

Mr. Herbert told the Board that petitions are being circulated for a constitutional amendment allowing use of State Highway Funds for mass transit purposes. He moved that the Board confirm the District's support of the proposal and that the District take whatever steps can legally be taken to help get the petitions circulated. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Loobey. Mr. Randall spoke in opposition to the motion. He supported the concept, but felt that the petitions were not adequately considered nor well prepared, and are opposed by the Governor and the Highway Department and should not be circulated by the District. Mr. Robinson expressed opposition to having petitions on the buses and Mr. Wildish opposed the motion because of insufficiency of Highway Department funds. The motion was put to vote and those voting in favor were: Mr. Brunner, Mr. Herbert and Mrs. Loobey; those opposed: Mr. Randall, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Wildish. The motion failed to carry.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Mr. Bryson, the District's Counsel, reminded the Board that as the regular meeting date in July will fall on the 4th, the next regular meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, July 5 at 7:30 P.M. at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon.

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Secretary