

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

August 21, 1973

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon, on August 21, 1973.

Present were:

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

Absent was

Glenn Randall

MINUTES: Reading of the minutes of the meeting of July 26, 1973, was dispensed with as copies had been sent to all members of the Board. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of that meeting as written.

TAXATION: Annabel Kitzhaber, representing the League of Women voters, handed out a written statement and urged immediate passage of the payroll tax called for by the budget. Robert Smith, one of the owners of Seymour's Cafe, told the Board that if it is going to start a program of requiring exact bus fares the district should have someone at the transfer point to make change and give information. He also recommended that free transportation be provided for students at the Children's Hospital School.

Motion was made by Dan Herbert and seconded by Phyllis Loobey to adopt a payroll tax ordinance with a rate of .00469 effective as of July 1, 1973, with an emergency clause. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously that the new ordinance be read by title only and the new ordinance being Ordinance No. 7 was read by title only. After discussion, Mr. Herbert moved to amend his motion so as to provide in the new tax ordinance for a rate of .0047 instead of .00469 and his second, Phyllis Loobey, consented to the amendment. After further discussion the main motion was withdrawn by Mr. Herbert with the consent of Mrs. Loobey.

OPERATIONS: The General Manager, Mr. Dyer, reported that the district had set a new week's record in ridership.

Mr. Dyer told the Board that he has set a new target date of September 17, 1973, for instituting night service and that he is in the process of obtaining and training new personnel. Schedules will be available two weeks prior to September 17 and some minor changes in the bus routes are planned.

Mr. Dyer stated that the discount token program is doing so well that he has had to order more tokens. Valley River Center is purchasing discount tokens for customers; Lane County and the city of Eugene are obtaining them for employees and the University of Oregon and Lane Community College are preparing to start discount token programs. Two members of the audience commented on the unfairness of the discount token program to individuals who are not part of any group purchasing on a discount basis.

The General Manager then opened discussion on the exact fare system which he intends to institute on September 4, 1973. Mrs. Joan Rich, chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, told the Board that she has received nothing but adverse comments and criticism of the exact fare program and questioned the necessity for that program. Mr. Robinson replied that the program is safer and more convenient for the drivers. Mr. Dyer advised that as part of the program the drivers will sell \$1.00 worth of tokens to people who do not have exact change.

Mr. Dyer then discussed with the Board new legislation providing for maximum fare of 10 cents for senior citizens except during certain periods when they are allowed to ride free. The legislation will take effect in the latter part of October, 1973 but Mr. Dyer proposed to start the program right away. Mr. Robinson asked if there were any objections from the Board, and there being none instructed Mr. Dyer to implement the change in the fare for senior citizens.

PLANNING: Ollie Snowden reported to the Board on the LASTS study and the ESATS update and modal split.

Dave Rynerson told the Board that he is continuing his study of possible changes to provide better bus service in the district.

FINANCE: Mr. Dyer presented his financial reports for the month of July, 1973. On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills for July in the total sum of \$52,193.61.

ADJOURNMENT: The public meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass District for August 21, 1973, was then adjourned and Mr. Robinson announced that he was calling an executive session of the Board immediately in order to consider salary reviews and new job designations and descriptions for existing personnel. The need for the executive session was due to the fact that the individual performances were to be considered. Thereupon the public left the audience and members of the staff whose performance was to be considered were excused from the meeting.

Before opening the executive session of the Board of Directors, Mr. Robinson discussed with the representatives of the news media, Larry Luta of the Eugene Register Guard and Gary Stewart, representing KVAL-TV, the handling of the confidential matters to be discussed. It was agreed that the news media would treat as confidential all discussion of individuals but would not be required to treat as confidential the creation of new jobs and job designations as distinguished from individuals to fill those jobs or receive new job designations.

Mr. Robinson then declared the executive session open and the board considered the performance and salary of Dave Rynerson as director of planning; the qualifications and salary for Gary Hunt as candidate for a new position of administrative assistant; the salary for the administrative (or executive) secretary and the functions and responsibilities of supervisors and inspectors. Mr. Dyer told the board that the supervisor would be supervising 114 drivers an increase from 30 drivers on hand when the transit district was formed. He said that the supervisors would be similar to foremen and would not be in the union. Mr. Dyer was not sure whether the inspectors would or would not be in the union but was informed that the union wants to have the inspectors join the union.

Mr. Dyer was then excused from the meeting and the board discussed Mr. Dyer's performance and salary.

On motion duly seconded the board voted unanimously to adjourn the executive session.

Secretary