## MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

August 23, 1973

A special meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the Eugene Hotel in Eugene, Oregon, on August 23, 1973, at 7:30 A.M., pursuant to call of the president and notice duly given in writing to each member more than five days prior to the date of the meeting specifying the time, place and purpose of the meeting to consider and vote upon a change in the rate of the employers' payroll tax.

## Present were:

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

## Absent was: Fred Brunner.

TAXATION: Mr. Robinson announced that this special meeting had been called to consider and vote upon a change in the rate of the employers' payroll tax of the district and declared the meeting open for discussion. Mrs. Sanders, a member of the audience, spoke of the need to implement night bus service.

Mr. Dyer reported on his meeting with representatives of the State Department of Revenue and said that they had informed him that they could handle the new tax rate effective as of July 1, 1973; that if the board does not adopt an emergency clause ordinance and a thirty-day waiting period is required before a new ordinance becomes effective, there will be substantial new cost to the district in administration and collection expense as opposed to adopting an ordinance with an emergency clause. Dyer explained that the district's tax collections are made quarterly so that if the tax rate is not changed until the fourth quarter of 1973 the increased revenue will not be available until after January 1, 1974. Mr. Dyer pointed out to the board the difficulties which would follow from that situation and apologized for not having provided the information earlier. Mr. Wildish told the board that his research which he conducted since the previous meeting of the board and his discussions with Mr. Dyer since that meeting have revealed information which caused him to

be willing to change his vote as to the use of the emergency clause.

It was duly moved and seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 7 entitled: "An ordinance amending Lane County Mass Transit District's Ordinance No. 6 increasing the rate of the excise tax on employers and providing for administration, enforcement and collection of the tax, and declaring an emergency," providing for an increase in the employers' payroll tax rate from .0025 to .0047, said rate change to be retroactive to July 1, 1973, said ordinance containing an emergency clause making it effective immediately. On motion duly seconded the board voted unanimously that the ordinance No. 7 be read by title only and thereupon Mr. Bryson read Ordinance No. 7 by title only. Vote was then taken on the adoption of Ordinance No. 7 and said ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote of all members present. Ordinance No. 7 was then signed by Craig Robinson, president, and Phyllis P. Loobey, secretary, and by Richard Bryson as recording secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: The public meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District then adjourned and Mr. Robinson called for executive session of the board to be held immediately.

Prior to the beginning of the executive session of the board it was discussed and agreed between Mr. Robinson and Larry Luta, representing the Eugene Register-Guard and being the only representative of the news media present, that the representative of the news media would be governed by the same agreement with the district as was made at the executive session held immediately after the board of directors meeting of August 21, 1973, so that the news media representative would treat as confidential and would not report on discussion of individuals but would be free to report on the creation of new positions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Robinson then declared the executive session of the board of directors open and discussion was had of salaries for Dave Rynerson, Gary Hunt, the executive secretary or administrative secretary, the supervisors, and the inspectors. Mr. Dyer was then excused from the meeting and the board discussed his performance and salary changes.

Mrs. Loobey mentioned the desirability of having minutes of the work sessions held from time to time by the board of directors.

There was general discussion among the board members of the need for a written statement of guidelines delineating the authority and responsibility of the general manager.

Meeting adjourned.