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high level of service. Telephone calls to the District office reached a peak of 1,300 calls per hour when the freeze came to this area. The ice caused a few minor accidents with no injuries and little damage.

Mr. Dyer told the Board that more tokens have arrived and he believes the shortage of tokens has been alleviated. Jim Martin, chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, commented on the popularity of tokens at Lane Community College. Mr. Craig suggested the possibility of a mail order sale of tokens.

PLANNING: Phyllis Loobey gave a report for the subcommittee on Transportation for the Disadvantaged. She said that survey information is now coming in well and she anticipates that the subcommittee will have the first computer run within the next two weeks.

Mr. Herbert, speaking for the subcommittee on the acquisition of the Eugene terminal, requested policy guidance from the Board. Mr. Randall requested an estimate of the cost of the various alternatives and Mr. Herbert advised that no cost estimates are yet available. After discussion the members decided to consider the matter further at an adjourned meeting to be held on January 29.

FINANCE AND BUDGET: The General Manager presented financial statements for the month of December, 1973. He noted that the expenses had already exceeded the amount budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, for uniforms, shop supplies and communications supplies and materials. Mr. Dyer informed the Board that the District is facing a temporary shortage in cash flow and he requested authorization to borrow funds for a short term until tax revenues become available. After discussion and on motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

"RESOLVED that this district borrow from First National Bank of Oregon up to but not exceeding \$100,000.00 in the aggregate, so that there shall not be borrowing of more than \$100,000.00 outstanding at any one time pursuant to this Resolution, at current municipal corporation rates for a term of up to but not exceeding 90 days; and that any two of the following officers of the district, namely Daniel M. Herbert, president, Jack J. Craig, treasurer, Fred Dyer, general manager, are authorized in the name of and on behalf of Lane County Mass Transit District to sign and deliver to First National Bank of Oregon such negotiable promissory notes or warrants and such loan authorization forms as it may require in order to effectuate the intent of this Resolution."

On motion duly seconded the Board voted unanimously to approve payment of the bills as submitted by Mr. Dyer for the month of December, 1973, in the total sum of \$57,002.93.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Jim Martin, chairman of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, asked whether the office has received many calls from riders left standing because of buses being filled to capacity. Mr. Dyer responded that he knew of only one such call, and that the

problem of riders left standing would not exceed one tenth of one per cent of the ridership. Mr. Martin also asked about the reason for a bus waiting fifteen minutes at the Springfield terminal. Mr. Dyer said that he would investigate the matter.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS: Mr. Craig expressed the opinion that the district should sponsor some public event in recognition of the contribution of past members of the Board of Directors. After discussion and on motion duly seconded, the Board voted that a public event be held in the nature of a public recognition dinner or luncheon with an appropriate speaker in appreciation for the contribution to mass transit in this area by all of the previous Board members of the district. Mr. Craig was appointed to work on organizing the event.

CAR POOLING: Mr. Dyer handed out to the Board members a document which he had just received entitled "Work Program for a Eugene-Springfield Car Pooling Demonstration Project" consisting of four pages plus an additional sheet containing a cost schedule, said document having been prepared by the City of Eugene, the Lane Council of Governments, and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The document was dated January 9, 1974, but was not delivered to Mr. Dyer by the Department of Transportation until the day of this meeting, January 18, 1974. With the document the general manager received a request that the district authorize a contribution of \$7,500 to the estimated cost of the program and Mr. Dyer recommended such approval. On motion of Mr. Buell seconded by Mr. Randall, the Board voted by roll call vote to table the matter until the adjournment of this meeting on January 29, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. those in favor being members Buell, Fetzer, Herbert and Randall, those opposed members Craig, Kohnen and Loobey.

MISCELLANEOUS: At the request of the general manager and on motion duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Dyer to attend a national meeting at San Francisco concerned with the energy crisis on January 31, 1974, and also to attend the American Transit Association Management seminar at Scottsdale, Arizona, in February, 1974.

The general manager invited the members of the Board to attend an inspection and tour of facilities and bus routes.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned to January 29, 1974, at 7:30 p.m. at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon.

Secretary