# MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

## LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

# August 26, 1970

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors' of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall at Eugene, Oregon, at 7:30 P.M. on August 26, 1970, pursuant to adjournment from its meeting of August 12, 1970. Present were the following:

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

Absent: None.

### MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of August 12, 1970, was dispensed with as copies had been mailed to all members. On motion of Mr. Hoffman, duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to correct the words "employers' sales tax" on the eighth line of the last paragraph on page 2 of the Minutes so as to read "employers' payroll tax." On motion of Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. McDuffie, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 12, 1970, as corrected.

ORDINANCE NO. 1, RULES FOR MEETINGS:

On motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Fryburg, the board voted unanimously to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 1, which was introduced at the meeting of August 5, 1970, and to waive its inclusion on the agenda for this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Fryburg, the board voted unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

"RESOLVED: That Ordinance No. 1, being an ordinance providing rules for meetings of Lane County Mass Transit District, be and it hereby is adopted."

The president of the board, Mr. Robinson, then published

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

#### MINUTES:

Reading of the minutes was dispensed with as copies had been mailed to all members. On motion duly seconded the following corrections were unanimously approved:

1. The name of R. W. McDuffie was added to the list of those present.

2. On page 2, under the heading "BOARD COUNSEL" the provision was added that "counsel are to serve at the pleasure of the board."

On motion duly seconded the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 1970 were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer, Russ Fryburg, reported that he has not yet acquired any bond as he does not yet have any funds in the treasury.

COMMITTEE ON SERVICE AREA:

The report of the committee on service area (Brunner, McDuffie and Robinson) was presented by Mr. McDuffie. Mr. McDuffie said that the committee had met with the Central Lane Planning Council and consulted with its representatives.

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He displayed maps showing existing transit routes in the Eugene-Springfield area, transit routes proposed in the Eugene-Springfield Transit Study Report of December, 1969, prepared by Alan M. Voorhees & Associates, Inc., the Eugene-Springfield area transportation study boundaries, and the boundaries proposed by the committee for the proposed service area. After general discussion by the members and on motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. McDuffie, the board voted unanimously to receive the committee's report and adopt the service area as recommended by the committee and the board's counsel was instructed to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the next regular or adjourned regular meeting classifying and designating as a service area the area within the boundaries recommended by the committee.

## ACQUISITION OF BUSES:

On motion of Mr. McDuffie, seconded by Mr. Brunner, the board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Wildish and Mr. Brandt to meet with Mr. Elmer Settle to determine the acquisition price for the existing bus system of Emerald Bus Company.

## FINANCE:

Mr. Robinson reported that it appears to him that the local banks will be favorable to extending a line of credit to the District for direct short term loans, unsecured.

The board proceeded to consider the various sources of revenue authorized to it by the Statute, namely:

- 1. Ad valorem taxes.
- 2. Service charges and users' fees.
- 3. A revolving fund supported by ad valorem taxes.
- 4. Sale of bonds.
- 5. Business license fees.
- 6. Income tax.
- 7. Sales tax.
- 8. Employer payroll tax.
- 9. Contributions or loans from the United States.
- 10. Any combination of the foregoing.

In response to inquiry, Mr. Dyer reported that of all the taxes available to the District only the sales tax and the payroll tax are not now being used by any taxing body. Mr. Robinson pointed out that revenue bonds would not be available to the District as there will be an anticipated operating loss and the service charges and users' fees will not be sufficient.

Mr. Robinson then requested Mr. Dyer to make a study and

Minutes, July 29, 1970 Page 2. report to the board at its meeting to be held on August 12, 1970, with reference to the ad valorem tax, the sales, income and payroll taxes, and license fees so as to provide the board with information particularly on the following subjects:

- 1. Administrative problems.
- 2. Cost of collection.
- 3. Collection time.
- 4. Historical indications as to public acceptance.
- 5. Equity of application.
- 6. What persons or organizations are excluded from each tax.
- 7. Any information of help from the Tri-Met experience.

## OPERATION OF SYSTEM:

Mr. Robinson requested an opinion from the board's counsel as to whether the board is authorized by law to contract with a private profit-making corporation to operate the bus system for the District. Mr. Bryson filed a written opinion with the board and for a brief oral summary of his opinion stated that the board's authority to make such a contract is questionable and that the board should not enter into such a contract without first obtaining a favorable court decision. Mr. Dyer inquired of counsel as to whether the board could contract with other governmental bodies such as the City of Eugene for operation of the system. Mr. Bryson advised that as far as the board is concerned, it is authorized to make such a contract with the United States or the state, county or city. Mr. Robinson said that he would discuss the matter with the city officials and report back to the board.

# EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S OFFICE:

Mr. Dyer, the temporary Executive Secretary, reported that the State of Oregon is paying his salary. He has established temporary quarters at Room 429 of the Eugene Hotel which include living accommodations for himself and an office room for which he maintains office hours from 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday to 3:00 P.M. on Thursday. On motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Fryburg, the board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$20 per day for Mr. Dyer's accommodations plus the amount of any reasonable incidental expenditures.

## ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wildish, the board voted unanimously to adjourn until 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, August 5, 1970, at the City Hall in Eugene, Oregon.

Minutes, July 29, 1970 Page 3. Lewis Hoffman, Secretary