

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 1995

Pursuant to notice given to *The Register-Guard* for publication on June 12, 1995, and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the District, a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lane Transit District was held by conference call on Tuesday, June 13, 1995, at 3:00 p.m. The conference call originated in the LTD Board Room at 3500 E. 17th Avenue, Eugene, and a speaker telephone was available for the public.

Present: Kirk Bailey, Vice President  
Rob Bennett  
Patricia Hocken, President  
Dave Kleger, Treasurer, presiding  
Thomas Montgomery, Secretary  
Roger Saydack  
Phyllis Loobey, General Manager  
Jo Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Absent: (One vacancy, subdistrict #2)

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Board Treasurer Dave Kleger, who was present at LTD for the conference call. All other Board members attended via telephone conference call.

**ROLL CALL:** Only three members of the Board (Kleger, Bailey, Hocken) were present at the beginning of the meeting. District Counsel Greg Skillman also was present by telephone.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** While the Board members waited for a quorum of the Board to be present, there was a general discussion about the Oregon legislative session that had just ended.

Ms. Hocken asked about a sentence in the resolution scheduled for vote by the Board. Mr. Skillman stated that the word "of" in the next-to-last paragraph should be deleted, so that the sentence would read, "Further resolved, that LTD may acquire by agreement with the owner(s) any real property described in Exhibit A; and" instead of the way it was written in the agenda materials distributed earlier.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PUBLIC NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EUGENE TRANSIT STATION:** Mr. Bennett signed on to the conference call at 3:10 p.m., and Mr. Montgomery announced that he was present, as well. A quorum was now present.

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Mr. Kleger read the change in the next-to-last paragraph of the proposed resolution for the benefit of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Montgomery. Ms. Loobey explained that the Board was being asked to adopt the resolution for the purposes of complying with federal regulations. ~~Mr. Bennett asked for clarification that this would give the District the authority to begin negotiations for the privately-owned property where the station was to be constructed, to the extent those negotiations were successful, and if they were not, then the resolution provided the authorization to initiate action to condemn the property.~~ Mr. Skillman explained that Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 35 required the District to declare the public necessity to acquire the land. After that declaration, the District could give notice to the private owners. He added that the District had a contract with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to handle the relocation of tenants on the property, and ODOT could not proceed until the property owners received that notice.

MOTION Ms. Hocken moved that the Board adopt the Resolution Declaring the Public Necessity to Acquire Property for the Construction of the Eugene Transit Station, as amended by the deletion of the word "of" in the next-to-last paragraph. Mr. Montgomery  
VOTE seconded the motion. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed by unanimous vote, 5:0. Mr. Saydack was not yet present.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mr. Kleger asked if there was any other business for the Board to address. Mr. Bennett stated that State Representative Cynthia Wooten had called him that day and given him her perspective about the recent legislative session. She said she was interested in visiting LTD and talking with the Board about issues that had been and might in the future be before the legislature, especially regarding taxing issues. She had also said that she would like to talk with administrative staff and bargaining unit employees. Mr. Bennett said she had asked to visit LTD for these discussions on Thursday, June 29.

Mr. Bennett said he thought this was a good idea, and asked if someone on staff could help organize this and work out the most appropriate way to accomplish it.

Mr. Saydack signed on at 3:20 p.m. After hearing that the Board had adopted the resolution on the agenda for the meeting, he stated that he concurred with the decision.


Ms. Hocken stated that she agreed with Mr. Bennett, that it was a good idea to have Representative Wooten meet with the Board members. She said she would be happy to make herself available for such a meeting. Mr. Kleger and Mr. Montgomery stated that they also would be available. Mr. Bennett suggested lunch with the Board to allow time for the Board interaction. He stated that Ms. Wooten had some concerns about the self-employment tax as it affects small business people, and had questioned why the Board had increased the payroll tax rate at the same time. He stated that she had not heard the background information related to these decisions. Mr. Bennett said that Ms. Wooten had not supported an elected Board, but not in the sense that she would never be in favor of an elected Board for LTD. Rather, she believed that the environment was wrong for an elected Board at this time, but wanted to understand LTD and its issues more clearly.

There was some discussion about whether a subgroup of the Board should meet with Ms. Wooten, rather than holding a public meeting. However, the Board members concurred that it would be better to hold a public meeting and include all members of the Board who could attend. Ms. Loobey agreed that it would be beneficial for the District to talk about LTD business with members of the local delegation. She suggested having similar meetings with other members of the delegation and with local business leaders or business groups in order to discuss such issues as bus rapid transit, high-speed rail, etc. She said she had been struck by the fact that the major businesses in the Portland-area Tri-Met transit district had lobbied the legislature in favor of the expansion of light rail. Mr. Saydack said he agreed completely, and suggested that some of the District's difficulties in recent months may have been the result of the fact that people did not have enough information about LTD.

Ms. Loobey said that at the July meeting she would like to present a communication plan for meetings with the business community.

Ms. Loobey stated that staff would take care of arrangements for the proposed meeting with Ms. Wooten. She said staff would be happy to have Ms. Wooten visit the District and learn more about LTD. Mr. Kleger suggested having her ride the bus for part of the day, as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Montgomery moved, seconded by Ms. Hocken, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

  
Board Secretary