

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

March 7, 1978

Pursuant to notice duly given to the Register Guard and the Springfield News on February 21, 1978, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held March 7, 1978, at 7:30 a.m. in the Rodeway Inn, Springfield, Oregon.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Secretary  
Jack J. Craig  
Daniel M. Herbert, President, presiding  
Kenneth H. Kohnen, Vice President  
Ted J. Langton, Treasurer  
Glenn E. Randall  
Carolyn Roemer  
Fred C. Dyer, General Manager  
Phyllis Loobey, Director of Administrative Services  
Richard Bryson, Counsel  
Ollie Snowden, Lane Council of Governments  
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary

News media representatives:  
Marvin Tims, Register Guard  
Rick Bella, Springfield News

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: The chairman opened the meeting to public participation and there was no response.

INCOME TAX ORDINANCE: Mr. Herbert advised that as required publication of a legal notice of reading of the income tax ordinance was not previously met, the board would at this meeting hold the first reading.

MOTION            Mr. Randall moved that the ordinance be read by title only as copies were  
VOTE                available for all present. Mr. Langton seconded the motion and it carried  
                      unanimously. Mr. Herbert then read the title of the proposed ordinance as  
                      "Ordinance No. 13. An ordinance imposing an income tax and providing for admini-  
                      stration, enforcement and collection of the tax."

The district's legal counsel recommended that the last clause of Section 10 of the proposed ordinance should be amended to read as follows: "Provided, however, that this ordinance shall not become operative unless it is approved by the qualified voters of the district within sixty-five days after the date that this ordinance is adopted."

Mr. Craig entered the meeting.

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VOTE  
Mr. Randall moved that the board adopt Ordinance #13 with the last clause amended as recommended by Mr. Bryson. Mr. Langton seconded the motion and it carried with favorable vote by Herbert, Kohnen, Langton, Randall, Roemer, and with Craig dissenting.

Mr. Bryson advised that in order to include information in the Voters Pamphlet, ballot measure material must be submitted to the Secretary of State seventy days prior to the election. In ensuing discussion, Mr. Bryson said he believed the district could not include pro and con issues but that he would inquire further of the Secretary of State of any provision under which additional material can be indicated. The chairman stated that an adjourned meeting should be held for further discussion if additional information may be included.

MOTION  
VOTE  
Upon motion by Mr. Craig, duly seconded, the board unanimously approved the following ballot title and statement of purpose:

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT INCOME TAX

Referred by the Board of Directors of Lane County Mass Transit District.

BALLOT TITLE

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT INCOME TAX

Purpose: Levies an income tax of .44% of the taxable income of the District's Service Area, effective for tax years ending after January 1, 1979, to provide funds for purchase of capital assets and equipment and for operation of the District's mass transit system.

Mr. Booth entered the meeting.

MOTION  
WITHDRAWAL  
Mr. Craig moved that legal notice of election be placed in all daily and weekly newspapers within the district. Following discussion, Mr. Craig received permission from board members to withdraw his motion.

MOTION  
VOTE  
Mr. Craig then moved that legal notice of election be placed in the following newspapers: Eugene Register Guard, Springfield News, Creswell Chronicle, Cottage Grove Sentinel, Junction City Times, West-Lane News, Willamette Valley Observer, Oregon Daily Emerald, Valley News, and Dead Mountain Echo. Mr. Kohnen seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A revised draft fact sheet was distributed for board review. Mr. Herbert suggested that the tax rate of .44% should be indicated on the fact sheet. Mr. Kohnen referred to a statement that the maximum rate is .01 or one percent of taxable income and said it should be expressed so as to indicate that a state statute sets that limit. Mr. Herbert said the fact sheet should be clarified to show that individuals would pay the income tax, and the payroll tax is used on corporations in lieu of an income tax. The staff was asked to redraft the fact sheet to include the points discussed.

A revised Alternative Tax Revenue Projection was distributed, indicating a less fluctuating cash flow than the previous table presented. Ms. Loobey spoke of the difficulty of accurately projecting revenues, and the figures presented could vary from 5% to 10% higher or lower. Mr. Booth voiced objection to "percentage mentality" and projected increased revenues, stating that he was opposed to any substantial change from present revenues. Following further discussion, Mr. Herbert said the board should either accept the projections as advisory, knowing that they can be updated with developments, or to direct the staff to revise the rates and timing in a restructured table. As there was no motion forthcoming, he said the board would ask for a revised cash flow as new information is developed.

T-2000 PLAN: Mr. Rynerson spoke of the necessity for district policies to be consistent with transportation and general plans adopted by the local governing bodies, and the public interest would best be served if the board would provide a statement of the district's position in relation to the proposed plan. Mr. Rynerson then presented a draft of a proposed position statement for consideration.

In discussion of conflicting transit goals in the area, Mr. Herbert observed that statements of policies and projects would have greater significance than actual percentage goals. Mr. Dyer said that although day to day operations would not be greatly affected by conflicting modal splits, capital acquisition must be based on a 15 to 30 year span.

Ollie Snowden, Lane Council of Governments, spoke of the need for cooperation between the transit district and the local governments.

It was the consensus of the board to review the draft position statement and take action at the March 21 board meeting for submittal to the governing agencies for the March 29 joint meeting.

OREGON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION: The chairman advised board members of an invitation to join the Oregon Transportation Commission for a luncheon on March 28 in Salem, with an opportunity for discussion of transit matters. All board members said they would attend.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned to March 14, 1978, at 7:30 a.m. in the Rodeway Inn.



Secretary