

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
LANE COUNTY MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 15, 1979

Pursuant to notice given to the Register Guard for publication on May 10, 1979, to the Springfield News and distributed to persons on the mailing list of the district, the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of Lane County Mass Transit District was held at the City Hall, Eugene, Oregon on May 15, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:

Richard A. Booth, Secretary  
Jack J. Craig  
Daniel M. Herbert, Vice President  
Kenneth H. Kohnen, President, presiding  
Carolyn Roemer  
Tim Dallas, General Manager pro tem  
Mavis Skipworth, Recording Secretary  
  
News media representative:  
Marvin Tims, Register Guard

Absent:

Ted J. Langton, Treasurer  
Glenn E. Randall

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: The chairman opened the meeting for public comment and there was no response.

MOTION  
VOTE

MINUTES: Minutes of the April 17, 1979 regular board meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

FUEL ALLOCATION: Tim Dallas described the seriousness of the fuel situation and the present federal and state allocation program. He said the staff has applied to the state "set-aside" program for increased allocation, and some diesel fuel has been obtained on the open market at higher cost. He advised that internal programs have been instituted to intensify conservation efforts. He recommended endorsement of an Oregon Transit Association resolution to seek revisions in the allocation program set by the federal government and administered by the state, to assure first priority category of fuel allocation to transit. Mr. Craig suggested the district seek additional storage facilities and Mr. Dallas assured that this was being pursued, although it would give only temporary relief.

Mr. Booth commented that the district could perhaps have been in a better position to obtain fuel had it been purchasing its gasoline and diesel needs from more than one supplier.

MOTION  
VOTE

Mr. Craig moved that the resolution regarding fuel allocation to transit properties as contained in the agenda material be adopted and that appropriate state and federal agencies and legislative and congressional delegations be so advised. Mr. Booth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Dallas spoke of the importance of preparing for a fuel emergency and suggested that staff should prepare a priority list outlining cutbacks that could be made with the least inconvenience to patrons. Mr. Booth suggested it be as uncomplicated as possible to be easily understood by customers.

MOTION

Mr. Herbert moved the board support the recommendation that staff have the authority to effect whatever reductions are necessary to protect the portion of the system that provides the most service for our customers. Mr. Booth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOTE

Mr. Craig moved that the chairman or the general manager send a telegram to the district's congressional delegation and ask for some type of emergency action on the fuel situation. Mr. Herbert seconded the motion.

Mr. Booth suggested that perhaps more could be accomplished by working directly with the suppliers and possibly one with an excess allocation could be found.

Mr. Craig withdrew his motion and Mr. Herbert withdrew the second.

Mr. Kohnen stressed the importance of publicizing well any curtailment of service so patrons would be prepared.

Mr. Dallas spoke of the additional expense incurred in purchasing fuel on the open market and said there could be additional expense in dispersing information to the public through the Marketing Division.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Kohnen requested that at the conclusion of this meeting, the board adjourn to another date for executive session to review the resumes received for the position of general manager. Mr. Herbert said he believed that those resumes received following the closing date should also be considered, and Mr. Craig and Mr. Booth concurred.

Mr. Kohnen distributed a form for tabulation of the five qualifications the board had specified. Mr. Booth expressed objection to any requirements of government related experience, stating that a qualified administrator could come from private industry.

Mr. Herbert said that if an outstanding candidate is not found within the resumes received, he would urge the board to extend the time schedule because of the importance this decision would have on the future of the transit district.

CENTRAL TRANSIT STATION: The board received a listing of proposed interim improvements at the 10th and Willamette transfer station. Mr. Booth spoke of a need to discourage loitering, as this could improve ridership. Mr. Rynerson, Planning Director, advised that staff members have met with city committees and staff, and efforts are being made to make the area less conducive to loitering. Mr. Herbert said that although the interim improvements could have some influence on the problem and make the system more usable, they would not make specific behavioral changes or resolve the problem.

Mr. Craig suggested the advisability of retaining a security expert to learn additional methods for improvement. Mrs. Roemer said that as it is public property, she believed the loitering to be a police problem. Mr. Kohnen agreed that the improvements to the present location would be only temporary, but said the additional lighting, better signing and removal of clutter should help alleviate some of the safety concern.

ANNUAL ROUTE REVIEW: Mr. Rynerson advised that in preparation of the Annual Route Review distributed to the board, the staff had taken into account Transit Development Program recommendations, public input and employee suggestions. He said this included redesign of evening, Saturday morning and Sunday service; rerouting to provide crosstown connections, and elimination of the non-urban routes with the lowest ridership. He advised that an addition to the master schedule of September bid implementation includes two meetings for public briefings which are scheduled on June 12 in the Springfield Utility Board facilities and June 14 at Far West Federal Savings.

REPORTING: Regular monthly reporting was distributed for Finance and Budget, Marketing, Ridership, and Maintenance.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Booth moved to adjourn the meeting to May 22, 1979, 6:00 p.m. at the North Bank Restaurant for executive session. Mr. Craig seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VOTE

  
Secretary