

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING

LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT

ADJOURNED MEETING

Wednesday, December 9, 1987

Pursuant to notice given at the November 18, 1987 regular meeting and to *The Register-Guard* for publication on December 3, 1987, an adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lane Transit District was held on Wednesday, December 9, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eugene City Hall.

Present: Peter Brandt, Treasurer
Janet Calvert, President, presiding
Janice Eberly, Vice President
Keith Parks
Gus Pusateri, Secretary
Phyllis Loobey, General Manager
Jo Sullivan, Recording Secretary

Absent: Dean Runyan
Rich Smith

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Calvert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BUS RIDER OF THE MONTH: Ms. Calvert stated that neither the November nor December Bus Rider of the Month was able to be present at the meeting that evening. The November Bus Rider of the Month was Charles Fitzgerald. He was nominated by a number of bus operators, who said that he is a faithful bus rider who rides the bus for fun as well as for transportation. The December Bus Rider of the Month was Gladys Tuttle, who was also nominated by a large number of bus operators. She has been riding the bus since Oregon Motor Stages ran the bus service (before Emerald and LTD), and fascinates the drivers with historical tidbits about Eugene and Junction City. Ms. Calvert added that some of the Bus Riders of the Month might be potential Budget Committee members, because of their proven commitment to LTD.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: The November Employee of the Month, Robin Glore, was present to receive his award and check and be introduced to the Board. Mr. Glore began as a part-time bus operator in 1983, and was promoted to full-time in 1984. He has earned his three-year safe driving award and has excellent attendance. Ms. Calvert said that the District appreciates his support and good work in, as one rider stated, making LTD something that people like to ride.

The December Employee of the Month, bus operator Clarence (Connie) Henshen, was also present at the meeting. Mr. Henshen has been an LTD bus operator for nine years. He has received his eight-year safe driving award and has excellent attendance. After presenting Mr. Henshen with his

check and award, Ms. Calvert stated that since the first awards banquet she attended, she has been impressed with the safety and attendance records of the District's employees.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: No member of the audience wished to speak at this meeting.

PRESENTATION BY ADMINISTRATOR OF PUBLIC TRANSIT DIVISION: Denny Moore, Administrator of the Public Transit Division of the State Department of Transportation, attended the meeting to make a short presentation. He stated that the State had worked in cooperation with the Oregon Transit Association (OTA) to justify the recommendation to the legislature and governor for distribution of stripper well funds to transit districts around the state. A modest study had been funded at \$25,000, and a good document resulted in \$8 million for the transit districts. Mr. Moore said that this was a successful process because of the technical and policy expertise contributed by very fine people from around the state. His purpose for attending such meetings was to recognize those who had made a major contribution. He then presented a marble plaque with the State seal to Stefano Viggiano, Planning Administrator, for his work on the 1986 Oregon Transit Finance Study Advisory Committee, and thanked Mr. Viggiano for his efforts. Mr. Viggiano said that he had enjoyed working with the other committee members and that he was glad that something good had resulted. Mr. Moore stated that LTD generally produces excellently written work, and again thanked Mr. Viggiano again for his contribution.

MOTION APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Eberly moved that the Board approve the minutes of the October 21, 1987 regular meeting and the November 18, 1987 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brandt, and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.
VOTE

MOTION ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Mr. Brandt moved that the same officers continue for another two-year term: Janet Calvert as President, Janice Eberly as Vice President, Peter Brandt as Treasurer, and Gus Pusateri as Secretary, and that the Board cast a unanimous ballot for those officers. Ms. Eberly seconded the motion, which then carried by unanimous vote.
VOTE

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AT THIS MEETING:

Facility Update: Mr. Viggiano stated that the purchase of the Moyer property had been completed, and the deed is now in the District's safe. However, purchase of the Spicer property is still in legal proceedings. On January 12, 1988, a preliminary hearing will be held on Mr. Spicer's contention that his land is not necessary for the project. The trial on the land value will be held in July or August. District counsel will update the Board at an executive session at the January Board meeting. The facilities project is still scheduled to go out to bid for building construction and site construction in mid-February. Mr. Viggiano explained that the Board Facilities Committee has not met recently because there have been no major issues to discuss.

Ms. Calvert mentioned a meeting she found to be interesting the previous Monday. A committee had been formed to review art to be included in the facility. The committee saw lots of slides of prints and paintings. Final decision on the art work will be made in January. Mr. Viggiano explained that \$25,000 has been included in the budget for interior art, including \$3,000 for plants and \$22,000 for art work. Approximately 60 proposals had been received from artists, and the committee had a lot of interesting art work to review. The committee is composed of the Board President, the LTD General Manager, two LTD staff members, the director of the Lane Regional Arts Council, staff of the Museum of Art, and the project architect and interior designer working with LTD on the facilities project.

Ms. Calvert was also planning to attend a symposium of public agencies considering art work in their buildings, at which a film of the Boston transit system art work will be shown. More than a half a million dollars is dedicated for art work by local public agencies, including \$400,000 for the University of Oregon Science Center for the next four years, \$85,000 for the Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB), and approximately \$200,000 for the airport. Ms. Loobey stated that places where efforts for art work have been made have not had problems with graffiti.

Financial Reporting: Mr. Brandt stated that the financial report looked great. Ms. Loobey added that the quarterly performance reporting was all positive. She said she had recently talked with someone who had called to discuss comparison statistics for ridership across the country. It became apparent that Eugene is one of the few properties across the country whose ridership continues to increase. Many properties are experiencing up to a 5 percent decline in ridership. Ms. Loobey stated that dependability, on-time performance, and the quality of driver personnel are all very important for ridership, and that the District often receives letters remarking on the friendliness and helpfulness of the drivers at LTD, in comparison with other cities' transit systems.

MOTION

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Eberly moved that the meeting be adjourned to 7:30 a.m. on December 15, 1987 at the Red Lion Inn. Mr. Parks seconded the motion, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

VOTE


Board Secretary