



**Minutes- Board of Directors**

**February 10, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District met on Friday, February 10, 2012 at the Metro Offices located at 110 Vernon Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

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| Director Margarita Alejo          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Director Alejo arrived after roll call |
| Director Hilary Bryant            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director Dene Bustichi            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director Daniel Dodge             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Director Dodge arrived after roll call |
| Director Ron Graves               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director Michelle Hinkle          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director Deborah Lane             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director John Leopold             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
| Director Ellen Pirie              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director Lynn Robinson            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Director Mark Stone               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
| Ex-Officio Director Donna Blitzer | <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |

**STAFF PRESENT**

Leslie R. White, General Manager  
Peg Gallagher, District Counsel  
Angela Aitken, Finance Mgr.  
Erron Alvey, Purchasing Agent  
Anthony Tapiz, Administrative Svcs  
Coordinator  
Sherri Escobedo, Administrative Asst.

**EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT**

Will Regan, VMU  
John Daugherty, SEA

Brent Fouse, PSA  
Eduardo Montesino, UTU

## **2. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

WRITTEN: None

ORAL: Angela Aitken, Finance Manager announced that Sherri Escobedo, Administrative Assistant would be running the meeting with Tony Tapiz, Administrative Svcs Coordinator this morning.

John Daugherty, Accessible Services Coordinator asked about a letter written to the Board at a prior meeting that was not announced from a Paracruz Rider regarding the late policy at Paracruz.

Leslie R. White, General Manager, stated that we have tried to contact this client and have not been able to reach them, but we are working on resolving this issue.

## **3. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **4. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

Chair passed to Director Dodge

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5-1. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SC FUELS FOR DIESEL FUEL PURCHASE AND DELIVERY THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012**

Submitted By: Erron Alvey, Purchasing Agent

### **5-2. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE LAW OFFICES OF MARIE F. SANG FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN THE AREA OF WORKERS COMPENSATION**

Submitted by: Erron Alvey, Purchasing Agent

### **5-3. CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING FIVE (5) NEW FLYER BUSES AS EXCESS FOR PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL OR AUCTION**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Finance Manager

### **5-4. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-02-01 APPROVING THE AMENDED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FORMING THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SYSTEMS JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

Presented by: Angela Aitken, Finance Manager

**ACTION: MOTION: Director Bustichi SECOND: Director Bryant**

**Approve Consent Agenda as amended.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Directors Stone, and Leopold being absent.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **6.0 ACCEPT AND FILE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2011**

Presented by: Angela Aitken, Finance Manager

There was a discussion regarding the audit and a finding regarding a prior year, which has been taken care of. Lorraine Bayer was introduced as our new Accountant. There was a question regarding the length of the audit and a statement regarding the great work done and the importance of the fact that we had no outstanding items.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR PIRIE SECOND: DIRECTOR HINKLE**

**Accept and File Financial Statements with Independent Auditors Report for year ending  
June 30, 2011**

**Motion passed unanimously with Directors Pirie and Stone being absent.**

#### **7.0 CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SMART CARD PROGRAM**

Presented by: Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager

There was a power-point presentation of the Smart Card Program as an alternate pay card in the new fare box system that will be introduced for use this summer. There was discussion regarding the price of the stock and the cost that METRO will charge customers, what happens when a card is lost or stolen, as well as where they will be available.

There was public comment from John Daugherty, SEIU Rep, Will Regan, VMU Rep, Eduardo Montesino, UTU Rep, and Manny Martinez, PSA Rep. All were in agreement that this is an exciting idea that hopefully will eliminate issues with paper passes in the field.

Chair Dodge stated that this is an exciting new process, and going forward any concerns will be addressed as they arise throughout the process.

**No Action Taken.**

#### **8.0 ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Daniel Dodge, Chair announced the next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held, Friday, February 24, 2012 at 9:00 am at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, 275 Main Street, Watsonville.

**9.0 REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**10. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

**1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

a. Agency Negotiators: Leslie R. White, General Manager, Robyn Slater, Human Resources Manager, Ciro Aguirre, Operations Manager

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| 1. Employee Organization: | United Transportation Union (UTU), Local 23, Fixed Route |
| 2. Employee Organization: | United Transportation Union (UTU), Local 23 Paracruz     |
| 3. Employee Organization  | Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 521  |

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**11. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Margaret Gallagher said there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Dodge adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



SHERRI ESCOBEDO  
Administrative Assistant