

# DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD

## BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES OF May 15th, 2013

#### 1. The DCTB Chair called the meeting to order and the roll was taken as follows: (13-05-01)

- X Tom Jones- Chair
- X Boots Sheets- Vice Chair
- X Roger VanSickle- Secretary
- X Erwin Dugasz
- AB Tim Dodge
- AB Ed Helvey
- X Traci Cromwell

#### Staff present for the meeting:

- X Denny Schooley- Executive Director
- X Crystal James- Operations Director
- X Ginny Berry- Marketing and Public Relations Specialist
- X Richelle Tirado- Controller
- X Tonya James- Mobility Manager
- AB Grant Bias- Operations Supervisor
- X Tina Smith-HR Coordinator
- AB Ed Pierson-IT Specialist

#### a. Approval of Absences (13-05-01)

It was moved by Roger and seconded by Boots to approve absences (13-05-01). Motion passed.

#### b. Pledge

#### c. Review Public Comment Rules

#### 2. Public Comment

No public present.

#### 3. Approval of Consent Agenda (13-05-02)

- a. Agenda for May 15, 2013
- b. Minutes of April 17, 2013

It was moved by Traci and seconded by Erwin to approve the Consent Agenda (13-05-02). Motion passed.

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### 4. Reports

#### a. Board Committees

##### i. Finance

Committee met May 1st to discuss wage increases and changes to healthcare benefits. Denny suggested a 7% increase to the wage scales, and the Board suggested \$12.00 to start for new drivers, and a 20% increase in wages across the board. Denny explained that this was probably not in the budget, so more discussion is to come. In regards to health insurance, the Board is hesitant to separate from the county's health insurance in light of how many changes are to come with changes in rates for 2014 and 2015. The decision was made to hold off on making any changes until more information is known. Traci suggested asking the county commissioners to help us with our healthcare costs, and Roger suggested looking into what Regional Planning does for their healthcare.

##### ii. Legislative

Did not meet.

#### b. Department

Operations- Erwin mentioned there are several major construction projects coming up that will affect some of our routes.

#### c. Executive Director

Denny explained that changes have been introduced to the Ohio Revised Code that allow us to secure revenue through means other than transportation.

### 5. Financial Status

#### a. For month ending April 30, 2013 (13-05-03)

It was moved by Boots and seconded by Traci to approve the financial status for month ending April 30, 2013 (13-05-03). Motion passed.

### 6. Unfinished Business

none

### 7. New Business

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### a. **Approval to enter into an agreement with Verizon Wireless (13-05-04)**

Time Warner dropped our wireless services on our buses. We are planning to switch to Verizon, which offers a lower rate (\$34 as opposed to \$50) and additional services.

It was moved by Roger and seconded by Erwin to approve establishing an agreement with Verizon Wireless (13-05-04). Motion passed.

### b. **Approval of Fixed Route Changes (13-05-05)**

stops are  
postponed.

There will be a Public Hearing tomorrow, May 16th, to announce changes to fixed routes. Some being taken away, and some new ones are being added. Extending service hours is being postponed.

It was moved by Erwin and seconded by Traci to approve fixed route changes. (13-05-05). Motion passed.

### c. **Discussion of ODOT Consultant Request**

We have requested a consultant from ODOT on local funding. They are willing to work with us and provide a consultant at their cost. This person will have experience and will probably be from Butler County, which almost closed in 2000, and has since come back successfully.

### d. **Discussion concerning CY 2014 Services**

2014.

Denny explained that we need to plan on not having any federal funding for demand response in

Current passenger fares are \$2-\$10 per trip. In 2014, passengers may have to pay full cost, over \$20 per trip. We would like to continue contract demand response because it is paid in full, and the revenue is used to match federal money. As far as demand response for the general public, we may need to do a phase out process of decreasing demand response and increasing fixed route. For future funding purposes, changes need to be in place by October. We feel that we should still offer demand response to the general public, but at a much higher cost and do away with demand response in fixed route zones. We can also help passengers coordinate their transportation. We may also be able to provide a day pass for fixed routes to those who have used demand response from outlying areas. DATA staff will provide a recommendation in June.

## 8. **Other Business-Open Comments**

Denny explained that the state's budget bill includes a statement that students in grades K-5 will not be able to use public transportation to get to and from school. This includes both fixed route and demand response.

Erwin mentioned that COTA is now running some new CNG buses, but one has already broken down.

Tom asked if there were any other ideas or suggestions for the Director's review, and indicated this would be discussed more at a later date.

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### **9. Adjourn**

There being no further business to transact, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.