MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M.
ILLINOIS TERMINAL
45 EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE, CHAMPAIGN

PRESIDING

Al Anderson, Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY

Rena Lee Lenz

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Berns	Vicki Ford
Willard Broom	Yuki Llewellyn
John Chato	Ron Peters

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Morgan Johnston for Pam Voitik, Campus Services Division, University of Illinois

IN ATTENDANCE

William L. Volk, Managing Director
Thomas J. Costello, Assistant Managing Director
Karl Gnadt, Director of Market Development

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

(a) A motion was made by Berns, seconded by Broom - the Board of Trustees voted to move 6(b)1 to 5(b) to accommodate Mitch Schluter from Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates who was present to discuss the Audit Report for FY 2008 and to approve the agenda, as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Berns, Broom, Ford, Llewellyn, Peters
NAY: None
Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS/PARTICIPATION

None

MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Public Hearing on September 18, 2008, Special Board Meeting on September 18, 2008, and Regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2008.

A motion was made by Berns, seconded by Broom, the Board of Trustees voted to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing on September 18, 2008, Special Board Meeting on September 18, 2008, and Regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2008, as presented.

AYE: Anderson, Berns, Broom, Ford, Llewellyn, Peters
NAY: None
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

(a) Letter from Carle Clinic regarding annexation of property at Carle Clinic-Champaign on Curtis, 1701 West Curtis, Champaign, Illinois.

The Board wanted to make sure that staff formally acknowledges receipt of this letter. Volk indicated that Costello has been having discussions with Carle personnel.

(At this point in the meeting, Board Member Chato arrived.)

(b) Board Committee Report.

1. Budget & Audit.

Mitch Schluter briefly discussed the audit report and answered the Board's questions.

A motion was made by Berns, seconded by Chato, the Board of Trustees voted to accept the Audit Report for FY 2008, as presented by Mitch Schluter of Martin, Hood, Friese and Associates.

AYE: Anderson, Berns, Broom, Chato, Ford, Llewellyn, Peters
NAY: None
Motion carried.

REPORTS

(a) Managing Director's.

Volk reported on the following in his written report:

1. Operating Notes.

An additional note was that a City of Urbana employee was walking the Boneyard Creek and saw some waste coming out of a pipe into the sanitary sewer and was trying to discover where it was coming from. Some dye was put in, but none came out through the pipes. However, the cameras followed it back to 1101 East University. Volk said that he just wanted to preliminarily let the Board know about this, as there was a potential for some expenses there, if the sewer lines were not properly installed.

REPORTS

(a) Continued)

Costello updated the Board on the status of the Zip Car Project. He said that hopefully the contract can be signed next week. The contracts are in the hands of the attorneys which is slowing down the process. He still hoped to get things started this semester.

Finally, Volk reported that the MTD was involved in the Bike Light Give-Away Project along with the City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and the University of Illinois. This was reported on Channel 3, but they failed to mention who was involved.

(b) Board Committee Reports.

1. Facilities.

Costello updated the Board on the status of the new shelters on the east side of Philo Road, at the Carle Facility in Southeast Urbana, and that the pad is poured on Amber Lane. He said that staff continues to work with the University of Illinois on the shelters for Goodwin Avenue and at Krannert Center. Also, he told the Board that a benefactor on the Blue Line would like to dedicate a bus shelter in memory of her husband where he caught the bus every morning. The only problem was that it is not on her property. So, staff is trying to see what can be done.

In addition, Costello said that staff is working on the shelter near the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District on the west side of Neil Street.

Chato updated the Board on the "Diesel Emission Reduction Project". He said that the project concludes at the end of November and that an executive report was to have been sent to MTD staff to distribute, but it had not yet arrived.

There was some discussion regarding the APTA economic stimulus package survey that wanted to know what the District could bid and spend in 90 days. A shelter project would take too long. Thus, staff thought about the Emissions Project would be a good one for that. Filters and a cleaning unit would cost approximately $400,000.

2. Personnel.

Ford reported that it was time to do an evaluation of the Managing Director. Forms to accomplish that were included in the board packet. She would like to have the forms returned by the next board meeting and then she would compile the results and report back to the Board at the December board meeting.

Volk stated that the other item for action by the Board was the IMRF Benefit Protection Leave Form for Ed Durkin—a bus operator who was off work from 6/22/08—10/26/08 due to some personal problems. This needs to be done to protect his disability and retirement benefits. The District's share will be paid through future monthly contributions.

A motion was made by Berns, duly seconded by Broom the Board of Trustees voted to approve the IMRF Benefit Protection Leave Form for Ed Durkin, as presented.

AYE: Anderson, Berns, Broom, Chato, Ford, Llewellyn, Peters
NAY: None
Motion carried.

BOARD MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER

(a) After some discussion, the Board decided to have a Board Meeting in December and set that date for Tuesday, December 30th, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Continuing Discussion of Planning Issues for the District.

Volk updated the Board on the Park & Ride/Child Care Project. He said that the District was going to issue an RFP seeking responses for preliminary Architectural & Engineering Services related to the design, construction, operations, and maintenance of this type of facility in Downtown Champaign. He said that even though the City of Champaign is the grantee for this project some FTA funds have been carried over for us to use, but we must be able to use them by the end of June. He had some aerial shots of the proposed sites for the Board to see. He further said that the child care center would be great for parents who depend on public transit as their prime transportation mode—since the current child care centers are not located near any of the District's major transfer centers. Several bus routes and inconvenient transfers must be made for a parent to drop off their child or children at a facility. The bids for this project are due by November 17, 2008 and hopefully the contract could be approved by the next board meeting. Some discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES

(a) The Regular Board Meeting for November was set for November 26th, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting for December was previously set for Tuesday, December 30th, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

(a) A motion was made by Berns, seconded by Ford, the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

AYE: All
NAY: None
Motion carried.

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SECRETARY

APPROVED:

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CHAIR