

MINUTES
 REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2007 AT 3:00 P.M.
 ILLINOIS TERMINAL
 45 EAST UNIVERSITY AVENUE, CHAMPAIGN

PRESIDING

Al Anderson, Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY

Rena Lee Lenz

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

Willard Broom Yuki Llewellyn
 John Chato Ron Peters

ABSENT BOARD MEMBER

Vicki Ford
 Paul Lucas

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Pam Voitik, Campus Services Division, University of Illinois

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

Justin Randall, University of Illinois Student Senate

IN ATTENDANCE

Thomas J. Costello, Assistant Managing Director
 Cynthia Hoyle, Consultant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

- (a) Chato requested under “Board Committee Reports—Personnel” to add a discussion of Board Members attending APTA Meetings.

A motion was made by Peters, seconded by Broom - the Board of Trustees voted to approve the agenda, as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Broom, Chato, Llewellyn, Peters

NAY: None

Motion carried.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS/PARTICIPATION

- (a) Ed Unders, 606 South Prairie, Champaign stated that he thought there was unequal treatment of people in the District. He did not think that it was fair for Savoy to only pick parts of their area to have service and other parts to not have service. He questioned why this area was different from Southwest Champaign. The Board explained that the Village of Savoy did not have an agreement with the CUMTD, while the City of Champaign did. When the City of Champaign annexes an area, the CUMTD also annexes the area to the District according to the agreement.

MINUTES

- (a) Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting on July 25, 2007.

A motion was made by Broom seconded by Chato - the Board of Trustees voted to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting on July 25, 2007, as presented.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Guest commentary for *The News-Gazette* from Al Anderson.
 (b) Letter to Herbert Krueger from Ron Peters.
 (c) Letter to Herbert Krueger from John Chato and his reply to Chato.

REPORTS

- (a) Managing Director's.

Costello reported in Bill Volk's absence on the following:

1. Operating Notes.
2. Operating Statement.
3. Ridership Data.
4. District Operating Revenue & Expenses.
5. Illinois Terminal Operating Revenue & Expenses.
6. Statistical Summary.
7. Accounts Payable/Cash Disbursements.

Additionally, Costello said that staff has been very busy since the start of school. Champaign started last Friday; the University of Illinois last Wednesday; and Urbana started today. Regarding the start of the U of I, Costello asked Voitik to make a report.

Voitik stated that in partnership with the U of I Police Department, they were sponsoring Pedestrian Safety Day on campus on September 6th with a new slogan - "I Stop - I Look - I Live". This will be targeted at pedestrians, bicyclists, as well as motorists and they will be putting posters on the bus, table tents in the dormitories, and passing out information and t-shirts on the Quad. Also, there was a U of I Board of Trustees Meeting on that same date.

REPORTS

(b) Board Committee Reports.

1. Budget & Audit - Lucas, Chair

In the absence of Lucas, Costello reported that the Governor's veto did not negatively impact this year's \$12,522,500 appropriation for operating grant assistance. The District's application has been submitted for a considerable length of time and has been approved pending the budget approval. He also mentioned that Bill Volk was actually in Chicago today testifying on some of the legislation. The resolution to approve execution of this grant was to be approved later in the meeting under "New Business".

Finally, information from Morgan Stanley was included in the board packet.

2. Facilities - Anderson, Chair

Chato passed out and briefly discussed a progress report on "Diesel Emission Reduction for the CUMTD".

Costello reported that the contract with Market Place Mall has been completed with plans to install a STOPwatch there. So, we will have some real time information available for passengers.

Also, Costello said that the fuel tank repairs at 803 East University are now complete.

3. Personnel - Ford, Chair

Peters said that he had been working on a program for bus operators in regard to hazardous material training. He had some discussions with a couple of CUMTD bus operators and had gotten good cooperation from them. He will keep the Board updated on this issue.

In the absence of Ford, Costello reported that a total of four people are in bus operator training with another class to start right after Labor Day. In addition, we will be hiring a couple of additional ADA operators.

In addition, Costello reported that Tom Conrad had been hired for the Lead Control Position in the Operations Department. He was a bus operator working in that position and doing a good job. They also will start interviewing for an Operations Supervisor to replace one retiring in January.

Chato reported that he had been looking at the agenda for the Annual APTA Meeting in October and that there were several sessions that were applicable to board members and to board meetings. He suggested that perhaps Anderson might want to attend. He questioned whether the other board members agreed with him.

Some discussion followed and an actual vote could not be taken since this item had not been put on the agenda as an action item.

Costello mentioned that there is a board member seminar held in the summer of every year and that this might be a possibility for next year.

Anderson stated that he would not be able to attend the APTA Meeting in October, as he had a prior commitment scheduled. He suggested that if any board members would like to attend that they should let staff know of their interest.

REPORTS

3. Personnel (continued)

It was the consensus of the Board Members that they agreed on this issue. This item will be put on the agenda for the September Board Meeting to approve travel expenses, if needed.

(c) Report on CUMTD and Its Role as a Mobility Provider - Cynthia Hoyle

Hoyle briefly discussed this issue and asked for any questions from board members. She also passed out information on “Car Share Programs” and “Walk to School Day”.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Draft Agreement with Savoy.

Costello acknowledged that Dick Helton, John Brown, and Jan Niccum were all present at the meeting from the Village of Savoy. He also explained that certain areas of Savoy were subject to MTD annexation immediately and some were subject to annexation when they became annexable according to the Local Mass Transit District Act. Other areas could be annexed after twenty-five years. He said that this has been a give and take proposition and that the MTD did not get everything that it wanted.

Also, Costello reported that service to Wal-Mart and ADA service would begin by October 31, 2007. Also, any future annexations by Savoy would require the developer or future property owner to annex to the District.

Further, Costello said that staff was providing this Agreement at the request of the Village Trustees, as they were interested in feedback from the MTD Board.

Considerable discussion followed.

Five board members were in favor of the agreement and would like to continue to negotiate with the Village of Savoy. Costello indicated that Lucas was not in favor of any Agreement and would oppose it. He indicated that staff did not know the opinion of Ford.

NEW BUSINESS

(a) Approval of Illinois Department of Transportation Operating Grant Agreement for FY 2008.

A motion was made by Broom, seconded by Peters - the Board of Trustees voted to authorize Al Anderson—Chair and/or Paul Lucas—Vice Chair of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District to execute Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement #OP-08-01-IL, Contract #3664 and to authorize William L. Volk—Managing Director and/or Thomas J. Costello—Assistant Managing Director to provide additional information and to file such documents as may be required by the Agreement and receive the funding. (Complete resolution attached to original and file minutes.)

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE

- (a) The Regular Board Meeting for September was set for September 26, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- (a) A motion was made by Peters, seconded by Chato - the Board of Trustees voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

AYE: All
NAY: None
Motion carried.

SECRETARY

APPROVED:

CHAIR