

**10-15 TRANSIT BOARD
MINUTES
July 31, 2008**

Present: Jody McDanel Lawrence Rouw Greg Kenning
Bill Randolph Richard Denny for Ernie Greiner Cathy Reece
Dale Taylor Michael Beary Mike Pech

Absent: Bob Woodruff Don Greenlee

Others: Pam Ward Ed Mosbey Brenda Stevens

Guests: Chris Kukla, Area XV RPC

AGENDA: Reece reviewed the agenda, and the agenda was approved as presented.

MINUTES The minutes from the meeting of June 26, 2008 were presented. Following review, Kenning moved and Beary seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

EXPENSES

Expenses for the Month of June were presented in the amount of \$173,488.30.

There was question about the cat's eye. Ed explained they are used to monitor tire air pressure and prevents buses from being operated with too low tire pressure and ruining the tires. There was a question about bus delivery. Pam explained those circumstances.

Following a review, Pech moved and Rouw seconded a motion to acknowledge and file the expenses. Motion carried.

REVENUE/EXPENSE REPORT

The report for year end has just been received. The June and July reports will be prepared and presented in the August meeting.

RIDERSHIP REPORT

Pam noted that there were 18,279 rides provided in June compared to 16,891 in June last year. Mileage was down about 5,000 miles, however hours were up about 200. These are good efficiency measures.

Following review and discussion, the report was accepted as presented.

STATUS REPORT

Drivers

Pam updated the Board on the upcoming job interviews and Ruth Boyd. No action was taken.

Personnel Reorganization and Expansion

Pam updated the Board on the progress of the personnel reorganization and expansion. She noted that Ricci Rush and Jennifer Teamer have been added as dispatchers.

No action is needed by the 10-15 Transit Board.

Building Expansion

No work has commenced at this time. Pam has been able to locate identical tile for the expansion and heavy traffic areas at a cost savings of \$700 due to a sale. She has also started the search for carpeting, window treatments, and paint.

No action is needed by the 10-15 Transit Board.

Grant Application

As reported last month, additional information has been provided on the New Freedom’s and State Coordination grant applications. OTA application for the State Coordination grant has been approved by Iowa DOT in the past few days. A contract will be forthcoming. There is no word on the 10-15 Transit’s application. No action is needed by the Board.

No action is needed by the 10-15 Transit Board.

Henry County Contract

Henry County has asked for an agreement with 10-15 Transit to provide transportation to a sheltered workshop. They will be provided information about the rate increases pending.

The staff recommended that the Vice Chairman be authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the 10-15 Transit Board.

Taylor moved and McDanel seconded a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Motion carried.

Iowa Community Assurance Pool

ICAP will be applying a credit toward our liability contribution in the amount of \$5,153.05. This is an annual credit given to fully funded members. This is in addition to our refund of Cumulative Reserves.

No action is needed by the Board.

Certificate of Appreciation

Pam was given a certificate of appreciation for managing two procurements for vehicles. All units in these procurements have been purchased by us or our colleagues.

No action is needed by the Board.

Fuel Costs

More and more, state and federal legislators are requesting information about what transit is doing with all the new money we have been granted in recent years. The specific information has been requested for 2004 through 2008. During these years, federal reauthorization has granted fairly significant increases to rural systems. State taxes for transit have been healthy and the distribution has likewise seen increases. When coupled with JARC, New Freedom, and someday coordination funds, the service impacts could be expected to be significant.

In order to “explain” why the service impacts are not as expected, the IPTA Legislative Committee has been asked to gather data from each transit system. We were given the task of recording fuel costs, total budget, and % of fuel costs to total budget.

The information for Ottumwa and Region 15 follow:

OTTUMWA	Fuel Cost	Total Budget	% of Budget
2004	56,183	691,655	8.12%
2005	83,117	815,966	10.19%
2006	114,486	946,117	12.10%
2007	115,369	922,200	12.51%
2008	149,322	939,967	15.89%

REGION 15	Fuel Cost	Total Budget	% of Budget
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2004	174,859	1,102,362	15.86%
2005	250,618	1,358,533	18.45%
2006	334,133	1,492,913	22.38%
2007	333,271	1,503,200	22.17%
2008	431,714	1,692,411	25.51%

It is the general feeling that this will be a consistent trend state-wide and at a glance the real question of “what did you do with all that money?” will be quickly answered.

No action is needed by the Board.

TO OFFSET THESE FUEL COSTS, IOWA DOT HAS AWARDED \$12,074 TO 10-15 AND \$6,676 TO OTTUMWA!

PROGRESSIVE MAINTENANCE REPORT

There were no questions on the June report.

Pam and Ed provided the Board with an update on the training installation of the bus cameras. The views and advantages of having that information were again reviewed with the board.

No action was needed by the board.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was schedule for Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 10:15 a. m. at 2417 S. Emma.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a. m.

Don Greenlee, Chairman

Cathy Reece, Vice Chairman

Ernie Greiner, Secretary