



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room
42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California
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OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Director Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Norm Hickling

Vice Chairman Marvin Crist

Alternate Director Fred Thompson (Director Hofbauer absent)

Director Dianne Knippel

Director Sandra Johnson

Absent

Director Tom Lackey

Director Lackey arrived at 10:01 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, Directors Lackey, Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no public business presented

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Jerel Arbaugh, a member of the public, spoke about the policy regarding the operators using the bus radios while driving and overcrowding on the local transit buses during peak times. Araciela Sosa, a member of the public, was concerned about the schedule changes for the 785 commuter service and that a 10 minute schedule delay added 30 minutes to her travel time. Chairman Hickling referred both speakers to meet with Senior Planning Officer Dieter Aragon.

SPECIAL REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS (SRP):

SRP 1 PRESENTATION OF TRANSDEV OPERATOR OF THE MONTH AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

General Manager Hector Fuentes and Director of Finance Colby Konisek presented plaques to Mauricio Palacios, Operator of the Month for September and Claudia Salty, Employee of the Month for September.

Mr. Fuentes also introduced Transdev's new Operations Manager Kyle Souza.

SRP 2 RECOGNITION OF TRANSDEV COACH OPERATOR LUIS GARCIA, JR.

Chairman Hickling presented a Certificate of Recognition to Coach Operator Luis Garcia, Jr. for his quick response when a NABI bus caught on fire on October 1, 2014.

SRP 3 PRESENTATION OF AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER (JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014) – COLBY KONISEK

Director of Finance Colby Konisek presented a plaque to Customer Service Supervisor Carlos Lopez, AVTA's Employee of the Quarter.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 – KAREN DARR

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar item 1.

Moved by Director Johnson, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (4-0-2-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: Vice Chairman Crist and Director Lackey

Absent: None

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORTS –AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2014 – COLBY KONISEK

CC 3 FY15 FIRST QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT – JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 – WENDY WILLIAMS

Motion: Approve Consent Calendar items 2 and 3.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Johnson

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, Directors Lackey, Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 AWARD CONTRACT NO. 2015-03 TO TRANSDEV, INC. FOR DIAL-A-RIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICES – LYLE BLOCK

The Board waived the presentation of the staff report. There was no Board discussion regarding this item.

Motion: Authorize the executive director to execute Contract No. 2015-03 with Transdev, Inc. for Dial-a-Ride paratransit services.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, Directors Lackey, Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

NB 2 AWARD CONTRACT NO. 2015-19 TO APOLLO VIDEO TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR APOLLO SYSTEM VIDEO UPGRADE – LEN ENGEL

The Board waived the presentation of the staff report. There was no Board discussion regarding this item.

Motion: Authorize the executive director to execute Contract No. 2015-19 with Apollo Video Technology, Inc. for the Apollo system video upgrade.

Moved by Vice Chairman Crist, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Vice Chairman Crist, Directors Lackey, Knippel and Johnson, and Alternate Director Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 Executive Director's Report - Mr. Konisek provided the following information in Executive Director Julie Austin's absence.

- The first purchase order for the electric bus project infrastructure was executed and covers the planning costs for the WAVE charging systems at Lancaster City Park and Palmdale Transportation Center (PTC). The next steps in the project will include construction and electrical planning, Southern California Edison requirements, construction scheduling, and the main engineering plans.
- At the Board's request, Ms. Austin, Grants Administrator Judy Vaccaro-Fry, Mr. Konisek, Federal Advocates Steve Palmer and David Haines conducted a debriefing session with Howard Hill from the United States Department of Transportation (DOT) regarding why AVTA's application for the TIGER grant was not selected. Below are the details of the session:
 - Over 800 applications were received with only 71 projects awarded funds. Mr. Hill stated there was a 96% failure rate and only a 4% approval rate for this round of TIGER grants.
 - Although AVTA provided good discussion on the description of the project, areas served, demographic data, partnerships, national applicability, project readiness and capacity, project management plan, and environmental sustainability, AVTA could have expanded on how the grant would improve the quality of life and safety for the citizens of the Antelope Valley and the surrounding region.
 - AVTA's application made it through the "acceptable" round and the "recommend" round; however, it was not promoted to Secretary Foxx as "highly recommended." The largest factor for AVTA's project not

advancing to the “highly recommend” phase was due to the overall geographic distribution of funds. Because California was awarded more funds than any other state, the DOT wanted to be more equitable in distributing funds across the nation.

- Lastly, since AVTA receives Federal 5307 funds, the Authority can proceed with the project without the award of TIGER Funds.
- Two additional daily trips have been added to commuter route 786 to West Los Angeles to meet passenger demands and alleviate overcrowding.
- MEETINGS/CONFERENCES: Director of Communications Wendy Williams is speaking at the SmartRail Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina October 28 through October 31. Finance Supervisor Rong Nemeschy, IT Supervisor Bob Keys, and Mr. Konisek are attending the annual User’s Group Meeting for Tyler Incode in Fresno October 28 through October 31. Ms. Williams, Mr. Keys, and Mr. Konisek will be attending the California Transit Authority (CTA) Fall Conference in Monterey November 11 through November 14. Although Ms. Austin will be having surgery, she plans to attend the CTA conference. Mr. Keys and Mr. Konisek will be attending the TransTrack User’s Group on Tuesday, November 11.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

Chairman Hickling and Vice Chairman Crist stated that AVTA and the BYD electric bus were a prominent part of APTA’s Annual Meeting and Expo. Chairman Hickling reiterated to staff and the Board the importance of applying for all grant opportunities. Vice Chairman Crist stated his belief that BYD’s battery technology provides a leading edge over the competition and was the optimal procurement choice. He also mentioned the city of Lancaster’s plan to close the Lancaster Metrolink Station and the request for a bus bridge to the Palmdale Transportation Center.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hickling adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m. in memory of IntelliRide Project Manager Dan Thomas' mother, Mary Thomas and Transdev, Inc. Safety & Training Manager Quida Johnson's husband, Greg Forte.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on November 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 25th day of November, 2014.



Norman L. Hickling, Chairman



Julie M. Austin, Secretary

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