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**MINUTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
12:00 NOON
SCT TRANSPORTATION CENTER
100 N. LOCUST ST.
CENTRALIA, IL 62801**

Present:

John Schubert
Don Copeland
Sam Easterly
Pam Boyd **via phone**
Ben Stratemeyer
Don Jones
Pat Netemeyer **via phone**

Absent:

None

Also Present:

Sara Nollman-Hodge
Bryan Hunt
Marvin Miller
Vicki Clift
Justin Johnson

The meeting was called to order by board president John Schubert at 12:03.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Jones, seconded by Easterly, the minutes of the January 27, 2022, board meeting were approved as read. All aye. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Guest Recognition – Bryan Hunt, Marvin Miller, Vicki Clift and Justin Johnson

Public Comment – None

Letters and Cards Received - Nollman-Hodge read a thank you card from Norm Smith in response to flowers and food sent for the passing of his wife. Don Jones also extended his thanks for the card received during his hospital stay.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Nollman-Hodge asked for any questions regarding the Managing Director's Report. There were none, and on a motion by Copeland, seconded by Easterly, the report was accepted. All aye. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE – Nollman-Hodge reported on the REBUILD grant as presented by IPTA at their quarterly Board meeting.

REPORTS

Personnel Committee

Jones reviewed the minutes of the February Personnel meeting with the Board. On a motion by Copeland, seconded by Jones, the report was accepted. All aye. Motion carried.

Finance Committee

Copeland reviewed the minutes of the February Finance meeting with the Board. On a motion by Jones, seconded by Easterly, the report was accepted. All aye. Motion carried.

Financial Reports

Copeland asked if there were any questions regarding financial reports. Stratemeyer asked what the IPTA dues were and requested information as to the benefits of membership in IPTA. Motion to accept financial reports by Copeland, seconded by Easterly. All aye. Motion carried.

Monthly Report

Nollman-Hodge asked for questions regarding the January Monthly Report that was included in Board packets. Stratemeyer asked how cost per mile is calculated. Nollman-Hodge explained productive and unproductive cost per mile. Stratemeyer asked for both calculations be included in monthly report. Jones motioned, seconded by Copeland, to accept the monthly report. All aye, Stratemeyer nay. Motion carried.

County Board Reports

Schubert reported plans to visit Clinton County and Washington County Boards during the next few months. No dates have been scheduled yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments / Call-Ins

Trustee attendance at Committee meetings was discussed and Marvin Miller cited the rules of physical attendance versus audio or video attendance per the Open Meetings Act. It was determined that a board trustee may attend a meeting via phone conference due to employment reasons. The trustee should contact the recording clerk in advance to inform of his intention to attend via phone.

PCOM Report

Nollman-Hodge asked for any questions regarding the quarterly PCOM report. Being none, Copeland motioned, seconded by Easterly, to accept the report. All aye. Motion carried.

FY23 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget was discussed at length and determination was made to increase the fuel line item from \$800,000 to \$1,300,000 due to rising fuel costs. Copeland motioned, seconded by Boyd, to approve the budget with the requested change and present at public hearing next month. Any changes recommended at public hearing will then be taken to March's Board meeting for discussion. All aye. Motion carried.

Wage Increase Proposal

Nollman-Hodge asked for questions and discussion of the starting wage increase proposal that would affect drivers, dispatchers, and county and dispatch supervisors. The proposal was discussed at the February Personnel and Finance committee meetings. Copeland stated that the wage formulas take into consideration employee longevity and asked when the increase will be effective. Nollman-Hodge stated the increase would take effect during March. On a motion by Easterly, seconded by Copeland, the starting wage increase proposal was approved as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

No further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by John Schubert at 12:45 p.m.



President John Schubert