



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

February 6, 2024

- Trustees: John Lumpkin, President
Al Fullenkamp
Sharon Hairston
Belinda Matthews-Stenson
Nikol M. Miller
Grady L. Mullins
Thomas Weckesser
David P. Williamson
- Excused: Sharon D. White, Vice President
- Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer
Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer
Christopher Conard, Coolidge Wall, Co. LPA
Cathy Garner, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Stevens, Chief Labor Relations Officer
- Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. A quorum was present and proper notice of the meeting had been given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lumpkin led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Ms. Hairston	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Excused
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lumpkin stated Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) By-Laws require Board Trustees approval of today’s Board Meeting Agenda. The Agenda was mailed in advance, and Mr. Lumpkin asked if there are any changes to the Agenda?

MOTION MADE by Mr. Williamson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to APPROVE today’s Board Meeting Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 21, 2023 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lumpkin asked if anyone requests a reading of the minutes or if there are corrections to the minutes?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, MOTION MADE by Mr. Fullenkamp and SECONDED by Ms. Hairston to APPROVE the November 9, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes and November 21, 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight Nays: None

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (BELINDA MATTHEWS-STENSON)

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees held a meeting on January 16th and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is

recommending four (4) Action Items for the Board’s consideration.

ACTION ITEM #2 - ENGINE OIL

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is to purchase engine oil for the diesel bus fleet and non-revenue diesel vehicles. This procurement supports our core values of Quality Service and good Stewardship of RTA’s financial resources by ensuring that our fleet is well maintained and available for service.

Vendors were required to base their bids on the estimated quantity of 7,764 gallons of engine oil per year. The total cost per year determines the lowest bidder.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to Hawkins Bailey Warehouse for engine oil with an estimated amount of \$69,333 for the base year, and \$69,333 for the option year, for a grand total of \$138,666. Actual costs will vary based on the number of gallons purchased.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #3 - DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID

Ms. Matthew-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is to purchase diesel exhaust fluid for the diesel bus fleet and non-revenue diesel vehicles. This procurement supports our core values of Quality Service and good Stewardship of RTA’s financial resources by ensuring that our fleet is well maintained and available for service.

Vendors were required to base their bids on the estimated quantity of 33,000 gallons of diesel exhaust fluid per year. The total cost per year determines the lowest bidder.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to PetroChoice, LLC for Diesel Exhaust Fluid with an estimated award amount of \$54,450

for the base year and \$57,750 and \$61,050 for the option years 1 and 2, respectively for a grand total of \$173,250. Actual costs will vary based on the number of gallons purchased.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #4 – BUS GARAGE POST TENSION FLOOR ADDITIONAL WORK

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated in April 2023 Board Trustees approved a contract award to CPS Construction Group, Inc. for Bus Garage Post Tension Floor Repair.

At this time, an additional \$14,770 is needed for additional required work, which was not in the original scope of work but was discovered during the project. There were also additional construction costs incurred during the project's original scope, which amounted to approximately \$18,000. A \$10,000 contingency is also being requested for any future unforeseen issues that could arise with this additional work.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Weckesser to APPROVE an additional CONTRACT AWARD to CPS Construction Group, Inc. for Bus Garage Post Tension Floor Additional Work in the amount of \$32,770 plus a \$10,000 contingency for a total of \$42,770 which brings the total project cost to \$184,855.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #5 – 601 LONGWORTH VEHICLE EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is to select a firm to partner with RTA for the installation of a Vehicle Exhaust Extraction (VEE) system in the 601 Longworth Street garage.

The garage is currently equipped with a building exhaust system that removes fumes from running vehicles; however, in the maintenance bays, the VEE systems are

added to capture the vehicle exhaust for prolonged idling periods. This system will support the AC Shop that is being moved from its current location to the 601 Longworth Street garage. This procurement supports RTA’s core value of Safety for our employees by continuously improving our facilities to ensure they are free from harmful chemicals and have a healthy and safe work environment.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Ms. Hairston to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to J. Feldkamp Design Build for the installation of the VEE system in the 601 Longworth garage in the amount of \$124,400 plus a contingency of \$12,440 for any unknown costs, totaling \$136,840.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight

Nays: None

Discussion Items to Mention

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the November 2023 Financial Report as well as Small Purchases Information has been included in today’s Board package.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees held a meeting on January 16th and while we do not have any Action Items to bring forth, we do have important updates to share.

Mr. Weckesser stated at the meeting, Mr. Brandon Policicchio provided a summary document of recent activities in the Customer and Business Development Department.

Mr. Weckesser stated Mr. Policicchio shared that ridership continues to improve. In 2023, ridership was up 19% from the prior year. He explained that this was due to service improvements made over the last year, including expanding other services to meet the changing needs of RTA customers across Montgomery County. Overall, RTA continues to meet or exceed national trends in ridership.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following items:

- New Connect Buses ordered 2 ½ years ago and received during 2023 that will be rolling out this Spring. These buses are very similar to those being retired with a few improvements.
- 24 more CDL Operators will soon complete training and will be added to the Transportation Board. This allows them to fill in for call offs and provide tripper service as needed while they continue to learn RTA routes.
- Operator staffing has returned to normal operating levels, pre-Covid.
- RTA is working to introduce a New Dayton West Circulator Service that will connect the Northwest, Westown, and South Transit Hubs.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lumpkin stated anyone wishing to address the Board must speak on their own behalf. After you are recognized to speak you must come to the lectern or if you're physically unable to do so a handheld microphone will be brought to you. You must first state your name and address, after doing so, at that point you have 3 minutes to make your comments. A yellow light will come on when you have 30 seconds remaining, and the Secretary will say 30 seconds. When your three minutes are up, a red light will come on and the Secretary will say stop, and at that time you must stop talking and leave the lectern or surrender the microphone.

Mr. George J. Rocheleau – 1884 N. Longview Street, Beavercreek, Ohio 45432. Mr. Rocheleau stated that he sent a letter to RTA in December, 2023. However, Mr. Ruzinsky never received the letter. Mr. Rocheleau shared a variety of items of concerns that he wanted to speak about ranging from new bus stop shelters, trash receptacles, no smoking policy on RTA facilities, including at bus stops

and shelters, Montgomery County Fair route, and updated system maps.

Mr. Ruzinsky asked Mr. Rocheleau if he could leave a copy of the letter and Mr. Ruzinsky would reply to each question accordingly regarding his items of concern. Mr. Rocheleau replied yes he would be happy to leave a copy of his letter.

Mr. Ruzinsky thanked Mr. Rocheleau for attending today's meeting.

Mr. Kevin Frazier – 555 Recess Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45404. Mr. Frazier, President, RTA Amalgamated Transit Union, asked the Board of Trustees if Staff would reconsider reinstating the Senior Easy Ride Route/bus. Mr. Frazier stated he recently moved his father into his residence and having the availability of the Senior Easy Ride bus would be greatly appreciated not only for his father but also, for all seniors to get to and from various appointments. Additionally, Mr. Frazier doesn't understand why the overflow of operators currently on the extra RTA Board who were recently hired can't be utilized to operate a Senior Easy Ride Bus route. In closing, Mr. Frazier is unhappy that every time he makes a call to RTA regardless of the subject matter his calls are directed to the Director of Labor Relations.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Lumpkin wished everyone Happy Black History Month.

Mr. Lumpkin stated RTA's Marketing Team honors various local Black Business Owners during Black History Month, which features their local black-owned businesses throughout Montgomery County. Mr. Lumpkin thanked Ms. Miller and the Staff for thinking of this endeavor.

Mr. Lumpkin stated the next Board meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m., on March 5, 2024, and the next Committee meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m., on February 20, 2024.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE by Mr. Fullenkamp and SECONDED by Ms. Hairston to ADJOURN the meeting.


MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Eight


Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

ATTEST



John Lumpkin
President
RTA Board of Trustees



Mary K. Stanforth
Secretary/Treasurer
RTA Board of Trustees

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