

MINUTES OF THE HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 21, 2010

ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

BOARD MEMBERS

Frank Jager, Eureka

Julie Woodall, Rio Dell

Dean Glaser, Fortuna

Jill Duffy, Humboldt County

Julie Fulkerson, Trinidad

Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County

Michael Winkler, Arcata

STAFF

Neleen Fregoso, General Manager

Laura Shodall, Administrative
Assistant

Greg Pratt, Secretary to the Board

Jim Wilson, Director of Maintenance

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Supervisor Duffy second by Councilmember Jager to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2010 regular board meeting.

Motion passed on the following vote:

Ayes: Glaser, Duffy, Fulkerson, Jager, Lovelace

Noes: None

Abstain: Winkler

CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Eureka resident Richard Tolleson stated that he is very pleased with all of the transit services in Humboldt County, however, he would like to see the transit buses operate on Sundays.

OTHER REPORTS

The Financial Statement and Performance Statistics for the Eureka Transit Service, Redwood Transit System, Southern Humboldt, Quail & Willow Creek Extension Service were presented to the board by Administrative Assistant Laura Shodall.

Motion by Councilmember Jager, second by Councilmember Fulkerson to receive and file the financial statements for all systems.

Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Councilmember Jager, second by Councilmember Fulkerson to receive and file the ridership statistics for all systems.

Motion carried unanimously

ACTION ITEMS

Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Grants

Staff informed the board that there is \$520,870 available to the region in Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Regional Apportionment for 2010-2011. HTA's portion of that regional amount is \$260,435. Staff recommended submitting an application for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 grant funds for operating assistance for the Redwood Transit System in the amount of \$260,435.

Motion by Councilmember Jager, second by Councilmember Winkler authorizing staff to submit an application to Caltrans for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 operating assistance in the amount of \$260,435 for Redwood Transit System.

Motion carried unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Southern Humboldt Rural Transit System

On Monday April 12, 2010, HTA staff held two public meetings at the Civic Club in Garberville to receive comments from the public regarding the new transit services in the Southern Humboldt area. Phil McGuire, the CEO of Innovative Paradigms, who is an expert in the field of para-transit and Transportation Development Act legislation, facilitated the meeting and assisted in answering questions from the public. Suggestions to improve service were given, such as extending the intercity routes to 5th & H Streets in Eureka; servicing Miranda directly with the intercity routes; and, lowering the age limit for automatic certification for the Tuesday Medical/Nutrition bus. Several members of the public offered compliments to the HTA staff for helping the residents of Southern Humboldt get transit service.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.