

MINUTES FOR THE HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

September 2, 2020

PRESENT

Board Members

Rex Bohn, County of Humboldt

Paul Pitino, City of Arcata

Natalie, Arroyo, City of Eureka

Mike Wilson, County of Humboldt

Tami Trent, City of Fortuna

ABSENT

Steve Ladwig, City of Trinidad

Julie Woodall, City of Rio Dell

Staff

Greg Pratt, General Manager

Brenda Fregoso, Secretary to the Board

Brian Connors, Operations Manager

Alene Webb, Finance Manager

Consuelo Espinosa, Safety & ADA Coordinator

Jim Wilson, Director of Maintenance

Kelly Masterson, Maintenance Supervisor

Also, in attendance was Nancy Diamond; HTA Legal Counsel; Jerome Carman, Schatz Energy Research Center; Oona Smith, HCAOG; Latanya Jacob, Eureka Resident.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Pitino called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. General Manager Greg Pratt took roll call.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

Latanya Jacob, Eureka resident addressed the board on ridership and asked for information as to when bus service may increase. She also requested that all bus stops have current schedules posted. General Manager explained the decline in ridership and the school's role in the decline. He also addressed the issue with schedules being vandalized at bus stops and asked that if anyone does notice a schedule missing or vandalized to please contact HTA.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Comparative Analysis of Electric and Hydrogen Transit Fleets

Jerome Carman with Schatz Energy Research Center gave the board a presentation on their recent research of alternative fuels and infrastructure for HTA.

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion, recommended the approval of the following items considered to be routine and enacted in one motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Calendar upon request and will be heard separately.

Motion by Supervisor Wilson, second by Councilmember Arroyo to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion carries unanimously

1. Minutes from the August 5, 2020 Regular Board Meeting

Action Recommended: Approve minutes

Items removed from the Consent Calendar

None

REPORTS

1. May 2020 statistics and financial statements for all systems operated by HTA

General Manager Greg Pratt gave the board and update on the reports for May 2020 and addressed the many issues HTA is facing with the pandemic and schools not in session, however, conducting social learning.

Action Recommended: Receive and File

NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendments to the Salary Schedule for Unrepresented Employees

General Manager Greg Pratt directed board members to page 6 and page 7 of the agenda for wage comparisons and proposed salary range.

Supervisor Bohn indicated that he recognizes the great job General Manager Greg Pratt has done and that it appears that all staff are in the proper places and that he does supports this agenda item.

Councilmember Arroyo indicated she is also impressed with Staff and is supportive.

Motion by Supervisor Bohn, second by Supervisor Wilson to adopt Resolution 20-12, Amending the Classification Plan and Salary Schedule.

Motion carries unanimously

CLOSED SESSION:

1. Public Comment

None

2. The Board met in closed session at 10:17 a.m. pursuant to:

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) (employee performance evaluation): General Manager, and Government Code Section 54957.6 (meeting with designated representative, unrepresented employee): Designated represented Board Chair.

3. Report out of closed session.

Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Arroyo discussed with the board Creative Bus Stops. She indicated that City Manager Miles upon travel has seen how this can beautify the City and along Broadway.

She also thanked Ms. Jacobs for attending today's Board meeting and her interest in transit and the community.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.