

MINUTES FOR THE HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

August 21, 2023

PRESENT

Board Members

Tami Trent, City of Fortuna
Alex Stillman, City of Arcata
Leslie Castellano, City of Eureka
Steve Ladwig, City of Trinidad
Natalie, Arroyo, County of Humboldt
Debra L. Garnes, City of Rio Dell

ABSENT

Julie Woodall, City of Rio Dell
Mike Wilson, County of Humboldt

Staff

Greg Pratt, General Manager
Consuelo Espinosa, Human Resources Manager
Katie Collender, Finance Manager
Carolann Aggeler, Administration and Finance Assistant
Andi Evans, Bookkeeper
Brian Connors, Operations Manager
Jerome Qiriazzi, Transit Planner

Sherry Dunlap, Safety & ADA Coordinator
Jim Wilson, Director of Maintenance

Also in attendance was Nancy Diamond, HTA's Legal Counsel.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stillman called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

ROLL CALL & Introductions

Introductions were made.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

By motion, recommend 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.

1. Side Letter Agreement Between Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSME), AFL-CIO
General Manager Greg Pratt announced that HTA and AFSME negotiated a wage increase for Drivers, Extraboard Drivers, and Vehicle Service Workers. Additionally, with the new increase HTA will be able to promote and recruit.
Motion by Councilmember Ladwig, second by Councilmember Trent to approve the Side Letter Agreement Between AFSCME and HTA and authorized General Manager to sign the agreement.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Federal Transit Administration Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964

General Manager announced that every three (3) years the Federal Transit Administration requires that HTA update its Title VI plan, and that CalTrans recently approved a draft plan submitted by staff.

Motion by Councilmember Ladwig, second by Councilmember Trent to Approve the updated Humboldt Transit Authority Title VI Plan by adopting Resolution 23-13. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Debra Garnes, City of Rio Dell, announced that temporarily she will be attending monthly board meetings in place of Julie Woodall.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

As a request by the Collation for Responsible Transportation Priorities, to support “car free week”, HTA’s Transit Planner Jerome Qiriazzi invited the board to try getting around without a car for a week.

General Manager Greg Pratt announced that effective August 21, 2023, AMRTS will begin running three (3) routes, Gold, Red, and Green/Gold.

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.