

**GREAT FALLS TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Great Falls Transit District Board meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m., June 24, 2015, in the Conference Room at the Transit Facility at 3905 North Star Boulevard, Great Falls, Montana.

2. ROLL CALL AND ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Carl Donovan, Chairman
Ann Marie Meade, Vice Chair
Laurel Gebo
Ken Johnson
Tim Braulick

Others Present:

Jim Helgeson, General Manager
Nadine Hanning, Finance Manager
Cathy Bresson, Administrative Asst.

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- 9 a. – Insurance for Union members

4. MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING, May 27, 2015 MEETING

- Carl Donovan, Chair, asked for any corrections to the minutes of the May 27, 2015 Board meeting. No corrections noted. Minutes stand as approved.

5. MANAGER'S REPORTS

a. Summary of System Status:

- Glenn and Pamela Martin, concerned veterans, did a fund raiser for the DAV free ride program we have at GF Transit. The program is funded through donations from the public and disabled veterans ride the fixed route bus system for free. The Martins raised \$5,300 at the fund raiser.
- We had our local bus roadeo on May 31st. Division I winners are: 1st place – Bill Day 2nd place – Ed Dustrude, 3rd place – Dusty Campbell and rookie was Mike Carson. Division II winners are: 1st place – Gary Somerfeld, 2nd place – Ryan Dailey and 3rd place – Victor Garza. The state roadeo will be held in Billings on September 12th. The winner of Division I will go to Charleston, SC and Division II will go to Portland, OR.

b. Performance Indicators

c. Ridership Reports

d. Financial Reports

- Nadine Hanning, Finance Manager, presented her reports to the Board.

6. CHECK REGISTER

The May 19, 2015 through June 19, 2015 check register was presented for approval. Carl Donovan, Chair, called for a motion to approve. Ann Marie Meade moved/Laurel Gebo seconded. Motion passed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Technical Advisory Committee of the MPO (TAC)

- Did meet.

b. Policy Coordinating Committee (PCC) of the Great Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization. (MPO)

- Did not meet.

c. Great Falls TAC

- The committee did not meet.

d. ADA Advisory Committee

- did not meet.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Preliminary Budget. – will be discussed at July’s board meeting.

b. Drug & Alcohol Policy – update

- The GFTD Drug and Alcohol Policy must be updated when the FTA makes changes to their rules. The updated FTA rules are summarized on page 18 of the updated policy manual. Carl Donovan, Board chair, asked for a motion to accept the updated Drug and Alcohol Policy Manual.

Laurel Gebo moved to accept the updated Drug and Alcohol Policy Manual.

Ann Marie Meade seconded. The motion passed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Insurance for union members. Tim Braulick, Board member, asked where we are with the the new health insurance offered to the employees. The Union members voted on the plan and passed it 22 -13. Ken Johnson, Board member, asked why the Union members are not able to keep their current health insurance plan. Jim Helgeson, General Manager, explained the current health plan did not meet the affordability clause of the Affordable Care Act.

More discussion followed on the new health insurance policy and how it affects the full time union employees.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Huddleston had questions about the Teamsters Union Contract.

Donna Zook, a regular bus passenger, had questions about the ridership numbers for May.

11. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Work Session – Monday, July 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:45p.m.

ATTEST:

Carl J. Donovan, Chairman