

**GREAT FALLS TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Great Falls Transit District Board meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m., July 22, 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

4. MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING, June 24, 2015 MEETING

- Carl Donovan, Board Chair, asked for any corrections to the minutes of the June 24, 2015 Board meeting. No corrections noted. Minutes stand as approved.

5. MANAGER'S REPORTS

a. Summary of System Status:

- Jim Helgeson, General Manager, said we applied to the MPO for \$1.4 million to replace the 2003 buses. He is sure it will be discussed at the August 13th MPO meeting.
- The Senate and the House are trying to work out a long term Highway bill. They have extended the extension until the end of September. The Senate came up with a bill, but it was voted down today, so they will have to make some amendments and then it will go to the House.
- We, a small urban group from around the nation, are working with Senator Moran who put in an amendment that would award each state \$1.25 million a year for small urbans. for Montana it is huge as there are only three small urbans who would split the funds. I have a meeting next month in Denver with this group and report next month the progress from this meeting.

b. Performance Indicators

c. Ridership Reports

d. Financial Reports

- Financial reports from Cascade County have not been received as of today.

6. CHECK REGISTER

The June 20, 2015 through July 15, 2015 check register was presented for approval. Carl Donovan, Chair, called for a motion to approve. Laurel Gebo moved/Ann Marie Meade 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 the August Board work session and voted on at the August Board meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shawn Mahoney, GFT employee, asked if his letter was read and received by the Board members. Apologized to Jim Helgeson, General Manager, for the extra stress the letter has caused. Jim said there would be a closed session after the Board meeting to address the letter.

Bill Reese, GFT employee, wanted to know if the draft budget was available to the public. An extra copy was given to Bill.

Linda Huddleston had a question on the property tax on the first page of the budget. Carl Donovan, Board Chair, said all issues on the budget would be discussed at the August meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Work Session – Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Public Hearings: Mill Levy & FY 2016 budget – 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:13p.m.

ATTEST:

Carl J. Donovan, Chairman

Date: _____