

**GREAT FALLS TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Great Falls Transit District Board meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m., February 18, 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

- None

4. MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING, January 28, 2015 MEETING

- Carl J. Donovan, Chair, asked for any corrections to the minutes of the January 28, 2015 Board meeting. Changes were noted. Minutes stand as changed and approved.

5. MANAGER'S REPORTS

a. Summary of System Status:

- Jim reported on Senate Bill 180, which is the Trans-Ade bill. This is money for elderly and disabled transportation. The bill has made it through the Taxation Committee, went to Finance and Claims Committee where they cut 50% of the rental car tax to 25%. It made it to the third reading on the senate floor. If it passes the third reading on the senate floor, it goes to the House Transportation Committee and then The House will vote on it. By cutting the taxes from 50% to 25%, it cuts the available money from approximately \$1.5 million to \$750,000 which is still better than \$250,000 To \$300,000 that is allocated now through license plates. One other thing Senate Bill 180 does is it gives the small urbans a bigger piece of the pie. So, if you see Senate Bill 180 come up, please write them a letter of support.

b. Performance Indicators

c. Ridership Reports

d. Financial Reports

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

6. CHECK REGISTER

The January 23, 2015 through February 13, 2015 check register was presented for approval.

Carl J. Donovan, Chair, called for a motion to approve. Ken Johnson moved/ Ann Marie Meade seconded. Motion passed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Technical Advisory Committee of the MPO (TAC)

- did not meet

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

- did not meet

c. Great Falls TAC

- The committee did meet. Minutes from the January 8, 2015 meeting are in the Board packet.

d. ADA Advisory Committee – did not meet.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Can of Food (to the GF Food Bank) for a free ride.

Tim Braulick, Board member, told the Board he has gathered crates for this event.

Perhaps hold the event on April 22, 23, & 24 to coincide with Earth Day.

The Board decided to discuss this more at the March Board meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Huddleston began reading a letter regarding her grievance when Chairperson Donovan interrupted her, informing her this was not the place for her grievance to be heard. Linda continued her letter which changed subjects to the union negotiations. Chairperson Donovan called Linda's comments out of order and asked her to stop. Linda talked over the Chairperson and continued to read her letter.

Bill Reese began to ask the Board about the health insurance proposals in the union negotiations. He was interrupted by the General Manager, who pointed out the Board policy regarding union matters prohibits such matters from being directed to the Board of Directors. he went on to explain the Collective Bargaining Agreement would be open for discussion once it has been approved by the employees and placed on the agenda for approval by the Board.

There were no further public comments.

11. DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

Work Session – Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

Carl J. Donovan, Chairman