

**BERKS AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

DATE: May 20, 2015

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: BARTA
1700 N. 11th St.
Reading, PA 19604

PURPOSE: Regular Monthly Public Board Meeting

ATTENDANCE: **Members:** Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt, Jayne Dieruff, Dennis Rex,
James Schlegel, and Timothy Snyder

Solicitor: Jill E. Nagy, Summers Nagy Law Offices

Staff: David W. Kilmer, Jeffrey Glisson, Laura Hopko, and
Melanie Heffner

Guests: Mark Glatz – Easton Coach, William Frees and John Doerrman –
Amalgamated Transit Union #1345, and Liam Migdail-Smith - Reading
Eagle Company

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Call to Order

Chairman Kevin S. Barnhardt called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

3. Approval of Minutes of the February 18, 2015 Organizational Meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Dieruff, seconded by Mr. Snyder, the Board approved the
February 18, 2015 minutes.

4. Bills and Communications

None

5. Reports of Committees

A. Personnel Committee

No report

B. Operations Committee

No report

C. Finance Committee

No report

D. Marketing Committee

No report

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Resolution 1-15 Purchase of Four Hybrid Buses from Gillig

Mr. Kilmer reported that this Resolution is for the purchase of four buses to replace four buses that are beyond their useful life of twelve years. The buses are being purchased from the contract originally statewide originated by RRTA in 2011. The plan is to purchase four 40' BAE Hybrid buses to match the three purchased last year at a cost of \$654,185 each or \$2,616,740 total. There are federal and state capital grants for this purchase. Staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Mrs. Dieruff, seconded by Mr. Schlegel, the Board approved Resolution 1-15 to purchase four Hybrid buses from Gillig.

B. Resolution 2-15 Purchase of Six Paratransit Vans from Rohrer Bus

Mr. Kilmer mentioned this Resolution is for the purchase of six paratransit vehicles to replace vehicles that are beyond their useful life. The vehicles will be purchased from the state contract at a cost of \$389,595. There are federal and state grants for this purchase. Staff recommends approval.

Upon motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Rex, the Board approved Resolution 2-15 to purchase six Paratransit Vans from Rohrer Bus.

C. Resolution 3-15 Purchase of Portable Lift

Mr. Kilmer mentioned that this Resolution is to purchase a replacement vehicle lift from the state contract to replace a lift that is beyond its useful life. The cost of the lift is \$38,685 and there are sufficient state capital funds for this purchase.

Upon motion by Mr. Schlegel, seconded by Mrs. Dieruff, the Board approved Resolution 3-15 to purchase a portable lift.

D. Financial Statement

For the month of February, 2015 total ridership decreased by 4.5% with fixed-route decreasing 6.4% and Special Services increasing 24.7%. For the month of March, total ridership decreased 12.7% with fixed route decreasing 13.6% and Special Services decreasing 1.1%. Financially, for the month of February, 2015 there was operating revenue of \$622,965 combined with operating grants of \$1,246,425 for total revenue of \$1,869,390. Expense for the month was \$1,869,396 for a small deficit of \$6.

For the month of March, 2015, total ridership decreased by 7.0% that included a 6.7% decrease in fixed route ridership and a 10% decrease in special services. To date, total ridership has decreased 2.4% that includes a 2.1% decrease in fixed route ridership and a 5.3% decrease in special services ridership.

For the month of April, 2015 total ridership decreased by 7.9% with a 8.8% decrease in fixed-route and a 3.7% increase in shared-ridel. Financially, operating revenues of \$529,166 combined with operating grants of \$904,401 for total revenue of \$1,433,567, against expenses of \$1,433,567.

Upon motion by Mr. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Schlegel, the Board accepted the February, March, and April 2015 Operating Statements, subject to audit.

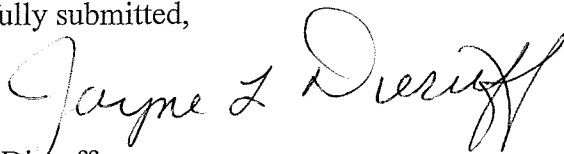
7. Public Comment

None

8. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Rex, seconded by Mr. Snyder.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne L. Dieruff
Secretary