



Allen County Regional Transit Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 12, 2024

The Allen County Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees met on **March 12, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.** in the Allen County Regional Transit Conference Room, 200 East High Street, Suite 1-B, Lima, Ohio. Proper public notice was given in advance of the meeting. Mr. Moening, ACRTA Board President, conducted the meeting.

PRESENT: Robert Moening, President
Scott Cockerell, Vice-President
Doug Olsson
Joan Davis

STAFF: Brian Wildermuth, Co-Executive Director
Karen Garland, Co-Executive Director
Teresa Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

ABSENT: Brad Taylor
Richard Schroeder
Richard Bales

CONTRACTORS: None

LACRPC: None

CITIZENS: Stefanie Motter, AAA3

Minutes:

1. Roll Call

Mr. Moening called the meeting to order at approximately 12:03 p.m. Ms. Brown took roll call. A quorum of the Board was present.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Cockerell made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Olsson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Cockerell made a motion to approve the January 9th Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Ms. Brown presented December's and January's financials, including a summary of profit and loss YTD actual versus prior year, income statement YTD actual versus budget, detailed profit & loss, and balance

sheet. A Cash Receipts Journal and a Cash Disbursements Journal were also included. Revenue is up and expenses were under budget, with a net gain for the YTD for 2023 and so far in 2024.

Mr. Olsson made a motion to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's report. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Action Items and ED Report**

Ridership was up 207 from last month and up 833 from the same time last year. Eastgate numbers were down on the fixed route, but the rest of the routes increased. School ridership had a large jump. JFS increased their contract from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Ken Reed was here from OTRP for the annual Risk Management Inventory. OTRP has enough money set aside to cover the training program previously discussed for a while, especially since only four out of the fourteen agencies are using the program. Some of the training needs to be done in person so incentivizing the use of it is on the back burner.

ACRTA is aware of the occasional picketing going on. Two of the three are former employees who want to come back here to work. One of them was here several days prior to the picketing asking about getting his job back. Both were let go with cause and it was done through Clemans-Nelson. The third picketer is the former passenger who has been in altercations with drivers, dispatchers, and a Transportation Manager and is no longer allowed to ride, his goal is to get back on the buses. His case has also been run through Clemans-Nelson. The picketing was limited to a couple of days and was not really noticed by the public.

The garage construction is moving along. The timing on ordering some items is off since the start date was pushed back with all the issues with the utilities so the completion date is now in November. Hume is hoping to have it done before that.

The mobile app is now up and running. There was a soft start with advertising on the Facebook page and web site and flyers on the vehicles. It can be used for Microtransit and Fixed Route, the Demand Response area should be operational soon.

ACRTA was awarded a total of \$2,720,843 in competitive funding through ODOT. The funds are earmarked for preventative maintenance, building generators and the completion of the garage project and will be available July 1st. Hometown Stations interviewed staff about the award and ran a very nice piece on the news.

There are a couple agencies in Ohio that will have lapsing funds due to no local match, so ODOT is looking at moving additional funding to ACRTA and Butler County as there are matching funds. The RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) grant was submitted by Mrs. Garland, requesting \$7 million to replace the entire fleet over the next several years. The awards will not be announced until June.

Mrs. Garland expressed ACRTA's appreciation for Mr. Olsson's time on the Board. Mr. Moening echoed the sentiment on behalf of the Board.

7. Discussion Items

Mrs. Motter reported that the Facts Coalition had met at AAA3 earlier that month. The Coordinated Transportation Plan annual update is due in June so it will be covered at their second quarter meeting on May 29th.

8. RPC Updates

None.

9. Executive Session (not on Agenda)

Mr. Moening made a motion to move to Executive Session for the investigation of a complaint against a public employee. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Mr. Olsson – yes, Mr. Cockerell – yes, Mr. Moening – yes, Ms. Davis – yes.

Mrs. Garland, Mr. Wildermuth and Ms. Brown left the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The Meeting was back on the record at approximately 12:55 p.m. Ms. Garland, Mr. Wildermuth and Ms. Brown returned to the meeting. No action is being taken at this time.

10. Adjourn

Mr. Olsson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cockerell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:57 p.m.

Submitted: 
Teresa Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: 
Robert Moening, ACRTA Board President