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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

The meeting convened in the MOVTA conference room at 5:00 p.m. Those present were:

BOARD MEMBERS: Caleb Tisdale, President; Charles Harris, Vice-President; Patsy McClure, Secretary; Michael Seebaugh, Treasurer; and Board Member Tim Pingley.

EMPLOYEES: Michael Kesterson, General Manager; Robert Tanner, Assistant General Manager/CSO; Dave Leisure, OSS; Chris McClung, Route Supervisor; and Michael Anthony, Route Supervisor.

OTHERS: Brett M. Dunlap, Parkersburg News & Sentinel; Todd Baucher, WTAP News; and Chuck Noffsinger.

President Caleb Tisdale called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Secretary Patsy McClure conducted the roll call. All members were present.

2. MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2021, REGULAR MEETING

Treasurer Mike Seebaugh made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Secretary Patricia McClure. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

Board Member Tim Pingley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021, special meeting, seconded by Vice-President Charles Harris. The motion passed unanimously.

4. RIDERSHIP REPORTS –AUGUST 2021

Secretary Patricia McClure made a motion to approve the August ridership reports, seconded by Board Member Tim Pingley. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

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5. FINANCIAL REPORT – PENDING AUDIT

General Manager Michael Kesterson explained that the audit is scheduled for October and the financial reports should be ready to present to the Board at the November meeting.

Treasurer Mike Seebaugh made a motion to approve review of the financial reports upon completion of the audit, seconded by Secretary Patricia McClure. The motion passed unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Secretary Patsy McClure made a motion to approve the staff reports, seconded by Board Member Tim Pingley. Following some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EVENING LOOPS

Treasurer Mike Seebaugh made a motion to approve the temporary suspension of the evening loop service, seconded by Board Member Tim Pingley.

General Manager Michael Kesterson explained that, due to the shortage of available drivers for hire and the hazard of the increasing workload being forced upon current drivers, he believes MOVTA is in an emergency situation where a small temporary decrease in service needs to be made until the workforce strengthens and MOVTA is able to gain drivers. He explained that since ridership is down on these evening routes, due in part to businesses closing early due to lack of available workers, he feels temporarily suspending these routes would be the best option. He stated that he hopes this reduction will only be temporary and that staff will reevaluate the issue in January 2022 and then if necessary all FTA requirements for public participation will be met.

Following a lengthy discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC FORUM

No items were presented for public forum.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice-President Charles Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Tim Pingley. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:21 p.m..