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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS JANUARY 23, 2024

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

BOARD MEMBERS: Caleb Tisdale, President; Tim Pingley, Vice-President; Michael Seebaugh, Treasurer; and Board Members Chuck Noffsinger, Curtis Shriver, Matthew Moore and Richelle Hendershot.

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

OTHERS: Jonathan Defibaugh, Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Council.

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

1. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Member Chuck Noffsinger conducted the roll call. All members were present. At this time President Caleb Tisdale welcomed the new Board Members.

2. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 28, 2023, REGULAR MEETING

Vice-President Tim Pingley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2023, regular meeting, seconded by Board Member Chuck Noffsinger. The motion passed unanimously.

3. RIDERSHIP REPORTS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

Treasurer Michael Seebaugh made a motion to approve the November 2023 ridership reports, seconded by Board Member Chuck Noffsinger. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Tim Pingley made a motion to approve the December 2023 ridership reports, seconded by Board Member Chuck Noffsinger. The motion passed unanimously.

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4. FINANCIAL REPORTS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER PENDING

Board Member Chuck Noffsinger made a motion to table the financial reports for November and December until the February Board meeting, seconded by Vice-President Tim Pingley. The motion passed unanimously.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Board Member Chuck Noffsinger made a motion to approve the staff reports, seconded by Vice-President Tim Pingley. Following a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION

General Manager Michael Kesterson requested approval to contract Schindler Elevator to modernize the parking garage elevator. Mr. Kesterson explained to the Board that the elevator is 22 years old and due to the large number of persons renting parking spaces it is important that the elevator be modernized and brought up to current elevator compliancy codes.

Following some discussion, Vice-President Tim Pingley made a motion to approve contracting with Schindler Elevator to modernize the parking garage elevator not to exceed a cost of \$165,800, seconded by Board Member Chuck Noffsinger. The motion passed unanimously.

7 & 8 NIGHT LOOPS AND SATURDAY LOOPS

General Manager Michael Kesterson requested approval to begin the public participation process to dispense of the night loop service. He explained the request to dispense of the night service is due to lack of ridership and the increasing danger factor due to the rise in crime and violence.

Staff provided a presentation with statistics regarding driver assaults as well as local crime statistics. Results from a survey conducted by staff were also presented. The survey asked how often a passenger rode an evening route, the purpose of the trip(s), which hour of departure they most rode, and if alternative transportation was available to the passenger at the time they rode the bus.

General Manager Michael Kesterson also requested approval to begin the public participation process to reinstate regular Saturday route times. He explained this would do away with the loop service and make Saturday service the same as it is Monday through Friday so there would be more consistency and less confusion.

He explained the public participation process consisted of running a legal ad in the newspaper, posting a notice on the company website, on social media, in the terminal area, and on the buses allowing for public comment. Two public meetings will be held to also allow the public to comment. One of the meetings will be held in the MOVTA conference room and the other at the Vienna Public Library. He explained results from the public comment period would be presented to the Board for their consideration.

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Following a lengthy discussion, Board Member Chuck Noffsinger made a motion to approve moving forward with the public participation process for consideration to dispense of night service and to put the Saturday loops back to normal routes, seconded by Treasurer Michael Seebaugh. The motion passed unanimously.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

No items were presented for public forum.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Board Member Chuck Noffsinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Vice-President Tim Pingley. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Minutes approved by:

Michael A. Kesterson, General Manager _____
Date

Caleb Tisdale, President _____
Date