



Minutes

Greater Dayton RTA Board of Trustees Public Board Meeting

September 3, 2024

- Trustees: John A. Lumpkin, Jr., President
 Sharon D. White, Vice President, *arrived at 3:06 p.m.*
 Al Fullenkamp
 Sharon Hairston
 Belinda Matthews-Stenson
 Nikol M. Miller
 Grady L. Mullins
 Thomas Weckesser
 David P. Williamson
- Staff: Bob Ruzinsky, Chief Executive Officer
 Daron Brown, Chief Maintenance Officer
 Roland Caldwell, Chief Transportation Officer
 Cathy Garner, Senior Executive Administrative Assistant
 Brandon Policicchio, Chief Customer and Business Development Officer
 Christopher Conard, Coolidge Wall, Co. LPA
 Mary K. Stanforth, Chief Financial Officer
 Robert Stevens, Chief Labor Officer
- Others: Interested citizens (see attached sheet)

Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Lumpkin called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was present and proper notice of the meeting had been given.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Lumpkin led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Ms. Hairston	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Excused
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Lumpkin stated Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) By-Laws require Board Trustees approval of today’s Board Meeting Agenda. The Agenda was mailed in advance, and Mr. Lumpkin asked if there are any changes to the Agenda? Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of today’s Board Meeting Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 6, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lumpkin asked if anyone requests a reading of the minutes or are there corrections to the minutes?

Upon hearing no requests or changes, Mr. Lumpkin DECLARED APPROVAL of the August 6, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

FINANCE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT (BELINDA MATTHEWS-STENSON)

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees held a meeting on August 20th and as a result, the Finance/Personnel Committee is recommending two (2) Action Items for the Board’s consideration.

Ms. White arrived at 3:06 p.m.

ACTION ITEM #2 – LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the purpose of this procurement is to establish a five (5) year contract for landscaping and grounds maintenance services for all RTA properties, including the Longworth campus, transit centers, substations, and turnarounds and turn backs.

This project involves weekly landscaping services, biweekly reports on the condition of the properties, and a summary of the completed work. The contract also includes the application of insect spray five (5) times per year, seeding, and other landscaping and grounds maintenance work, as needed.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to APPROVE a five-year CONTRACT AWARD to GroundsPRO in the amount of \$605,245 plus a 20% contingency of \$121,049 for any unknown and additional costs, for a grand total of \$726,294.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Nine

Nays: None

ACTION ITEM #3 – PORTABLE VEHICLE HOISTS

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated that the RTA requires five (5) sets of wireless portable vehicle hoists to replace some of the older hard-wired units. The new hoists will be used throughout the Maintenance Department for vehicle maintenance repairs.

MOTION MADE by Ms. Matthews-Stenson and SECONDED by Ms. Miller to APPROVE a CONTRACT AWARD to Stertil-Koni for five (5) sets of wireless portable vehicle hoists at \$57,000 each, for a total of \$285,000.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Nine

Nays: None

Discussion Items to Mention

Ms. Matthews-Stenson stated the June 2024 Financial Report, as well as Small Purchases Information, was presented at our meeting and has been included in today's Board package.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (TOM WECKESSER)

Mr. Weckesser stated that the Finance/Personnel and Planning Committees met for a jointly held meeting on August 20th and as a result, the Planning Committee is

recommending one (1) Action Item for the Board's consideration.

ACTION ITEM #4 – MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION, DENTAL, AND VOLUNTARY VISION INSURANCE

At the committee meeting, Mr. Weckesser stated Mr. Policicchio explained the purpose of this action item is to purchase group medical, prescription drug, and vision coverage for administrative and AFSCME employees, along with dental coverage for all RTA employees.

After reviewing all options, the RTA is recommending being self-insured with the Health Transit Pool of Ohio for medical and prescription drug coverage, which is projected to meet RTA budgetary goals in 2025. In addition, the RTA is recommending a two (2) year agreement with Superior Dental Care, and a four (4) year agreement with EyeMed.

Medical, prescription, and voluntary vision coverage will be made available to administrative and AFSCME employees. Dental insurance coverage will be made available to all RTA employees. Additional information is included in today's board packet.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Weckesser and SECONDED by Ms. White to APPROVE and AWARD self-insured medical and prescription coverage through the Health Transit Pool of Ohio, in the total estimated amount of \$2,091,916, plus a contingency allowance of \$200,000, for one year. An agreement with Superior Dental Care for a total two year estimated cost of \$445,346.40, and an agreement with EyeMed for a total four year estimated cost of \$59,470.56, based on the current census. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is authorized to prefund RTA's account with the Health Pool in 2024 with \$392,628.55. This represents funds that RTA is currently holding from the last time RTA was self-insured and can be used to offset potential future catastrophic claims.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Nine

Nays: None

Discussion Items to Mention

Mr. Weckesser stated at the meeting, Mr. Policicchio provided a summary document of recent activities taking place in the Customer and Business Development Department.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Ruzinsky congratulated Mr. Joe Johnson on his recent promotion to Inventory Manager.

Mr. Ruzinsky welcomed RTA's newest Accounting Manager, Ms. Shanel Kilgore. Ms. Kilgore is in today's audience and was asked to stand up and be recognized.

Mr. Ruzinsky expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Staff who participated in hosting a commemorative event for RTA Retirees on August 8th. A wonderful turnout of former Retirees enjoyed the day's events and delicious luncheon.

In addition, Mr. Ruzinsky thanked the Staff who assisted in making RTA's Family Fun Day & Roadeo enjoyable for all who attended. Mr. Ruzinsky thanked Ms. Hairston and Mr. Williamson for serving as RTA Judges at the event.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ruzinsky updated the following subject matters, which various citizens who attended last month's Board meeting commented on.

- Ms. Assadulah's concerns are about how to react to unique medical situations on board an RTA vehicle with medical staff. Mr. Ruzinsky commented there is no one-size-fits-all answer to Ms. Assadulah's comment. Each situation is unique.
- Mr. Ruzinsky responded to Ms. Assadulah's comment about Personal Assistants (PAs) being required for RTA customers who need them.
- Mr. Ruzinsky responded to Ms. Assadulah's suggestion to have Staff identify customers by an identification number rather than using their name while on-board Connect vehicles. Mr. Ruzinsky stated this is currently not an option.
- Training – Mr. Ruzinsky stated all dispatchers receive regular and consistent training.

- Mr. Bishop Kobia commented on the buses not running and that he had to conduct home visits to collect offerings.
- Comments regarding the CEO's friendliness.
- Questioned why, for three years, RTA has given free rides to everyone but seniors.
- Customer alleges a 3 ½-year-old legal matter was never addressed by RTA Staff. Mr. Ruzinsky stated that in March of 2021, Mr. Hicks alleged an incident took place on an RTA bus. In April of 2021, RTA received a legal inquiry. In September 2021, a denial was issued by our insurance company due to a lack of evidence. In March of 2023, the statute of limitations passed, and the file has been closed.
- Former Senior Easy Ride—Mr. Ruzinsky stated the media has been informed of all concerns regarding the former Senior Easy Ride program. RTA continues to provide trips to seniors who may not qualify for paratransit services through the 5310 program. In fact, for the second year now, RTA allows riders to take a friend at no additional charge.
- Retirement of Route 24 – Staff is starting the new West Connect route, which may look similar to the former Route 24. It will travel from the Northwest hub to the West hub and then to the South hub, providing connections to various RTA routes. This is the third new series of planned routes that will provide services that connect to other RTA routes without coming downtown.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lumpkin stated anyone wishing to address the Board must speak on their own behalf. After you are recognized to speak you must come to the lectern or if you're physically unable to do so a handheld microphone will be brought to you. You must first state your name and address, after doing so, at that point you have 3 minutes to make your comments. A yellow light will come on when you have 30 seconds remaining, and the Secretary will say 30 seconds. When your three minutes are up, the red light will come on and the Secretary will say stop, and at that time you must

stop talking and leave the lectern or surrender the microphone.

Mr. Kevin Frazier - 555 Research Drive - Dayton, Ohio 45404. Mr. Frazier shared a couple of Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) to each Trustee. Mr. Frazier stated that his union members were told there would be no problem installing bus enclosures as management says they have the funding and are believed to be safe to use, per Mr. Frazier. However, no bus enclosures have been installed to date, and Mr. Frazier would like to know why? Mr. Frazier stated he was told to discuss this during contract negotiations.

Mr. Frazier stated that the Union and RTA Management seem to have several issues on the Accident Review Board Committee that require further discussions, and it is his hope that both parties can come together soon.

Ms. Althea Assadulah, 6006 Channing Way Court, Dayton, Ohio, 45424. Ms. Assadulah stated that she still has concerns about her name vs. her ID # being called out on Connect buses. She feels this is a safety concern for her. Ms. Assadulah stated this is not the procedure on fixed routes, so why can't Connect buses do the same? Ms. Assadulah also noted misinformation in her file, which she would like corrected. Finally, Ms. Assadulah commented about blood on one of the RTA Connect vehicles and the importance of correctly sealing it immediately to keep it from spreading.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williamson gave a big shout-out to Ms. Jessica Olson and all RTA Staff who assisted with the events and activities related to the Family Fun Day and Roadeo. Good job!

Mr. Weckesser and Mr. Fullenkamp also thanked RTA Staff for a job well done on the Roadeo!

Ms. Hairston stated that while this would probably be her last Roadeo event, she had a good time.

Mr. Lumpkin commented that his aunt, who is the Mayor of the City of Trotwood, shared that she had a great time at

this year's RTA Roadeo and Family Fun Day. Mr. Lumpkin also stated today was a difficult day for him as nineteen years ago, Mr. Lumpkin's Dad passed away and not long after that, his Dad was named one of the Greatest Football Players to have played at what used to be called Roth High School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lumpkin stated there is a request to go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation. No Action is expected today.

MOTION MADE by Mr. Williamson and SECONDED by Mr. Fullenkamp to RECESS into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Ms. Hairston	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

The meeting recessed at 3:28 p.m.

MOTION MADE by Ms. White and SECONDED by Ms. Hairston to RECONVENE into regular session.

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Fullenkamp	Yes	Mr. Mullins	Yes
Ms. Hairston	Yes	Mr. Weckesser	Yes
Mr. Lumpkin	Yes	Ms. White	Yes
Ms. Matthews-Stenson	Yes	Mr. Williamson	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes		

The meeting was reconvened at 3:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE by Ms. White and SECONDED by Ms. Matthews-Stenson to ADJOURN the meeting.

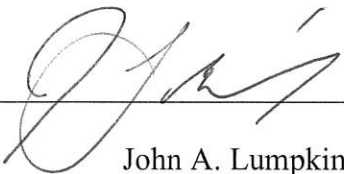
MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Ayes: Nine

Nays: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

ATTEST



John A. Lumpkin
President
RTA Board of Trustees



Mary K. Stanforth
Secretary/Treasurer
RTA Board of Trustees

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