

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2008

Present: Commissioners': Robert Christison; Ron Warner; Jim Byrne; George Russell; Gary Strack; Charles Willard. Also Present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager.

20. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Christison at 9:22 a.m.

21. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Warner to approve the minutes of March 18, 2008. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

22. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joy Gifford of Paratransit discussed the Paratransit Services President's Award to Gene Jones of TRAX.

Director Willard thanked Paratransit for services provided.

23. AMEND THE TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT AGENCY BUS STOP STANDARDS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

As recommended by the Transit Policy Advisory Committee, Barbara O'Keeffe discussed the amendment to the Bus Stop Policies and Procedures to include expanded metal bus shelters. The Committee found this type of shelter would benefit riders during the summer months by providing shade and better airflow. There will be no removal of any shelter previously set.

Motion by Director Russell and second by Director Warner to approve the amendment. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

24. UPDATE ON NEW TRAX SCHEDULE AND ROUTES:

Barbara O'Keeffe announced the new schedules in progress.

Staff requested input regarding no cost rides to seniors, after a certain age, and veterans ride at no cost. Veterans currently ride the MET's program through volunteer drivers. Allowing them to ride free, they will utilize the service on TRAX when connected to Redding.

Director Russell questioned if staff had surveyed the number of seniors and veterans riding and how the overall operations would be affected. There would be a loss of income. Could staff perform a survey on the bus? An action taken on this item would not seem appropriate at this time.

Barbara O’Keeffe answered the number of veterans currently riding MET’s can be accounted for, but not through TRAX. A survey could be completed, to identify those over a certain age limit.

Gary Antone reiterated the input was requested if this should be pursued.

Barbara O’Keeffe will research fiscal impact, information on other agencies, perform a survey, and return at a future meeting.

Director Strack agreed that this should be researched.

Director Warner added that if the cost to drive a veteran to Redding was \$65, it would help the budget to transfer them to the bus service.

Director Christison questioned what other agencies are providing transportation to the Veterans Hospital in Redding.

Barbara O’Keeffe answered that in Tehama County you do not have transportation available to Redding. The Veterans Administration provides transportation in the Davis and Sacramento areas. There is a location near I-5 to receive their van ride.

25. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Director Warner, second by Director Willard to approve the claims in the amount of \$88,711.30. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

26. ADJOURN: With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.