

TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

Present: Directors': Ron Warner; George Russell; Gary Strack; Charles Willard; Dan Irving; and Robert Christison. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director; Barbara O'Keeffe, Transit Manager.

15. CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by Chairman Ron Warner at 9:25 a.m.
16. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Strack to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes. Carried 4-0 with 1 abstain, 1 absent.
17. PUBLIC COMMENT: Barbara O'Keeffe informed the Directors' that the year-end transit report would be submitted at the next meeting.
18. TRANSIT POLICY DECISIONS: Barbara O'Keeffe discussed the ridership survey results for TRAX riders in Spring of 2008. Based on the tabulations, the following was recommended:
  1. Discounted TRAX fares for Veterans.
  2. Free use of TRAX for 72 years or older.
  3. Seniors 60 or older to qualify for ParaTRAX.

Staff defined "Veteran" for the Directors' as being an active, retired, or reserve service person. Their discount would be the same as students and seniors and encourage use of the system.

The consensus of the Directors was to vote separately on each item listed above.

Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Strack to approve Item 1: Discounted TRAX fares for Veterans. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Discussions continued on the free use of TRAX by those 72 years of age and older.

Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Christison to approve the free use of TRAX for seniors 72 and older. Carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

Director Willard entered the meeting.

Barbara O’Keeffe continued by saying, this item was encouraged and brought forward by several adult/senior facilities. In July 2005, the Red Bluff dial-a-ride went to ADA only riders. Non-disabled riders were shifted to the TRAX system. There are seniors that need ParaTRAX service.

Director Christison questioned if this would increase and overburden the system and staff answered that it would not. There are seniors not applying for this system, due to the stigma of “ADA certified”.

Director Russell felt an over-use of the system could be a factor. He would, however, consider a six-month trial for those at age 70. There is an unknown there and you may be overwhelmed.

Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Willard on Item No. 3 to use a 6-month trial period, effective when the requirement fields are ready to begin, allowing 70 year old to utilize ParaTRAX services. Motion carried 5-1 with 0 absent.

19. INFORMATION PRESENTATION ON TRAX RIDERS GUIDE: Staff informed the Directors that the guide, provided for their review, will be sent to printers, requesting bids. It is anticipated that the cost will range from 21 to 25 cents per copy. The total copies will be approximately 20,000
20. RESOLUTION 3-2008 CONCUR WITH TEHAMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON ADOPTION OF 08/09 TRANSIT BUDGET FUND 117: Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Strack to adopt Resolution 3-2008 and concur with the Tehama County Board of Supervisors to adopt the 08/09 Transit Budget Fund 117. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.

Mark Moses added that the State Department of Finance discovered language in the allocation of the STA, repelling the third and fourth quarter of the STA from last year. Presently, we do not know what will be distributed next year. Staff may, at a future date, request LTF to replace STA, if not received.

21. CLAIMS: Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Christison to approve the claims in the amount of \$306,227.50. Carried 6-0 with 0 absent.
22. ADJOURN: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

It should be noted that this agenda listed items fifteen (15) thru twenty-two (22). The Transit Agency Board meeting began with Agenda Item No. 15. The Transportation Commission ended with Item No. 12. There are no items 13 thru 14 on either agenda, nor have they been deleted by this Clerk.