

# TEHAMA COUNTY TRANSIT AGENCY BOARD MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2014 MEETING

Present: Directors'; Steve Chamblin; Dennis Garton; Bob Williams; Robert Schmid & Robert Christison. Director Gary Strack was absent. Tony Cardenas attended as Corning's alternate. Also present: Gary Antone, Executive Director and Barbara O'Keeffe, Deputy Director - Transportation.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chamblin at 8:29 a.m.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Adam Hanson, Sr. Transportation Planner, announced the resignation of Sean Harrasser, Associate Transportation Planner, from TCTC.

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Garton to approve the April 29, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

5.1 **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO 03-2104 ADOPTING TRANSIT TITLE VI PROGRAM**

Barbara O'Keeffe requested approval of this resolution for the adoption of the Transit Title VI program which through an executive order requires approval. This will be brought back to the Commission every 3-years for approval.

With discussion on agenda prioritizing, Chairman Chamblin requested questions and comments prior to approval of the document.

Director Schmid answered by saying it is another problem with government bureaucracy. It is asking us to pass more legislation that makes it more restrictive. I am like everyone else here. Discrimination is an ugly thing and it is in our personal best as individuals to do everything we can to eliminate it. However, when they continue to put more legislation in, it doesn't make it better, it makes it worse. With that, it is distasteful to me to legislate peoples morals, that I wanted to make that comment so you understand my vote.

Director Garton agreed by saying, to legislate someone's actions, we are stretching. We have absolutely no control and if we don't approve this, then funding is potentially withheld.

With no further comments, Chairman requested a motion to 5.1a. Motion by Director Christison, second by Director Garton to approve Resolution No. 03-2104 adopting the Transit Title VI Program. Motion carried 4 to 1 with 1 absent.

Motion by Director Christison, second by Director Williams to approve 5.1b, authorizing the Executive Director to execute and process documents related to the Title VI Program. Motion carried Motion carried 4 to 1 with 1 absent.

## 5.2 **PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED TRANSIT CASH FARE INCREASES**

Barbara O’Keeffe provided information on the fare analysis conducted of 18-counties in Northern California. Tehama County fares are substantially lower than any other fare charges in Northern California. With the modest increase, Tehama County fares will still be lower than the average. The proposed and past fares will not and do not exceed the cost of operation of the transit system. In addition, the fares cover or help defray only 10% of the transit operating costs. The remaining 90% are other revenues in the TRAX budget.

Open Public Hearing: 8:44 a.m.

- Coleen Sheehan, who spoke at the Unmet Transit Needs item on the TCTC agenda, apologized for speaking on the wrong item. It should be on this item that I will discuss with staff after the meeting, my need to travel outside of Red Bluff.

With no further comments, the Public Hearing closed at 8:49 a.m.

Motion by Director Christison, second by Director Williams to approve the fare increase authorizing the Executive Director to implement the new fare structure effective July 1, 2014. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

## 5.3 **EXTEND ROUTE TESTING FOR RANCHO TEHAMA RESERVE PILOT PROGRAM**

Barbara O’Keeffe requested the Directors extend the route testing for Rancho Tehama (RTR) until full funding is received from the federal funding program, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ).

Lupe Green, RTR resident thanked Barbara O’Keeffe and staff in developing this pilot project. It has gone off very well. On the first day we had 10 riders. I have ridden the bus every single week to see where the people get on and the route has been working well because people have been getting on in the front of the ranch, they have been getting on at the back of the ranch, at the transfer station and at the Post Office. So, it looks as if we did well with the route. We are dealing with one of the most difficult populations to reach. We have people who live out there who don’t have food, they don’t have running water, they don’t have electricity, some of them don’t know how to read, some of them don’t have the

language and yet we have reached a lot of these people and thrilled to death this has all come together. So thank you everyone who has made this possible.

5.4. **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Motion by Director Williams, second by Director Christison to approve the claims in the amount of \$404,117.57. Motion carried 5-0 with 1 absent.

6. **ADJOURN:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.