

BAY AREA RURAL TRANSIT

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December 16, 2021 at 4:00 PM
BART Office Center

A. CALL TO ORDER

A General Meeting of the Bay Area Rural Transit Board was held on Thursday, December 16th, 2021 by Remote/Zoom and in person at the Bay Area Rural Transit office. Chairperson Carl Doersch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Roll Call: Present: Beagan, Berlin, Doersch, Lawyer, Niemis, Oswald, Pufall. 7

Absent: Benton. 1

Excused: 0

B. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes

Motion was made by Richard Pufall and seconded by Tom Niemis to approve the agenda. Motion Carried. Motion was made by Colleen Beagan and seconded by Nathan Lawyer to approve the November 18, 2021, Minutes. Motion Carried

C. Public Comments

No public comments.

D. Managers' Report

1. EV Chargers

Pat Daoust updated the board on the usage and money earned from the Washburn EV Charger. BART is paid each calendar month for charger usage. A discussion followed.

2. Price County Facility

Pat Daoust informed the board that the architects are asking for more money. A conference call was set up with WisDOT to discuss this and there may be funds available. The final drawings are done and waiting to be sent out. A discussion followed.

3. Solar Panels

Pat Daoust stated he received a quote for \$88,765 for install. The total contribution from the grant and Focus on Energy would be \$74,000 leaving around \$14,000 for local share. Pat Daoust discussed how the Solar Panels would pay for themselves in three years. A discussion followed.

4. Budget

Pat Daoust updated the board that the Iron County routes will be discontinued starting January 1st 2022. The Prentice route has also stopped. The new Bayfield County Door to Door service is set to start in January 2022. With all these changes an increase of 5% in BART's budget occurred and an overall increase of 25% total. Pat Daoust also explained that other local share avenues have been

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found through dispatch contracts with Red Cliff, Bus Wrap advertising, EV Charger, and ACAU rent. A discussion followed.

5. Red Cliff Contracts

Pat Daoust informed the board that the dispatch contract with Red Cliff has been updated to current years and to be open ended. Jeremy Oswald questions the chances of the termination of the dispatch contract. A discussion followed.

E. Projects Needing Attention

1. Budget 2022

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Richard Pufall to approve the 2022 budget. Motion carried.

2. WI Office of Energy Innovation Grant

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Colleen Beagan to pursue the the WI Office of Energy Innovation Grant. Motion Carried.

F. Finances

Pat Daoust went over financial reports for 2021. Ridership is still down but following the trend. As a whole BART is under budget. Motion was made by Mike Berlin and seconded by Tom Niemis to accept and place on file these financial reports. Motion carried.

G. Reports, Comments, Questions

Jeremy Oswald asked about the new Bayfield County service, discussion followed.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mike Berlin and seconded by Tom Niemis. Motion carried. BART Board Adjourned at 4:47 p.m.