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January 19, 2023, 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, January 19, 2023, 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, Doersch, Lawyer, Niemis, Oswald, Pufall 6

Absent: Benton, Berlin 2

Excused:

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Richard Pufall to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

C. Public Hearing

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Richard Pufall to open the Public Hearing. Motion Carried. No public in attendance. Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Richard Pufall to close the Public Hearing. Motion Carried

D. 2021 Audit Review

April Anderson of CLA presented the 2021 Audit Review to the board. Please see Pat Daoust for more information on this audit. A discussion followed. Motion was made by Richard Pufall and seconded by Tom Niemis to accept the 2021 audit and place it on file. Motion Carried

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Nate Lawyer to approve the December 15, 2022, Minutes. Motion Carried

F. Managers' Report

1. Electric Buses

Pat Daoust updated the board that the Altoona testing has not been completed due to the EV bus company not having a battery supplier. A meeting with WisDOT is set for next week discuss the electric buses. Two medium gas buses are set for delivery in the next few weeks. A discussion followed.

2. EV Charge

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Pat Daoust updated the board that the EV charger in Washburn has been repaired and a second charger has been installed at BART. Solar panels now have the fuses installed and just waiting on Xcel to commission the panels when the weather is appropriate to do so. A discussion followed.

3. Staffing

Pat Daoust informed the board a new dispatcher started two weeks ago, and the last new driver goes for their CDL test next week. BART is currently at full staff. A discussion followed.

4. Price County Facility

Pat Daoust informed the board that a MEPA study is being conducted with the FTA. The contractors are on schedule to break ground in the spring. A discussion followed.

G. Projects Needing Attention

F. Finances

Pat Daoust went over the EV charger and 2022 financial reports. BART is under budget overall but over budget in fuel and vehicle parts and ridership numbers are still increasing. Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Colleen Beagan to accept and place on file the 2022 financial reports. Motion Carried

G. Reports, Comments, Questions

Pat Daoust informed the board that another bus stop location Washburn and a pick up location in Park Falls is being added to aid in funding for public housing. Fare increases will be added to the agenda for the next meeting per direction of the board. A discussion followed.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Richard Pufall. Motion carried. BART Board Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.