

**BAY AREA RURAL TRANSIT**  
**OFFICIAL BART COMMISSION MINUTES**

May 19, 2022, 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, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 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, Berlin. 1

Excused: 0

**B. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion was made by Colleen Beagan and seconded by Jeremy Oswald to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**C. Election Of Chairperson**

Nomination was made by Jeremy Oswald for Carl Doersch as Chairperson and seconded by Richard Pufall. Motion Carried.

**D. Election Of Vice Chair**

Nomination was made by Richard Pufall for Jeremy Oswald as Vice Chair and seconded by Colleen Beagan. Motion Carried.

**E. Election Of Secretary/Treasurer**

Nomination was made by Tom Niemis for Richard Pufall as Secretary/Treasurer and seconded by Jeremy Oswald. Motion Carried.

**F. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Nate Lawyer to approve the April 21, 2022, Minutes. Motion Carried

**G. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**H. Managers' Report**

1. Electric Buses

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Pat Daoust introduced the Price County Administrator Nick Tridner who is sitting in on the board meeting. Pat Daoust informed the board that the Altoona testing for the electric buses has yet to be conducted and the replacement EV charger will be coming from a different company. Electric bus option was brought to the Price County TCC as an available option. A discussion followed.

### 2. Electric Buses

Pat Daoust informed the board that the Altoona testing for the electric buses has yet to be conducted. Pat has been working to get a charger to replace the one at BART that malfunctioned when it was installed. A discussion followed.

### 3. Staffing

Pat Daoust stated BART is short drivers and currently training two new drivers. A part-time dispatcher is leaving, and BART is actively looking for dispatch and van operators. A discussion followed.

### 4. Price County Facility

Pat Daoust informed the board of a meeting with WisDOT yesterday and still waiting for approval. Pat Daoust also stated per FTA requirements the Park Falls property deed will need to be transferred back to the city of Park Falls before the project is started. A discussion followed.

### 5. BayCo Door2Door

Pat Daoust informed the board that BART is increasing but still lower than expected and another direct mailer will be sent out to help increase awareness. A discussion followed.

### 6. Price County Board Member

Pat Daoust informed the board about reviewing the by-laws and adding a board member from Price County. A discussion followed.

## **I. Projects Needing Attention**

By-Laws: Possible By-Law committee would be appointed by chairperson. Jeremy Oswald asks what's the advantage of adding by-laws? Pat Daoust explains that by-laws would allow the charter to be modified with amendments. Discussion followed for changing charter and adding a Price County board member. Pat Daoust stated that he will reach out to an attorney to review charter and follow recommendations to add in a Price County board member

## **F. Finances**

Pat Daoust went over the EV charger and 2022 financial reports. Ridership has a slight increase along with more phone calls coming in. Fuel budget increase was allowed by WisDOT. The budget for 2022 shows an increase in fuel and repairs that are being monitored closely to keep within budget. Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Jeremy Oswald to accept and place on file the 2022 financial reports. Motion Carried

## **G. Reports, Comments, Questions**

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Pat Daoust explained that the BayCo Door2Door service not the same as a Taxi service and it would not be able to duplicate services already being provided. A discussion followed.

**H. Adjourn**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Richard Pufall and seconded by Tom Niemis. Motion carried. BART Board Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.