MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
June 18, 2014

Authority Members Present:  
Jenny Dinsmore
Ron Bane
David Flynn
James Manilla
Clement Solomon

Authority Member Absent:  
Terri Cutright
Denny Poluga

Other Personnel Present:  
David Bruffy
Wayne Pifer
Loring Danielson
Ann Woodyard

I. Call to Order:

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for June 18, 2014 was called to order at 6:03 P.M.

II. Reading and Approval of Minutes May 14, 2014

David Flynn Made a Motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2014 Board Meeting. Clement Solomon seconded the Motion.

For: All
Opposed: None

III. Presentations:

A. Drivers of the Month

May 2014

The Transit Authority Board announced the Authority’s May 2014 Driver of the Month, Marlene Stevens. The Authority also recognized Tom Jones, Bill Smith, Robert Lee, Anne Cramer, Floyd Long, Ray Bodkins, and Ron McCourt for their outstanding performance during the month of May 2014.

IV. Opportunity for Public Comments:

No public comment

V. Monthly Data Summaries/Correspondence:

May 2014

The General Manager stated that the total passenger trips to date calendar year 2014 were 547,689 compared to 575,688 total passenger trips to date for calendar year 2013. The total passenger trips for the year were down 5%. The total number of service days for the month of May was 31. Total passengers for May were 54,127, down 71,827 compared to April 2014. Disabled passenger trips were down 11%, senior passenger trips were down 13% and other passenger trips were down 25% compared to May 2013. During May 2014 the Transit Authority traveled 90,105 miles.

VI. Financial Report:

A. May 2014 Financial Report

The General Manager reviewed the financial report for May 2014 with the Transit Authority Board Members.

Ron Bane made a motion to accept the May 2014 Financial Report for audit. James Manilla seconded the motion.

For: All                        Opposed: None

VII. Committee Reports

A. Transit Development Service and Education Committee

The General Manager gave County Commission members a presentation about the cost of providing transit service. Authority Board members discussed the need for an excess tax levy for inclusion in 2016 election. A notice of intent would have to be sent to the County Clerk’s office by November 2015 and specify services to be provided by the levy.

The General Manager suggested rethinking the way we operate with the PRT. An example would be to have a universal fare card for use on PRT and MLTA buses, this could lead to efficiencies and rerouting.
VIII. Old Business:

A. Request for City Funding Clarification

The General Manager has had no response to the question of funding from the City of Morgantown so the funding cut is in place. Suncrest service will not be restored.

B. County Commission New Service Information Request

The General Manager spoke to the County Commissioners and reiterated that increases in service require funding. An option to increase funding would be an excess tax levy. Five Transit systems in the State started before us and all of them were started with excess tax levies because there was no transit service in operation. Mountain Line is the only urban transit system in the State that is not funded by a tax levy.

IX. New Business:

A. Senior Monongalians Contract Renewal

The General Manager reported that the Senior Monongalians contract was renewed at the same level as prior contract.

B. West Run Contract Renewal

The General Manager reported that West Run has new ownership and the West Run contract was renewed with the same terms as the prior contract.

C. WVU Contract Renewal

The General Manager reported that the WVU contract has not been renewed, however, a contract should be signed within the next two weeks.

D. FY2014-2015 Annual Operating Budget

Ron Bane made a motion to accept the FY2014-2015 Annual Operating Budget. David Flynn seconded the motion.

For: All  Opposed: None

E. FY2014-2015 Capital Escrow Budget

Jim Manilla made a motion to accept the FY2014-2015 Capital Escrow Budget. Ron Bane seconded the motion.

For: All  Opposed: None
F. Resolution 2014-6, TIP Approval Process Change

The General Manager asked for a resolution which would authorize administrative change of 5% or less, as long as less than or equal to $50,000, of FTA required TIP process change. Any change would be on the agenda for Board approval.

James Manilla made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing administrative change in TIP approval process. David Flynn seconded the motion.

For: All
Opposed: None

X. Board Member Reports and MPO Update

The General Manager had a conversation with MPO president and asked him to elaborate on funding of the long range transportation plan. He requested the MPO president note “It’s in the plan but there’s no funding for any transit part of it.”

Clement Solomon met with Barons Bus Company and offered to open Mountaineer Station to people coming to Morgantown from Charleston. Mr. Solomon asked that the service be modified to work better for WVU Students.

Van Pool Open House, a joint promotion between Mountain Line Transit and WVU is to be held in the lobby of Mountaineer Station on June 25th. Kelli LaNeve, Mobility Coordinator, was on the radio today to promote the van pool and the Open House.

XI. Adjournment:

David Flynn Made a Motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM.