

Minutes
The Dubuque Transit Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2015
4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Federal Building
Second Floor, Room 223

Transit Advisory Board Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Stedman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Esser	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Enderson
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Knight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R.R.S. Stewart	

Others Present

<input type="checkbox"/> Candace Eudaley-Loebach <i>The Jule Transit Director</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jodi Johnson <i>Jule Operations Supervisor</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gail Kuhle <i>ECIA</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maurice Jones <i>City of Dubuque</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelley Deutmeyer <i>ECIA Executive Director</i>

Public Present

No present

Call to Order

The Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Don Stedman at 4:22 p.m.

Review/approve the agenda for the Thursday, February 5, 2015 Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting

Motion by Stedman, second by Esser to approve the agenda for the Thursday, February 5, 2015 Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Review/approve the minutes for the Thursday December 11, 2014 Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting

It was noted the Stewart didn't join the meeting on December 11, 20014 until 4:45 pm.

Motion by Stedman, second by Stewart to approve the revised minutes for the Thursday December 11, 2014 Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager's Report

Review and recommend approval of the statistical data

Johnson reviewed the Jule Transit Statistical Route data for the year-to-date period of July-January 2015. She indicated that total ridership has increased approximately 47,000 rides since last year. She reported that the majority of the increase in ridership is from the fixed route system.

Johnson then proceeded with reviewing the Ridership by Route from January 2014 until January 31, 2015. She pointed out that the Express continues to be the most successful route of the system; however the Pink Terrace Heights is doing amazing well with 36,378 rides for a new route.

Johnson stated that due to the budget and the relocation of the transfer station to the Intermodal Facility all routes will need to be restructured. She indicated that several routes may change and there is a possibility that Green2-Port/Schmitt and the Orange 2-Fremont routes will be combined with other routes. Johnson noted that a public meeting would need to be held allowing for the public to comment on the restructured routes.

Stewart asked if the Express had such high ridership because of the number of transfers or actual one way rides. Johnson said that she would look into seeing if the software could determine that amount of rides versus transfers.

It was asked if staff would be moving to the Intermodal Facility when it is completed. Johnson indicated that only Eudaley-Loebach and maybe one other person would be moving to the Intermodal Facility. All other personnel would stay at the current location until the Bus Storage Facility was completed.

Johnson noted that in July all mini bus fares will increase to \$3.00 per ride.

It was asked how the Nightrider was going to be funded for the next year. Johnson and Jones noted that the funds to operate the Nightrider would come from the Transit budget and the colleges. Jones noted that there were no additional funds added to the Transit budget to fund the Nightrider.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Stewart, second by Esser to approve the statistical data. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates

There were no updates.

Consolidated Funding application and Public Update Timeline

Johnson reported that Eudaley-Loebach received an extension from the IA DOT for the public hearing and the date will be set after she hears from the IA DOT regarding funding levels.

Other Business

March meeting

The March meeting will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. in Room 223 of the Federal Building.

Board Member comments

Esser asked when the Budget Hearing would be held for the Jule. Johnson stated the Budget Hearing would be held on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 pm.

Stedman asked if the Jule and RTA buses ran on the day after Thanksgiving. Johnson stated that the Jule did run the day after Thanksgiving however the minibus ran a Saturday route rather than the normal Friday route.

Public Comments

Jones gave a brief update on recent developments in the City of Dubuque. He noted that Hirschbach will be moving into the Millwork District and creating approximately 99 jobs. There are approximately 76 housing units that will be opening in the Millwork District with 36 units opening in the next two months. Kunkel-Bounds are looking to expanding at the Industrial Center South.

Stewart stated that she would like to go on record requesting that the City go back to the policy that the City forgives one ticket for a person that has a handicap parking sticker but forgets to place in their window.

Adjournment

Motion by Stedman, second by Knight to adjourn the Thursday, February 5, 2015 Dubuque Transit Advisory Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

These minutes passed, approved and adopted on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Chairperson Don Stedman
Dubuque Transit Advisory Board