

Faribault-Martin County Joint Transit Board – Executive Committee
FM Transit Facility
1023 North Dewey Street Fairmont, MN 56031
July 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Board Chair Greg Young. Joint Transit Board Executive Committee members present in person were: Faribault County Commissioners Young and Martin County Commissioners Belgard and Forshee. Attending remotely was Faribault County Commissioner Groskreutz. Also present in person was Jeremy Monahan, Faribault – Martin County Transit Director.

Board Chair asked for any changes to the agenda. There were none. Motion made by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Forshee to approve agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Monahan produced an Unpaid Bills report totaling \$42,136.42 and wished to add an additional \$296 bill received from Felber Occupations Services and \$102.54 for the Operations Manager expenses. Brief discussion ensued regarding a few of the bills including Monahan noting that the fuel bills are starting to increase each month with static fuel usage. Also Monahan noted that there will be a number of regular and recurring bills arriving in the coming days and weeks that will be due before the next Executive Committee meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commission Forshee to approve payment of the Unpaid Bills as presented and to approve giving the Transit Director authority to continue to pay other regular and recurring bills at the discretion of the Transit Director upon receipt. Motion passed unanimously.

Monahan produced a Bank Statement for the Transit Board. It showed that as of June 30, 2022 the Transit Board had \$267,401.15 for a bank balance. Monahan noted that June had no funding disbursements and that the deposits and expenses were business as usual. There was brief discussion about a few of the deposits and charges.

Monahan presented an updated financial report showing expenditures per line item to date through May 2022. This table highlights any month where more than 8.5 percent of the yearly budget is spent in any given month to show spending at a higher than expected pace. Monahan again noted the Fuel line item is being expended quicker than expected but is still on pace to be near the budget amount for the entire year. Also that the Staff Development line item is actually being used due to a couple of conferences and workshops that were attended in April and May.

There was no Old Business for discussion at this meeting.

Discussion turned to New Business. Monahan noted that the 2011 Ford Goshen Coach for the system which was Unit 14 was heavily vandalized in Blue Earth. This vehicle has been disposed of and was awaiting sale to a scrap yard when the damage was done. Monahan had made a claim for the damage with MCIT and was awaiting word from them on what they would be able to do.

Monahan was wondering if any money is received from MCIT for the damage if perhaps a way to get rid of the vehicle would be to donate it. He had recently seen some campaigns asking for any type vehicle in any condition. The Executive Committee discussed this and preferred that there is still an effort made to get any possible money for a vehicle sale, even if the amount is small, and to continue with that effort. Monahan said he would wait for MCIT and then proceed to scrap the bus somewhere.

Discussion turned to Personnel Actions. Monahan asked that Transit Driver Dale Bremer be put on Indefinite Leave. Bremer stated his intention to retire later in July but might be willing to return in the future. Motion made by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Forshee to approve the requested Personnel Action. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion turned to the ridership report. Monahan reported that June saw another decline in ridership that is typical as the weather warms up. Faribault County had a significant drop with the ending of USC Pre-school rides until September. Monahan showed tables that broke down ridership per route and showed that some routes are having decreases and some routes are actually showing increases in the past few months. Some of that is due to staff availability improvements.

The next Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday August 5th at 8:00 am. The next Full Transit Board meeting will be held on August 23rd and is planned to be held at the Fairmont Transit Facility starting at 9:00 am.


With no further business to wit, the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

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Greg Young, Joint Transit Board Chair

ATTEST:



William Groskreutz, Jr., Board Secretary