

Faribault-Martin County Joint Transit Board – Executive Committee  
FM Transit Facility  
1023 North Dewey Street Fairmont, MN 56031  
September 9, 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 Groskreutz and Martin County Commissioners Belgard and Forshee. 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 Forshee, seconded by Commissioner Groskreutz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Monahan produced an Unpaid Bills report totaling \$98,042.84 which included the Capital purchase from the 2020 contract to purchase the Accessible mini-van for \$61,583 to North Central Bus. Also that there will still 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. There was brief discussion regarding a few of the bills.

Motion made by Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commission Groskreutz 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 August 31, 2022 the Transit Board had \$406,013.46 for a bank balance. Monahan noted that in August the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Federal Share for Operations was deposited totaling \$138,142.30 which is based on our operating deficit for the quarter. There was also another insurance premium rebate from MCIT and a number of farebox deposits as usual. . There was brief discussion about a few of the deposits and charges.

There was no Old Business to discuss at this meeting.

Discussion turned to New Business. Monahan presented two Personnel Actions and noted that he had extended offers of employment to two individuals contingent on them obtaining their Commercial Learners Permit, which they have nearly completed all the steps to do. These individuals are Luke Tonne and Diane Duncan and Monahan asked that they be hired as Probationary Transit Drivers.

Motion made by Commissioner Groskreutz, seconded by Commissioner Belgard to approve the Personnel Actions requested. Motion passed unanimously.

Monahan noted that one of the other recent Probationary Drivers in training had left but he was hopeful that they would change their mind soon and return to finish their training and begin

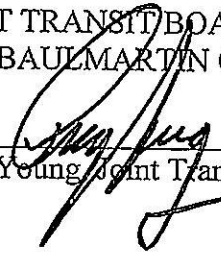
working for the transit system. The staffing shortage is a large concern and not getting better. Some of the current staff are already speaking of their upcoming desire to retire, which will lead to further shortages of staff.

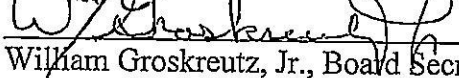
Discussion turned to the ridership report. Monahan reported that August saw a large increase in ridership for the system over July. This was found in Martin County and specifically in the Fairmont specific routes both during the daytime and during the evenings and Saturday. Faribault County was slow, again partly due to staff shortages. With pre-school starting in September the Faribault County ridership numbers will increase dramatically.

The next Executive Committee is scheduled for Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. The next Full Transit Board meeting is planned for October 25<sup>th</sup> in Blue Earth starting at 9:00 am.

With no further business to wit, the Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

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FARIBAULT MARTIN COUNTIES

  
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Greg Young, Joint Transit Board Chair

ATTEST:   
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William Groskreutz, Jr., Board Secretary