

MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

July 09, 2008

Authority Members Present:

Jenny Dinsmore
Bob Roberts
Asel Kennedy
David Flynn
Dennis Poluga
Ron Bane

Other Personnel Present:

David Bruffy
Wayne Pifer
Heather Lemansky
Sheila M. Wolfe

Call to Order:

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for July 09, 2008 was called to order at 6:01 P.M.

Election of Officers

President Bob Roberts asked for the recommendation by the nomination committee.

Asel Kennedy recommended the following:

President	Jenny Dinsmore
Vice-President	David Flynn
Secretary	Denny Poluga
Treasure	Asel Kennedy

Asel Kennedy Made a Motion to accept the nominations as presented. Jenny Dinsmore seconded the Motion.

For: All Present and Voting

Opposed: None

The General Manager presented Bob Roberts with a plaque from Mountain Line Transit Board, for his dedication and years of service to the residence and visitors of Monongalia County. Bob Roberts had served on the Mountain Line Transit Board since 1997 and eight of those years he had served as the President of the Authority.

Reading and Approval of Minutes (June 11, 2008)

David Flynn Made a Motion to accept the June 11, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Denny Poluga seconded the Motion.

For: All Present and Voting

Opposed: None

Presentations:

A. June 2008 Driver of the Month

The Board announced the Authority's June 2008 Driver of the Month, Mr. James Huffman. The Board also recognized Robert Lee, David Stump, Thomas Jones, and Dennis Brozik for their outstanding performance during the month of June 2008.

Opportunity for Public Comments:

There were no comments from the public.

Monthly Data Summaries/Correspondence:

The General Manager stated that the trips for June 2008 were 34,184 and were up 10% compared to June of 2007, and were up 9 % for total passenger trips for the calendar year 2008 compared to calendar year 2007. Disabled passenger trips were up 39 %, senior passenger trips were up 29% and West Virginia University "Ride with I.D." were up 17% compared to June 2007. During June 2008, the Transit Authority traveled 82,914 miles, and answered 2,316 phone calls.

The General Manager reviewed the farebox reports with the Transit Authority Board.

The General Manager stated that passenger trips for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 were 828,731. This has put Mountain Line Transit Authority in the number two ranking position in the state for passenger boardings.

The General Manager stated that the personnel changes for the month of June 2008 were Joe Chadwell, part-time Van Driver resigned from his position. Jenna Smith, full-time Grey Line Data Entry Clerk, Tammy Statler, part-time Depot Receptionist, and Nathan McKinney, part-time Van Driver, were hired during the month of June.

The General Manager stated that with the Google Transit trip planner passengers will be able to enter in their location and their destination and Google Transit will let them know the best three options that they have to reach their destination. The link for Google Transit will be on the Mountain Line Transit Authority web page.

Financial Business:

A. June 2008 Financial Report

The General Manager reviewed the financial report for June 2008 with the Board Members.

David Flynn Made a Motion to accept for audit the Financial Report as presented for June 2008. Denny Poluga seconded the Motion.

For: All Present and Voting

Opposed: None

Old Business:

A. Intermodal Facility Update

The General Manager stated that he had received an email from David Smith who is the Contract Manager for West Virginia University. They have gone through the evaluation process and two of the firms had presented bids that are being considered by West Virginia University. Therefore, there should be an announcement in the next few weeks as to which firm is selected. . The General Manager stated that the Intermodal Facility expected completion date is in twelve to fourteen months.

New Business:

A. Current Rider Survey (Results Presentation)

The General Manager stated that a survey had been conducted to determine the impact that Mountain Line Transit has on how the students determine where they are going to live. There were one hundred and ten surveys returned. One hundred and five of them were students, and four were faculty members. The General Manager reviewed all of the results of the survey with the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board.

B. U.S. Veteran Ridership Survey Results

The General Manager stated that passengers had been surveyed to find out how many are U. S. Veterans. The General Manager reviewed the results of the survey with the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board. He stated that there had been three hundred and twenty eight surveys returned. Fifty of the surveys indicated that they have a Veteran status. The next steps will be to determine the potential system cost of a half fare for the U.S. Veterans, change all the schedules, update the Gold Card application, and update the web site with the information. Any Veteran interested would complete a Gold Card application and provide photo identification and confirmation of their honorable discharge.

C. Bus Stop Shelter & Signage Progress Report

The General Manager stated that there has been a chart made of some potential locations for bus stop signs and shelters. The Transit Authority is trying to work with City Hall to find out what permits are needed to install the bus shelters. The General Manager will have a meeting with the City Manager and see what can be done to speed up the process.

D. Appointment of the General Manager as Mountain Line Transit's representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board

E. **Asel Kennedy** requested that the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board Members appoint the General Manager as their representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board. The meetings are the third Thursday of every month.

Asel Kennedy Made a Motion to appoint the General Manager to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board for the 2009 fiscal year. David Flynn seconded the Motion.

For: All Present and Voting

Opposed: None

Adjournment:

David Flynn Made a Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM.