



**Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room  
42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, California  
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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Hickling called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Director Knippel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present

Chairman Norm Hickling  
Alternate Director Ken Mann (Vice Chairman Marvin Crist absent)  
Alternate Director Fred Thompson (Director Tom Lackey absent)  
Director Steve Hofbauer  
Director Dianne Knippel  
Director Sandra Johnson

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.**

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Alternate Director Mann

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)  
Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson, and Alternate  
Directors Mann and Thompson  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

There was public business presented.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

John Anderson, a member of the public, spoke about service issues on Routes 12 and 4. Chairman Hickling asked Senior Planning Officer Dieter Aragon to meet with Mr. Anderson.

**SPECIAL REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS (SRP):**

SRP 1 PRESENTATION OF TRANSDEV OPERATOR OF THE MONTH AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

General Manager Hector Fuentes and Executive Director Julie Austin presented a plaque to Kerry Jefferson, Employee of the Month for August. Mr. Fuentes announced that the Operator of the Month for August was Melvin Lopez who was not present to receive his award.

SRP 2 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Grants Administrator Judy Vaccaro-Fry presented an update regarding the Continuing Resolution for 2015 Appropriations and TIGER grant award recipients. Chairman Hickling asked Ms. Vaccaro-Fry to research the reason(s) AVTA did not receive a portion of the TIGER grant funds and present the information at the October 28, 2014 Board meeting.

**Motion: Receive and file the Federal Legislative Update for September 2014.**

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson, and Alternate Directors Mann and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

SRP 3 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director of Communications Wendy Williams provided information regarding the Cap and Trade auction revenues, bus axle weight restrictions, and the Public Employee Pension Reform Act (PEPRA). She stated that the Cap and Trade revenue allocations will strongly favor disadvantaged communities and is optimistic that AVTA will benefit as several disadvantaged communities have been identified in the Antelope Valley. The Board discussed AVTA's plan to compete for Cap and Trade auction revenues.

**Motion: Receive and file the State Legislative Update for September 2014.**

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Alternate Director Mann

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson, and  
Alternate Directors Mann and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):**

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES FOR AUGUST 26, 2014 – KAREN DARR

**Motion: Approve Consent Calendar item 1.**

Moved by Alternate Director Mann, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (5-0-1-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Hofbauer and Knippel, and Alternate  
Directors Mann and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: Director Johnson

Absent: None

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORTS –JULY AND AUGUST 2014 – COLBY KONISEK

**Motion: Approve Consent Calendar item 2.**

Moved by Alternate Director Mann, seconded by Director Knippel

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson, and  
Alternate Directors Mann and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**NEW BUSINESS (NB):**

NB 1 AWARD CONTRACT NO. 2015-04 TO MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES FOR TWO  
EXPANSION COMMUTER COACHES

Fleet and Facilities Manager Mark Perry presented the staff report. The Board  
briefly discussed this item.

**Motion: Authorize the executive director to exercise two of the four available options for the procurement of expansion commuter coaches under Contract No. 2015-04.**

Moved by Alternate Director Mann, seconded by Director Hofbauer

Vote: Motion carried (6-0-0-0)

Yeas: Chairman Hickling, Directors Hofbauer, Knippel, and Johnson, and Alternate Directors Mann and Thompson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

### **REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):**

#### RA 1 Executive Director's Report:

- Ms. Austin introduced AVTA's newest team member, Community Outreach Specialist Kelly Miller. Ms. Miller fills the position vacated by Candice Rudolph and comes to AVTA from Lance Camper Manufacturing Corporation where she was the Marketing Assistant.
- Ms. Austin acknowledged Vice Chairman Crist and the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) for awarding AVTA the William J. "Pete" Knight AIRE Award for our efforts to reduce emissions. Chairman Hickling accepted the award during a recent AVAQMD Board meeting.
- MEETINGS/CONFERENCES: Chairman Hickling, Len Engel, Mark Perry, and Ms. Austin will be attending the American Public Transportation Association Annual Meeting and triennial EXPO in Houston, TX the week of October 12 where BYD's electric bus will be on display; Ms. Williams will be giving two marketing presentations at the SmartRail Conference in Charlotte, NC. Ms. Vaccaro-Fry will be attending a Federal Transit Administration workshop on their new reporting system; Bob Keys, Colby Konisek and Rong Nemeschy are scheduled to attend the Tyler User's Group meeting.
- STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Austin congratulated Finance Supervisor Rong Fitzgibbons-Nemeschy on her recent marriage. Staff celebrating birthdays this month include: Judy Vaccaro-Fry (Sept. 5); Dieter Aragon (Sept. 11); Rong Nemeschy (September 16); and Sabina Andrade (Sept. 19). She also recognized Gloria Delgado and Wendy Williams for 3 years of service to AVTA.
- The Streets of Lancaster event is September 26 through September 28. Our competitors include Norm Hickling, Nate Pitkin, and Karen Darr. AVTA will have a booth and bus replica at the event.

- Ms. Austin recently returned from her vacation where she experienced riding Europe's public transit systems and developed a new appreciation of what overcrowding really means (Paris subway). On her last day she rode an electric BYD taxi operated by a company called Thriev; they operate a fleet of about 70 electric SUVs in greater London.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:**

Director Hofbauer discussed the bus route and stops around the A.V. Mall. He will meet with Mr. Aragon to discuss the issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Hickling adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m. to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors on October 28, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West, Lancaster, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

  
Norman L. Hickling, Chairman

  
Julie M. Austin, Secretary

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