



Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

OFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Crist called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Knippel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chairman Marvin Crist
Vice Chair Dianne Knippel
Director Steve Hofbauer
Director Angela Underwood-Jacobs
Director Michelle Flanagan

Absent

Director Fred Thompson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approve the agenda as comprised.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Underwood-Jacobs, and Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Thompson

PUBLIC BUSINESS – AGENDIZED AND NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS:

James Stouvenel – requested that Director Hofbauer support the Senior Pass Program (in the City of Palmdale) and that the Board reaffirm free rides for the military and veterans. Chairman Crist responded that he does not anticipate that the Board will consider eliminating the free ride program for the military and veterans; as a result, there is no need for a vote.

SPECIAL REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS (SRP):

SRP 1 PRESENTATION OF TRANSDEV OPERATOR AND EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH 2016

Transdev General Manager Hector Fuentes presented a plaque to the Operator of the Month Douglas Reddinger. Mr. Fuentes announced that the Employee of the Month was Jeffery Babbitt however, Mr. Babbitt was unable to attend the meeting.

SRP 2 PRESENTATION OF AVTA EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2016)

Fleet and Facilities Manager Mark Perry presented plaques to facilities maintenance staff members James Anderson, Rene Gonzalez, Arturo Guitron Rodriquez, and Sean Wallace.

SRP 3 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR MARCH 2016

Grants Administrator Judy Fry detailed the proposed FY17 Spending Bill unanimously approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 21, 2016. The Bill will provide \$56.5 billion to fund transportation, housing and urban development. Ms. Fry noted that AVTA was not a recipient of the last round of Low- or No- Emission Vehicle Deployment Program (LoNo) grant funds, and will continue to vigorously pursue various funding opportunities. Chairman Crist directed Ms. Fry to request our elected officials to actively lobby for grant funds on AVTA's behalf, and directed Executive Director Engel to meet with representatives in Washington D.C. to assist with this effort. The Board discussed which transit agencies received LoNo grant funds and the performance of other transit companies' electric buses.

SRP 4 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR MARCH 2016

Director of Communications Wendy Williams provided information regarding AB2844 – Anti-Israeli Legislation, which seeks to prohibit awarding or renewing contracts over \$10,000 to companies listed as anti-Israeli. She stated that Assemblyman Tom Lackey's office called on April 12, 2016 regarding a letter

received from a local Islamic group, which stated that Veolia, the contractor that provides fixed route operations and maintenance services for AVTA, was anti-Israeli. Chairman Crist directed Ms. Williams to provide a copy of the letter to the Board.

Ms. Williams provided additional information regarding Measure R2, a ballot measure sponsored by Metro that proposes to increase the sales tax by ½ cent and extend Measure R from 2039 to 2057. Approval of the measure could conceivably raise \$120 billion over 40 years for transportation projects. Measure R2's draft expenditure plan could provide AVTA with an additional \$2.1 million per year and designate \$170 million to purchase right-of-way for the High Desert Corridor and \$240 million to add a new lane on Interstate 5 between California State Route 14 and Lake Hughes Road.

Chairman Crist stated that the City of Lancaster is opposing the ballot measure due to inadequate funding being allocated to the Antelope Valley, and will join efforts with the City of Palmdale to lobby for additional funds. General Counsel Burns provided the language to include on the agenda when the Board desires to support or oppose legislation.

Ms. Williams also briefed the Board regarding AB1550 - Low Income Cap and Trade Allocation and SBX1 1 – Transportation Funding Package.

CONSENT CALENDAR (CC):

CC 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016 – KAREN DARR

Approve the Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2016.

CC 2 FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2016

Approve the financial reports for February and March 2016.

CC 3 FISCAL YEAR 2016 (FY16) THIRD QUARTER LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT (LASD) REPORT (JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2016)

Receive and file the FY16 Third Quarter LASD Report for the period covering January 1 through March 31, 2016.

CC 4 REVISED TRAVEL POLICY AND GUIDELINES FOR TRAINING AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Adopt the revised policies and procedures for the Authority's Travel Policy and Guidelines for Training and Expense Reimbursement.

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Vice Chair Knippel

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Underwood-Jacobs, and Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Thompson

NEW BUSINESS (NB):

NB 1 ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 (FY17)

Clerk of the Board Darr presented the staff report. Director Flanagan nominated Marvin Crist as Chairman and Dianne Knippel as Vice Chair.

Motion: Re-elect Marvin Crist as Chairman and Dianne Knippel as Vice Chair for FY17.

Moved by Director Flanagan, seconded by Director Underwood-Jacobs

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Underwood-Jacobs, and Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Thompson

NB 2 APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

General Counsel Allison Burns presented the staff report.

Motion: Approve the First Amended and Restated Executive Director Employment Agreement.

Moved by Director Hofbauer, seconded by Director Flanagan

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Underwood-Jacobs, and Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Thompson

NB 3 CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 UNDER TASK ORDER NO. 2 OF MASTER CONTRACT #2014-46 WITH ARROW ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC., TO UPDATE AND PROVIDE FINAL DESIGN AND BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR 85 EBUS CHARGING STATIONS AT AVTA'S FACILITY

The Board waived the presentation of the staff report.

Motion: Ratify an award in the amount of \$132,100, to Arrow Engineering Services, Inc., Lancaster, CA. The award is for Change Order No. 2 under Task Order No. 2 of Master Contract #2014-46, to update and provide final design and bid specifications for 85 eBus charging stations at AVTA's facility.

Moved by Vice Chair Knippel, seconded by Director Flanagan

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

Yeas: Chairman Crist, Vice Chair Knippel, Directors Hofbauer, Underwood-Jacobs, and Flanagan

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Director Thompson

CLOSED SESSION (CS):

PRESENTATION BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ITEM(S) TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

General Counsel Allison Burns presented the Closed Session item.

- CS 1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a)
Pending Litigation: Holmes v. AVTA, USDC Case No. 2:16-cv-01454-DMG-AGR
Pending Litigation: Clark v. AVTA, LASC Case No. MC026036

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:41 a.m.

RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 10:47 a.m.

REPORT BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

General Counsel Burns stated the Board discussed CS 1 and provided direction; no reportable action was taken.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (RA):

RA 1 Report by the Executive Director Len Engel:

- AVTA submission of the Electric Bus Fleet was selected to receive the 2016 Sustainability Award for Excellence in Green Region Initiative by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). Chairman Crist will accept the award on AVTA's behalf.
- AVTA and BYD are collaborating to support Palmdale High School's Solar Falcon Race Team. The team includes students who will develop a solar powered vehicle and participate in the 2016 Solar Car Challenge. The Challenge is a cross-country event that starts at the Texas Motor Speedway and ends in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Fleet and Facilities Manager Mark Perry, Norm Hickling, Director Michelle Flanagan, and he are attending the American Public Transportation Association Bus and Paratransit Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina May 13 through May 18.

- Attended a pre-production meeting on April 25, 2016 with Mr. Perry and BYD staff regarding the first 29 electric buses.
- Staff should receive notice regarding the procurement of the five Metro buses within the next few days.
- AVTA was not awarded grant funds from the Air Resources Board (ARB). Staff will work with the Air Resources Board and the Governor's office to obtain additional funds for heavy-duty trucks and buses.

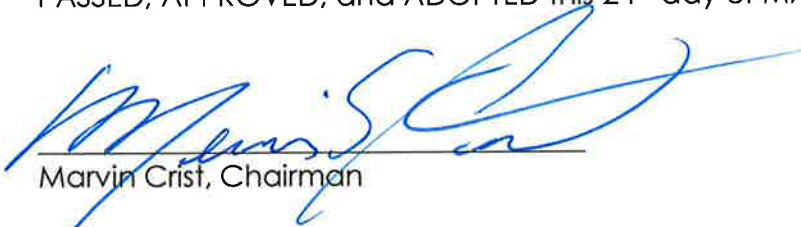
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – NON-AGENDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ITEMS:

There were no miscellaneous business items presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Crist adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m. to the next Regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 24, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Antelope Valley Transit Authority Community Room, 42210 6th Street West, Lancaster, California.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of MAY, 2016.



Marvin Crist, Chairman

ATTEST:



Karen Darr, Clerk of the Board