

**Stark Area Regional Transit Authority
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 11, 2009 @ 6:00PM
Gateway Board Room**

Mr. Chuck DeGraff called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

**Attendance
Board**

Chuck DeGraff (President), Nancy Johnson (Vice-President), Phyllis Beyers, Amanda Fletcher, Ron Macala, James Reinhard, Chet Warren

Excused

Jerry Bixler

Staff

Thomas Bernabei (Executive Director/CEO, Interim), Kelly Zachary (HR/Safety Manager), Mark Finnicum (Director, Maintenance), Tom Williams (Transportation Manager), James Warner (Planning & Community Outreach Manager), Carole Kuczynski (Director, Finance & Administration), Tammy Marie Chavers (Executive Assistant)

Legal Counsel

Gust Callas (Black McCuskey)

Other

Stephanie Ujhelyi (Alliance Review)

Old Business

Job Search

The Executive Director/CEO job description draft was handed out. Venues to advertise for the position will be published through Canton Repository, Akron Beacon Journal, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Passenger Transport, Transit Talent, and COMTO. Ads will run for 30 days on line and twice during a 30 day period in newspapers. A description of the job will be posted on our website as well. Applications will be accepted March 15 – May 1, 2009.

Mr. Warren motioned to move forward with advertisement for the Executive Director/CEO position. Mr. Macala seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Stimulus Package

SARTA received \$5,145,273 from the stimulus package. September 2009 is the 50% obligation deadline.

➤ *Bus Purchase*

It is proposed to purchase nine (9) - 35' Hybrid Diesel Electric Buses for \$4,988,187. Buses will take approximately 16 months to produce and receive.

➤ *Replacement of Bus Washer*

The remainder will be allotted for the purchase of a bus washer. The useful life of our current washer has surpassed time. Preventative Maintenance efforts will no longer accommodate our needs. We also need a system that will accommodate for washing hybrid buses. The current system was installed in 1981.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 10

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director/CEO To Exercise A Change Order/Option With Gillig, Inc. For The Purchase Of Nine (9) 35' Low-Floor Diesel-Electric Hybrid Transit Vehicles For \$4,988,197 At 100% Requiring No Local Match

Mr. Warren moved to adopt the resolution. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion. The resolution was amended to make it conditional upon legal review by Mr. Callas regarding whether the package of buses need to be rebid. Resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 11

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director/CEO To Advertise For Bids For The Replacement Of The Bus Washer

Mr. Fletcher moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 12

A Resolution Authorizing The Executive Director/CEO Designation Of Signature Authority For The Transportation Electronic Award & Management Process (Team)

Ms. Johnson moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. Warren seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

*****Executive Session*****

6:40 – 7:33PM

Discussion of Interim Director's Contract & Pending Litigation

Mr. Warren motioned to enter Executive Session. Ms. Beyers seconded the motion. All answered "yes."

Resolution No. 13

A Resolution Authorizing An Independent Contractor Agreement Between SARTA And Thomas M. Bernabei As Interim Executive Director/CEO

Mr. Warren moved for the adoption of this resolution. Mr. Macala seconded the motion; resolution passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mr. Warren moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Fletcher seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.