

BAY AREA RURAL TRANSIT

OFFICIAL BART COMMISSION MINUTES

June 15, 2023, at 4:00 PM
BART Office Center

A. CALL TO ORDER

A General Meeting of the Bay Area Rural Transit Board was held on Thursday, June 15th, 2023, by Remote/Zoom and in person at the Bay Area Rural Transit office. Chairperson Carl Doersch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Roll Call: Present: Beagan, Doersch, Lawyer, Niemis, Oswald, Pufall, Trimner. 7

Absent: Benton, Berlin. 2

Excused: 0

B. Adoption of Agenda

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Richard Pufall to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Colleen Beagan to approve the April 20, 2023, Minutes. Motion Carried

D. Public Comments

No public comments.

E. Managers' Report

1. Electric Buses

Pat Daoust informed the board that the Price County 120K EV Charger for Phillips and 30K EV Charger for the Price County BART facility has been ordered. Altoona testing for the electric buses is seventy five percent complete. The plug ins on the chargers will need to be changed to CCS per battery manufacturers. Possibly see an electric bus in the 3rd or 4th quarter of 2023. A discussion followed.

2. EV Charger

Pat Daoust informed the board the EV charger in Washburn has a net profit of \$278.00 since it became operational. The traffic seen by the charger has increased as summer begins. A discussion followed.

3. Staffing

Pat Daoust stated BART has a full-time driver going over the road and a part-time driver will be filling that position. BART is hiring part-time drivers and dispatchers. A discussion followed.

4. Price County Facility

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Pat Daoust informed the board that breaking ground for the new facility is set for Monday June 26th. The MEPA study has been concluded and the city of Park Falls is changing the property into BART's name. A discussion followed.

5. Solar Panels

Pat Daoust informed the board that solar panels commissioned on 5/26/23 and are fully operational. Jolma Electric is giving BART a \$1,300 credit due to the delay in getting the solar panels operational. A discussion followed.

F. Projects Needing Attention

None

F. Finances

Pat Daoust went over the 2023 financial reports. Ridership is steadily increasing. BART is under-budget overall with the exception of being over-budget on unemployment insurance expenses. Motion was made by Tom Niemis seconded by Richard Pufall to accept and place on file the 2023 financial reports. Motion Carried

G. Reports, Comments, Questions

Pat Daoust informed the board that he will be looking at implementing new fares this fall. Additional bus stops in Washburn and Park Falls are planned to be set up in the future. A possible transfer station in Ashland is being revisited. A discussion followed.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Nate Lawyer and seconded by Tom Niemis. Motion carried. BART Board Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.