

# **BAY AREA RURAL TRANSIT**

## **OFFICIAL BART COMMISSION MINUTES**

November 16, 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, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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, Niemis, Lawyer, Oswald. 5

Absent: Benton, Berlin, Pufall, Trimner. 4

### **B. Adoption of Agenda**

Motion was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Colleen Beagan to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

### **C. Approval of Minutes**

Motion was made by Colleen Beagan and seconded by Tom Niemis to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, minutes. Motion Carried

### **D. Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **E. Managers' Report**

#### 1. Electric Buses

Pat Daoust informed the board the electric buses are still finishing Altoona testing. The EV charger for Price County is arriving today in Phillips. A discussion followed.

#### 2. EV Charger

Pat Daoust informed the board the Washburn EV charger to date has a profit of \$738.12; the EV charger display will need its' screen repaired. BART is currently looking for a local electrician to troubleshoot it. A discussion followed.

#### 3. Price County Facility

Pat Daoust informed the board the contractors are still waiting for the air handling unit and Xcel is waiting on a transformer to connect power to the building. Currently power is being provided by generators. Sprinklers and cabinets are being installed today. The black top for the parking lot will be installed next year. Lastly, including change orders, the total building cost is still under budget by \$2,000. A discussion followed.

#### 4. Human Services TCP

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Pat Daoust informed the board that he attended a County Transit Planning meeting was held by Northwest Regional Planning at BART with Ashland, Bayfield, and Price counties. The meeting mentioned BART but was mainly for 85.21 funded projects. A discussion followed.

### **F. Projects Needing Attention**

#### 1. 2024 Budget

Pat Daoust presented to the board the revised 2024 budget that included small changes due to the unemployment insurance rate changes. Motion was made by Tom Niemis seconded by Nate Lawyer to accept the 2024 budget. Motion carried.

#### 2. Electronic Devices Policy

Pat Daoust presented to the board a personal electronic devices policy. Tom Niemis made a motion to bring the policy to the floor, seconded by Jeremy Oswald. Motion carried. Pat Daoust explained to the board that distracted driving accidents have increased throughout the transit industry and a policy was drafted with recommendations by our insurance company. Motion was made by Tom Niemis seconded by Jeremy Oswald to approve the Electronic Devices Policy. Motion carried.

### **F. Finances**

Pat Daoust went over the 2023 financial reports. Ridership is above pre-COVID numbers. Revenue is up from last year as well. BART overall is underbudget. Motion was made by Tom Niemis seconded by Nate Lawyer to accept and place on file the 2023 financial reports pending an audit. Motion Carried

### **G. Reports, Comments, Questions**

Pat Daoust informed the board that a person is interested in purchasing the Red Cliff storage building from BART. It would be just the building being sold as the land belongs to the Red Cliff Tribe. BART has also sold two buses, a push bumper, concrete parking blocks, and ozone generators. The money received from the sales went back into BART's capital budget. A discussion followed.

### **H. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Tom Niemis and seconded by Nate Lawyer. Motion carried. BART Board Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.