MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTOR’S MEETING
February 08, 2012

Authority Members Present:  
Jenny Dinsmore  
David Flynn  
Ronald Bane  
Hugh Kierig  
Denny Poluga

Authority Members Not Present:  
Asel Kennedy

Other Personnel Present:  
David Bruffy  
Wayne Pifer  
Loring Danielson  
Sheila M. Wolfe

I. Call to Order:

The Transit Authority Board Meeting for February 08, 2012 was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes January 11, 2012

David Flynn Made a Motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2012 Board Meeting as submitted. Denny Poluga seconded the Motion.

For: All  
Opposed: None

IV. Presentations:

A. January 2012 Drivers of the Month

The Board announced the Authority’s January 2012 Drivers of the Month, Mr. Thomas Jones. The Board also recognized James Huffman, Scott Allison, Anne Cramer, and Ronald Finniss for their outstanding performance during the month of January 2012.

The General Manager stated that the personnel changes for the month of January included: Cara Wilke hired as part-time bus driver and John Mark Matthews was hired as full-time bus drivers.

V. Opportunity for Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

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VI. Monthly Data Summaries/Correspondence:

The General Manager stated that the total passenger trips calendar year 2012 were 127,887 compared to 108,221 total passenger trips for calendar year 2011. The total passenger trips for the year were up 18%. The total passenger trips for January 2012 were 127,887 and were up 18% compared to January of 2011. The total number of service days for the month of January was 31, the average passengers per day was 4,125, the total passengers for January 2011 was 88,169. The difference between January 2012 and January 2011 is 19,666 passenger trips. Disabled passenger trips were down 18%, senior passenger trips were even and West Virginia University "Ride with I.D." was up 15% compared to January 2011. During January 2012, the Transit Authority traveled 107,279 miles, and answered 4,414 phone calls at the depot.

The General Manager reviewed the ridership reports for January 2012 with the Transit Authority Board Members.

VII. Financial Business:

A. January 2012 Financial Report

The General Manager reviewed the financial report for January 2012 with the Board Members.

David Flynn Made a Motion to accept for audit the Financial Report as presented for January 2012. Hugh Kierig seconded the Motion.

For: All
Opposed: None

VIII. Old Business:

A. Former County Employee Retirement Issue (PERS) Update

The General Manager stated that final filing has been made by our attorney and we are waiting for the Law Judge’s decision.

B. Solar Power Plant Project Update

The General Manager requested that the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board authorize him to enter into an agreement with March Weston to complete the Solar Project.

Ronald Bane Made the Motion to authorize the General Manager to enter into agreement with March-Weston to complete the Solar Project. Denny Poluga seconded the Motion.

For: All
Opposed: None
C. Orange Line Service Funding Request Update

The General Manager stated that he had sent request for additional funding to the Morgantown City Council requesting additional funding in the amount of $45,500.00 and Monongalia County Commission requesting additional funding in the amount of $25,000.00. He also requested funding from Star City for $2,500.00, City of Westover for $2,500.00 and City of Granville for $10,000.00. He stated that without additional funding the Orange Line PM service may end as of July 1, 2012.

Ronald Bane suggested working with the businesses in the Town Centre to contribute funding to the Orange Line PM route.

The General Manager stated that 13,591 rides were provided in the five months that the Orange PM route has been operating.

IX. New Business:

A. Consideration of Evening Service Fares ($1.50 per boarding)

The General Manager stated that Mountain Line Transit needs to find ways to self-generate funding. He asked the Mountain Line Transit Authority Board Members to consider raising the PM bus fares to $1.50 per boarding. The cost to the Transit Authority for each passenger trip system wide is $3.50 per ride.

The Transit Authority Board Members requested that the General Manager provide them with a chart that could show how much revenue can be generated with a system wide fare increase at various levels.

President Jenny Dinsmore suspended the rules of the meeting to allow return to Public Comment.

Public: Walter Hurdy suggested that the Authority look at the high school ridership numbers to see how many of them are using Mountain Line Transit's evening services and add this information to the presentation to the municipalities.

Adjournment:

David Flynn Made a Motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM.