

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JUNE 7, 2011
5:30 PM**

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT DISTRICT
1830 GOLDEN STATE AVENUE
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Howard Silver
Norris Ledbetter
Chuck Michel

Kathleen Ashland
Patricia Norris

ATTORNEY PRESENT:

Isaac St. Lawrence

STAFF PRESENT:

Karen King
Candra Cheers
Bruce Seibel

Carol Smith
Jeanie Hill
Judi Daunell

Steven Woods
Gina Hayden
Emery Rendes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bob Snoddy
Lillian Bristow

Arlene Bonner
Jessica Reynoso

Luceli Osorio

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Seibel led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED FARE ADJUSTMENTS

Director Silver stated that this public hearing is being held by Golden Empire Transit District to receive public comments on “proposed fare adjustments” for August 1, 2011. Customers and the community have been informed about the proposed changes through news media coverage, customer newsletters, outreach at both transit centers and the GET web site. A public hearing notice also ran in *The Bakersfield Californian*. In addition to tonight’s public hearing, customer comments have been accepted via email through GET’s web site and via phone.

Ms. Hayden, GET’s Manager of Marketing and Business Development gave a summary of the “outreach” and “proposed fare adjustments.” After Ms. Hayden’s presentation, Director Silver asked for comments from the public regarding the “proposed fare adjustments.”

Arlene Bonner, a GET customer, stated that she had been a GET customer for over 30 years, and since she is on a fixed income, would prefer that the fares not be increased. Director Silver thanked Ms. Bonner for her comments.

Since there were no further comments, Director Silver closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 BUDGET

Director Silver stated that this public hearing is being held by Golden Empire Transit District to receive public comments on the District's Fiscal Year 2011/12 Budget. Prior to adoption of its annual budget, and pursuant to Section 101251 of the Public Utilities Code of the State of California, GET provides this opportunity for members of the public to comment on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2011, and terminating June 30, 2012. Legal notices were published in *The Bakersfield Californian*.

GET's tentative 2011-12 budget is comprised of \$24.44 million dollars for operations and \$3.44 million dollars for capital projects, totaling \$27.88 million dollars. Anticipated farebox revenues are \$5.5 million dollars, Federal Transit Administration funding \$7.76 million dollars; Transportation Development Act funding \$14.16 million dollars; and \$461,308 dollars from other sources.

Mr. Woods, GET's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, gave a summary of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. After Mr. Woods' presentation, Director Silver asked for comments from the public in regards to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget. Hearing none, Director Silver closed the public hearing.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Director Norris moved and Director Ashland seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Michel moved and Director Ashland seconded to approve the minutes of May 17, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CHECK DISBURSEMENTS

After some discussion, Director Michel moved and Director Norris seconded to approve the accounts payable check disbursements. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 5:43 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation [Government Code Section 54956.9(b)] – Five (5) Tort Claims; and returned to open session at 5:53 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Attorney St. Lawrence stated that the Board met with legal counsel and staff on the items referenced in the executive session on the agenda. No action was taken that would require disclosure under the Brown Act.

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH/AUTOMATED VEHICLE LOCATOR (CAD/AVL)

Mr. Woods reported that on May 17, 2000, the District was awarded a Federal Transit Administration grant that included a computer aided dispatch/automated vehicle locator. GET staff procured a consultant to assist in the preparation, procurement and implementation of the system. Niacad was awarded a consulting contract funded by local TDA funding. Eventually AESF, a subsidiary of Amelco was awarded a contract to build the CAD/AVL.

After a variety of startup issues the system was launched in June 2004 and was accepted October 2004. Thereafter, a one year maintenance warranty went into effect. However, in October 2004, Amelco filed for bankruptcy protection which included AESF.

The system has been maintained, however there were eminent problems with equipment repair and replacement, software and upgrades. To date, the system proved basic on-time performance data, some complaint verification about stops and locations, and various performance information. All other features such as the computer aided dispatch system are not in use.

During the seven years that the system has served GET, staff attempted to contract for repairs to the mobile data units (MDU's), but the obsolete design was not repairable, nor were there any comparable units to replace them.

GET staff unanimously agrees that AVL is essential to GET's quality of service. Mr. Seibel, Safety/Training Manager, has arranged for several AVL vendors to make presentations about their AVL product. At this time, staff is in discussion with a former consultant to develop specifications, bid preparations, solicitation and bid evaluations. Staff is prepared to move this project along as defined in the Board Priorities 2011 Program and contract consultant services and proceed with procurement. This was an information item only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/BOARD COMMENTS

Director Silver gave an overview of the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference he had attended.

Director Michel reported on a Distracted Driver Workshop he had attended while at the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/COMMENTS

Ms. King updated the Board on several items including the ground breaking event to be held at Bakersfield College on June 14th at 11:00 a.m. She also stated that she, along with Ms. Hayden were guests on KBAK.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved into executive session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss Conference with Legal Counsel – [Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)] – Discuss Performance Evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer; and returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Director Silver moved that the meeting be closed. The meeting concluded at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary of the Board of Directors