

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)  
COMMISSION MEETING – April 5, 2022 – 620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309**

**[The above Commission Meeting was held in a hybrid format).**

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:**

Vern Willey (left at 1.35pm), Kelly Whiting (participated via zoom), Doug Elrod, Michael McCoy (participated via zoom), Josh Mandelbaum (arrived at 12.04pm), Andy Borcharding, Paula Dierenfeld (arrived at 12.04pm), Ross Grooters, Steve Van Oort (participated via zoom), Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble (participated via zoom, arrived at 12.10pm) and Lauren Campbell.

**Commissioners Absent:**

Joseph Jones

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Doug Elrod called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Notice of the meeting was duly published.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair, Doug Elrod requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Michael McCoy and seconded by Ross Grooters to approve the April 5, 2022, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**6A. PRESENTATION – PolicyWorks Legislative Update**

Voice Vote - Ross Grooters made a motion that the DART Commission will support the House Amendment 2579 and register in favor of support of the portion of the Bill that retains DART. The ayes were unanimous, and the motion was adopted.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

8A – Commission Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2022

8B – FY2023 State of Iowa Consolidated Transit Grant Funding Application

8C – February 2022 Financials

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

**ACTION ITEMS**

9A – Climate Action Strategy

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the adoption of the Climate Action Strategy and submit to the Federal Transit Administration as DART's participation in the Sustainable Transit for a Healthy Planet Challenge. The motion carried unanimously.

9B – Half Fare Program Eligibility Expansion

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the following actions related to DART's half fare program and Opportunities Thru Transit (OTT) fare program. The motion carried unanimously.

- Approve the Title VI Fare Equity Analysis documenting the impacts of the expansion of DART's half fare program and discontinuation of the OTT program.
- Approve the expansion of the eligibility of DART's half fare program to include individuals who can demonstrate they are receiving food assistance, housing assistance or workforce assistance.
- Approve the discontinuation of the Opportunities Thru Transit (OTT) program effective July 1, 2022 and allow individuals still participating in the program to transition their eligibility to the expanded half fare program under the category of workforce assistance.

9C – Banking Services

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve of a five (5) year contract with two (2), one (1) year options with Community State Bank for Banking Services for the amount Not to Exceed \$110,000, (contract Pricing Summary - \$14,285 Estimated Annual Spend and includes 15% contingency to allow for potential services not identified at this time). The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

Chair, Doug Elrod, adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

### **\*\*\*OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE NEXT DART COMMISSION MEETING DATE IS HEREBY PUBLISHED:**

The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8, the DART Commission has determined that it is still impractical or impossible to require all Commission members, staff, and the public to be physically present for this Commission meeting. Accordingly, both in-person and virtual options for attendance of the May 3, 2022 Commission meeting will be offered as follows: (1) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting in person in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and (2) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such virtual meeting option are as follows:

<https://ridedart.zoom.us/j/82653189553?pwd=WlJDa3Vtd1hubmsvM09OY1VlbW1jdz09>

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