

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)  
COMMISSION MEETING – August 2, 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 1.46pm), Kelly Whiting (left at 1.40pm), Doug Elrod, Michael McCoy (left at 1.20pm), Josh Mandelbaum, Andrew Borcharding, Paula Dierenfeld (arrived at 12.07pm, left at 1.30pm), Ross Grooters, Steve Van Oort, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble, and Lauren Campbell

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Doug Elrod called the meeting to order at 12:04 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 Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the August 2, 2022, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022

7B – DART Advertising Policy

7C – Quarterly Investment Report

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

8A – State Lobbying Services Contract

It was moved by Michael McCoy and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve a three-year contract with two one-year options in years four and five with Cornerstone Government Affairs for State Lobbying Services for the amount Not to Exceed \$315,000. 11 Yea's, Commissioner Russ Trimble abstained.

7B – Funding Advisory Committee DART Appointment

It was moved by Russ Willey and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the recommended appointment to be DART's representative on the Funding Study Advisory Committee. 11 Yea's, Commissioner Kelly Whiting abstained.

7C – Housekeeping Contract

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve of a three-year contract with two one-year renewal options in years four and five with Heritage Building Maintenance for Housekeeping Services for the amount Not to Exceed \$2,025,700. The motion carried unanimously.

7D – DART On Demand Fare Policy

It was moved by Ross Grooters and seconded by Russ Trimble to approve the Title VI Fare Equity Analysis documenting the impacts of the establishment of a DART On Demand Fare Policy and to approve a DART On Demand base fare of \$1.75, with all local route pass products, methods of payment and reduced fares eligible, in addition to the new fare payment method of paying through the Via mobile app. The motion carried unanimously.

7E – Principal Foundation Grant Pilot Programs and Establishment of Community Foundation Fund

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Vern Willey to approve the following actions related to the Principal Foundation grant award and Community Foundation fund:

- Approve a pilot providing free school transportation for students of Harding Middle School and North High School who do not currently qualify for free school transportation per the district's policy.
- Approve the creation of a weekend on-demand transit zone along Merle Hay Road.
- Approve fund agreement to establish a Fiscal Sponsor Community Betterment Fund with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines to accept pilot project funding awarded by the Principal Foundation.

The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Chair, Doug Elrod, adjourned the meeting at 1:51 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, September 6, 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 September 6, 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/84421035934?pwd=dkhrdTZucTVlU2NCTCsra2FCa1NNQT09>

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