

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)
COMMISSION MEETING – March 1, 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 (participated via zoom), Kelly Whiting (left 1.27pm), Doug Elrod, Josh Mandelbaum, Andy Borcharding (participated via zoom), Paula Dierenfeld (arrived at 12.08pm), Ross Grooters (participated via zoom), Steve Van Oort (participated via zoom), Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble (participated via zoom) and Lauren Campbell.

Commissioners Absent:

Michael McCoy and Joseph Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Doug Elrod called the meeting to order at 12:01 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 Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Kelly Whiting to approve the March 1, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Garland from Des Moines shared his observations on lack of snow shoveling at the bus stop near his home at Hubbell Avenue and E. Douglas in Des Moines. Mr. Garland was asked to share the businesses near this stop so DART staff could work with them to assist with snow clearing. DART staff will also investigate other solutions. Ms. Garland from Des Moines asked if route 17 will be extended to Altoona. Information was provided to Ms. Garland; DART staff will follow up appropriately.

CONSENT ITEMS

6A – Commission Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2022

6B – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

6C – January 2022 Financials

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY RATES

Kent Farver, Chief Financial Officer, provided a background on the FY2023 Budget.

Chair, Doug Elrod opened a public hearing at 12.12 p.m. to discuss the DART FY2023 budget and tax levy rates was convened and asked for comments from the floor.

No members of the public came forward to comment regarding the FY2023 Budget and Tax Levy Rates.

Chair, Doug Elrod closed the public hearing at 12.13 p.m. of the FY2023 Budget and Tax Levy Rates.

7A – ACTION – Approve FY2023 Budget and Tax Levy Rates

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Paula Dierenfeld to approve the FY2023 Budget and Tax Levy Rates as presented.

The motion was approved by Vern Willey, Doug Elrod, Josh Mandelbaum, Andy Borcharding, Paula Dierenfeld, Ross Grooters, Steve Van Oort, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble and Lauren Campbell. Kelly Whiting opposed the motion.

ACTION ITEMS

8A – FY2021 Audited Financials

It was moved by Paula Dierenfeld and seconded by Ross Grooters to approve the FY 2021 audited financial statements. The motion carried unanimously.

8B – Transit Optimization Study Adoption

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Vern Willey to adopt the Transit Optimization Study as DART's service planning framework for an evolving regional transit. The motion carried unanimously.

8C – 30' Heavy-Duty Bus Procurement Approval

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the purchase order with Gillig, LLC for four (4) 30' heavy-duty buses for the Amount Not to Exceed \$2,260.00 under the State of Washington Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Chair, Doug Elrod, adjourned the meeting at 1:45 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, April 5, 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 April 5, 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/89186591989?pwd=K2ZtanJYWE4xUVVFN3FrdG9zYTUxUT09>

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