

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)
COMMISSION MEETING – March 2, 2021 – 620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309**

[The above Commission Meeting was held via Zoom. The Commission determined that it is impossible and impractical for all members of the Commission, staff and members of the public to be physically present at this Commission meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and that it is necessary to conduct this Commission meeting by electronic means.]

ROLL CALL

Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:

Kelly Whiting, Doug Elrod, Michael McCoy (arrived at 12.09pm), John Edwards, Josh Mandelbaum, Jake Anderson, Paula Dierenfeld (left at 12.34pm), Ross Grooters, Angela Connolly, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble and Joseph Jones

Commissioners/Alternates Absent:

Vern Willey and Jill Altringer

CALL TO ORDER

Vice 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

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

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by Angela Connolly to approve the March 2, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT ITEMS

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2021

7B – 2021 DART Commission Weighted Voting

7C – January 2021 Financials

It was moved by Vern Willey and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the consent items with the change on the weighted voting for Polk County (MPO unincorp), giving them one additional weighted vote making the total weighted votes at 26. The motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2021 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY RATES

Kent Farver, Chief Financial Officer, provided a background on the FY2022 Budget.

Chair, Russ Trimble opened a public hearing at 12.31 p.m. to discuss the DART FY2022 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 FY2022 Budget and Tax Levy Rates.

Chair, Russ Trimble closed the public hearing at 12.33 p.m. of the FY2022 Budget and Tax Levy Rates.

8A – ACTION – Approve FY2022 Budget and Tax Levy Rates

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the FY2022 Budget and Tax Levy Rates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

9A – Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act Funding (CRRSAA)

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by Paula Dierenfeld to approve the use of CRRSAA funds for operating expenses. The motion carried unanimously.

9B – Financial Reserve Policy

It was moved by Doug Elrod and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the revisions to the Financial Reserve Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9C – 2021 Federal Legislative Priorities

It was moved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Bridget Montgomery to approve the 2021 Federal Legislative priorities. The motion carried unanimously.

9D – Benefits Broker Services Contract

It was moved by John Edwards and seconded by Doug Elrod to approve a three (3) year contract with two (2) individual, one (1) year options with True North Companies for Benefit Broker services for the amount Not to Exceed \$230,000. The motion carried unanimously.

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

The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. (If the Administration offices at DART Central Station remain closed on April 6 and the Dart Commission determines that it is still impractical and impossible to have Commission members, staff and the public physically present for this Commission meeting, then the April 6 Commission meeting will again be hosted via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such the virtual meeting will be forthcoming)