

## Minutes

### TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION

#### Public Works Facility

Tuesday, March 11, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. Commission members: Maggie Curry and Sue George were present. Ex-officio member Kathie Anderson Noel was also present. Minutes from the December 10, 2013 meeting were read. Maggie Curry made a motion to accept minutes as read, Sue George 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion. Motion carried.

The following operational activities were discussed from winter 2014. The arrival of four new buses has been the highlight of the winter. On January 8, 2014 two, gas, 158" wheelbase buses arrived, #249 and #250. On February 19, 2014 two, diesel, 182" wheelbase buses arrived, #251 and #252. The smaller buses will primarily be used for ParaTransit Service. The larger buses will primarily be used for Route Service. They replace buses #238, #239, #244, and #245. The 158" buses were funded with 5309 federal, capital improvement funds. The 182" buses were funded with DERA (Diesel Emission Reduction) funding. This is also federal money that came to us through an agreement with the Iowa DNR.

Training update: Locally, transit employees all completed LEAN II training. This was presented in house by Stephanie Romagnoli, Jerry Ewers, Jon Koch and myself. All employees are tasked with implementing an improvement in their work area. All MuscaBus employees with the exception of those on vacation also received training on operating the new buses. The Iowa Public Transit Association Legislative meeting held annually in Des Moines at the capitol was cancelled this year due to snowy weather. So, the Transit Supervisor missed out on the opportunity to discuss statewide concerns with vehicle replacement dollars.

It is budget time for the City of Muscatine. The Transit Budget was presented to the City Council on Saturday, February 8, 2014. Discussion revolved around the use of the new buses and lower maintenance expenses.

Two less than half time drivers completed training in early February and are driving independently. They replaced Larry Martin and Kathy Chalupa who retired in January 2014.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.. Motion Sue George, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maggie Curry. Motion carried. The next Transit Advisory Commission meeting will be held at Public Works on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Members of the general public are welcome to attend. Any person with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation to participate should contact the MuscaBus office at 563 -263-8152 at least two days prior to the Transit Advisory Commission meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Korpi, Transit Supervisor