

**TOMPKINS CONSOLIDATED AREA TRANSIT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday October 28, 2010
4:00PM TCAT Conference Room
737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY

Attendees: J. Dotson, H. Dullea, D. Lieb, K. Luz Hererra,
F. Proto, N. Schuler, K. Whang, J. Turcotte

S. Brock, R. Andrascik, A. Eccleston, N. Oltz, P. Poist, D. Tome,
D. Swarts, T. Wright, S. Persons/Recording Secretary

Also Attended: George Eberhardt, Chrisophia Somerfeldt

Agenda

I. Call to Order

F. Proto called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM, and welcomed everyone to the October 28, 2010 TCAT, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting.

II. Board Member Items

There were no Board Member items.

III. Public Comment

G. Eberhardt stated he had one thing to bring up about Walmart but he spoke to N. Oltz just before the meeting and she explained to him what was going on and that she may have an email in her inbox with the information she needs and we may be able to start using the stop soon.

G. Eberhardt stated that he would be going to Rochester for a procedure and did not know if he would be back. He wanted to let the Board know that he has appreciated everything that they have accomplished together; it has been very heartwarming and fulfilling for him.

F. Proto stated that the Board of Directors is very appreciative of G. Eberhardt for coming and commenting and helping TCAT to improve the service that it offers.

IV. Approval of the minutes from September 23, 2010 meeting

The motion to approve the minutes from September 23, 2010 was made by H. Dullea; seconded by N. Schuler. N. Schuler stated on page one under Public Comment the name is Peter Salton, not Peter Salk. The motion to approve the minutes as amended passed unanimously.

V. Chairperson's Report

F. Proto reported that some of the Board received a letter from Kate Supron requesting to meet with a representative from Community Dispute Resolution Center regarding Cayuga Heights Route 30 on

The Northway. He stated the letter he received was from Nathan Brenner who is the case coordinator; J. Turcotte has spoken with N. Brenner as well; basically asked if we decide to do this, is this something that we have to do right away or can we do this in a few weeks when things calm down. F. Proto stated that N. Brenner was pretty accommodating and informed him that if we wanted to proceed we certainly can wait a couple of weeks before we go ahead with it. Discussion followed.

F. Proto stated regarding the Route 96 Park and Ride lot a group met to talk about that situation, since he was not there, he deferred to J. Turcotte to provide an update. J. Turcotte stated they did have a meeting and right from the start it was very clear that TCAT is not in the business of maintaining any park and ride lots, there was a lot of discussion on ownership and more on maintaining it and what the cost would be. There seemed to be more of an ease on the urgency of making a decision on the park and ride lot.

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VI. General Manager's Report

- Way2Go presentation by Chrisophia Somerfeldt – C. Somerfeldt stated Way2Go is a county wide community based transportation education program going into its third year. Way2Go supports commonly held goals of social equity, environmental health, high quality of life and preparedness for future fossil fuel scarcity. They help people meet their basic transportation needs and promote transportation alternatives that are better for individuals, the community, and the environment.
- Monthly Operating Reports – J. Turcotte presented the Monthly Operating Reports for September 2010. He reviewed the details of the Riders, Miles & Hours Statistics, Service Changes & Special Events, Maintenance Statistics, Accidents & Other Incidents, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing Initiatives, & Customer Communications.
- Scott Montani retirement - J. Turcotte reported that A. Eccleston, N. Oltz and he went to Scott Montani's retirement party in Syracuse, he retired from the UAW after 37 years. He stated it was very well attended, there were many politicians there and that TCAT was the only company asked to speak.
- Approve Revisions to System Safety Plan – M. Albanese presented the revisions to the System Safety Plan. The motion from the table to approve the Revisions to the System Safety Plan as presented was moved by K. Luz Herrera and seconded by J. Dotson. Discussion followed. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Proto made a motion to recognize G. Eberhardt as an honorary Board Member for all of the service that he has given over the years. The Motion was moved by D. Lieb and seconded unanimously. The motion passed unanimously.
- Schuyler County Funding Update – J. Turcotte presented an update on the Schuyler County funding. He stated the Schuyler County budget committee has unanimously approved to cut the Schuyler County funding to TCAT of \$50,000 that they provide TCAT to provide the Watkins Glen service. One suggestion that Schuyler County Administrator is curious about is if they elect to fund one trip what would that cost be, TCAT spent some time analyzing that and determined that it would be another bus that would probably be an express service and the cost of that would take them back up to cost of providing the other two trips.

VII. Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee**

F. Proto reported that the Executive Committee met on October 13, 2010 and discussed County budget updates, farebox recovery plan, NYSERDA grant application, bus purchase, NYS Roadeo and Cayuga Heights bus routing.

- **Budget Committee**

H. Dullea reported that the Budget Committee met on October 21, 2010 and discussed Revenue Expenditure Report: September 30, 2010, fuel report, municipality updates and draft 2011 operating and capital budget.

- **Transit Service Committee**

D. Lieb reported that the Transit Service Committee met on October 26, 2010 and discussed free passes for community groups and determining which groups should get them and a value of the passes, this item was passed on to the Budget Committee. He reported they also discussed the Route 20, as well as the work being done with passenger amenities.

- **Human Resources Committee**

The Human Resources Committee did not meet this month.

- **Planning Committee**

The Planning Committee did not meet this month.

VIII. Next meeting

F. Proto announced the next meeting date December 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM.

IX. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Dotson; and seconded by D. Lieb. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.