

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
Board Meeting, September 23, 2009, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
United Way of Central Indiana
3901 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208-0409
First Floor, RCI A, B & C

Board Members Present:	Board Member Absent:	Others Present:	
Christine Altman	Bob Sterrett	Ehren Bingaman	Jen Thomas
Chuck Fewell	Joanne Sanders	Leslie Wilson	Sean White
Ron Deer	Mike Hale	Laura Brown	John Myers
Gil Holmes	Jeff Quyle	Anita Beverly	Lori Miser
Jerry Bridges		Joanne Hamilton	Angie Gilmer
Bill Kirchoff		Thom Davis	Irene Wegner
Sue Ritz		Anna Tyszkiewicz	Mike Terry
Rob Thoman		Kim Irwin	Ryan Hoff
Larry Hesson		Tom Sturmer	Jennifer Pyrz
Linda Sanders		Maryanne O'Malley	Tim Watson
Marta Moody		Joe Whitman	Roscoe Brown
David George		Bridget Farren	Mike Terry
		Kate Johnson	Chris Ogg
		Matt Waggoner	Kevin Jasinski

The CIRTA Board meeting was called to order by Christine Altman at 9:10 AM. A quorum was recognized.

Introduction of CIRTA board members

Consideration of Minutes-The Minutes of the August 26, 2009 CIRTA board meeting were presented to the board. **S. Ritz moved to accept the minutes as presented. R. Thoman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

Finance Report-C. Fewell reported to the board that the Finance Committee will meet prior to the October 28, 2009 CIRTA Board meeting to discuss regular reporting, claim requests and financial review for the organization. E. Bingaman informed the board that the President, Treasurer and Executive Director have been issued fidelity bonds and a signature card with Chase Bank has been filed. All checks written will require two written signatures. This month's board packet includes a docket requesting payment of two claims from the Chase Bank account. One payment is to Gregory & Appel in the amount of \$510.00 for the fidelity bonds and the second payment is to RLS & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$12,989.85 for 80% federal portion for professional services for the Rural Transit Operational Analysis. A motion for payment was requested. C. Altman requested the docket be amended to include a check in the amount of \$6,000.00 for payment to Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz who hold the legislative contract for CIRTA.

L. Hesson moved to approve payment of claims docket number 090923 in the total amount of \$13,499.85 plus the additional \$6,000.00. L. Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

C. Altman discussed the fact that if dockets are only approved at board meetings, there could be future issues with vendors that have routine or expected invoice payments that need to be

paid on time. **B. Kirchoff moved that these types of routine invoices be paid on time and brought to the board's attention at the next appropriate meeting. L. Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

The agenda was amended at this point in the meeting to Old Business in order to complete the presentations to the board without time constraints.

Old Business:

a. Central Indiana Commuter Services, Program Overview and CMAQ Grant Proposal-John Gobis, PB, Anita Beverly-A. Beverly gave an overview of the CICS Mission Statement, staff, program facts, commuter growth statistics, and the keys to the program success which included community events and partnerships, multimedia campaigns, event sponsorships and employer outreach. J. Gobis discussed the future direction and initiatives to include the development of products and services that appeal to niche markets. The program focus will be to support CIRTAs initiatives, assist to ensure success of IndyGo and regional services, develop new services for rural and suburban applications for seniors, mobility challenged, students and lifestyle, and to respond to critical needs and sustainability. CICS new initiatives will include the creation of a regional park and ride network, increase the number of vanpools, continue to work to provide senior transportation in rural and suburban areas, create a car and vanpool reward program and work on sustainable activities. All specific information for this presentation was presented in a handout format to each board member.

b. Rural/On-Demand Process Update-Laura Brown, RLS-L. Brown discussed the "SWOT" Analysis workshop that was in May 2009 and had representation from all counties. Strengths included the fact that there are good partnerships between transportation providers, all counties represented had some basic transportation that currently works, and all are dedicated to work together for future regional transportation needs. Weaknesses included jurisdictional boundaries and funding, people don't know that it's available for use and some of the philosophies and issues in each county create a perception that some of the rural areas aren't considered part of the metropolitan area. There is a need for software that can be used between partnerships and modes of transportation so shared trips are available between modes and counties. The opportunity is to create a combined regional campaign with a marketing component to bring awareness and share information. As the project continued, RLS worked to access the existing rural/on-demand transit resources, identify service provider capabilities, analyze major trip origins and destinations, acquire transportation rider demographics, determine stakeholder and public involvement and estimate the transit demand. The next steps moving forward are to identify and recommend transit service and resource sharing alternatives, look at the feasibility of selected alternatives and tie them to the cost of the service, determine an implementation plan, establish and leverage partnerships between the providers and develop the marketing and outreach plan with materials.

New Business:

a. High Speed Rail Presentation-Thom Davis, President: Indiana High Speed Rail Association-The Indiana High Speed Rail Association is a non-profit organization that was established in 1993. The purpose is to tour the state to educate and advocate for high speed rail. The Midwest Rail Steering Group was established which consists of government entities. It is believed that the Midwest regional rail system for the 21st century will be a 3,000 mile network to Midwest cities that will be run on freight tracks at a speed not to exceed 110 miles per hour. It is believed that this would also create 4500 jobs. This will require \$7.7 billion dollar investment through federal and state grants and currently there is no dedicated funding source. INDOT submitted the "Track One" application for N & S route from Chicago to Porter. The

application for "Track Two" route from Chicago to Cleveland is in process and has a deadline of October 2, 2009.

C. Altman requested E. Bingaman contact INDOT and ask they speak at the next CIRTA Board meeting.

The agenda resumed at this point in the meeting to discuss the Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director's Report:

a. Legislative Update-There will be three meetings of the Joint Study Committee on Mass Transit Transportation Alternatives. The meetings will be September 30, 2009 @ 1:00 PM-Room 431, October 27, 2009 @ 1:00 PM-Room 431 and October 28, 2009 @ 9:00 AM-Room 431. The agenda will include high speed rail in Indiana and Midwest. CITTF has been invited to present their findings. A Federal Transportation Legislation Update from Jan Powell was included in this month's packet for board review.

b. Regional Transit Vision-the Greenwood Express service has been suspended. The Hendricks Express service will be launching in the spring.

c. Northeast Corridor Rapid Transit DEIS-C. Altman informed the board that the HHPA submitted an application for a TIGER Grant which can be used for track replacement which will fit nicely with the larger scope regional project.

d. Broader Regional Interest-Putnam County will begin sending a representative to the CIRTA Board meetings to learn more about regional transportation and CIRTA. Since Delaware County joined CIRTA last month, Randolph and Tipton Counties have approached CIRTA with an interest in learning more about the organization and possible membership.

d. Organization Strategic Plan-C. Altman informed the board that the Executive Committee met with Chris Kopp to refine the scope per the guidance received from the board. The process will engage County Councils and Commissioners. A Steering Committee will include representation from the CIRTA Board, IndyGo, MPO, Transit Task Force and legislators. The Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute has been approached to consider partnership on the study.

Service Provider Updates-CICS monthly report is included in the board packet. Mike Terry with IndyGo asked to be put on the agenda for the October CIRTA board meeting in order to discuss the ICE program and future planning.

Other Business-No other business.

The meeting was adjourned by consent at 10:50 am.