

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
June 29, 2011 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
IndyGo Administrative Offices
1501 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Members Present:

Marta Moody
Jerry Bridges
Sue Ritz
Christine Altman
Tim Cox
Mike Terry
Chuck Fewell
Bill Kirchoff
Linda Sanders
Larry Hesson

Members Absent:

Gil Holmes
Bob Sterrett
Ben Ledo

Ron Deer
Don Adams
Rob Thoman
David George

Staff:

Ehren T. Bingaman
Christy Campoll

Public Present & Signed In:

Lori Miser
Joanne Hamilton
Shota Ebata
John Myers
Ben Hill
Karen Luehmann

Mary Ann Njuguna
Becky Allen
Andrew McGee
Cathy Morton
Anita Beverly
Andrew McGee
Jen Thomas
Roger Hollands
David Littlejohn
Justin Schuessler
Rhonda Klopfenstein
Sean White
Tom Sturmer
Trevor Ocock
Andrew Hebel
Ed Martin

A quorum was recognized and the meeting was called to order by C. Altman at 9:10 AM. The members of the board introduced themselves to the public that was present.

The minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting of the CIRTA board were presented for consideration by J. Bridges. *S. Ritz moved to accept the minutes, C. Fewell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Claims Docket #110629 was presented for payment. *J. Bridges moved to pay Claims Docket #110629, B. Kirchoff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with M. Terry abstaining due to claims presented for payment of Central Indiana Commuter Services expenses.*

E. Bingaman reported that Andy Jackson will be assisting with the accounting for CICS. B. Kirchoff reported that the 2012 CIRTA budget is estimated to amount to \$2.9 million, due to the addition of the Central Indiana Commuter Services budget, the Job Access Reverse Commute funding for reverse commute transit to Carmel and Fishers, and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality funding for Indy Express Bus marketing. 2010 population figures will affect county contributions. C. Altman suggested creating a calendar of public budget hearings because the 2012 budget will not be included in the City of Indianapolis budget. M. Terry asked if the budget approval process would involve the Board only. C. Altman recommended establishing a relationship with an audit firm. M. Terry reported that IndyGo is currently preparing a Request for Proposals for audit services.

Under Old Business E. Bingaman stated that he would revisit the organizational study work completed in Spring 2011 to prep for legislative recommendations coming soon. E. Bingaman reported that INDOT has requested a meeting with C. Altman regarding the FTA designation letter. E. Bingaman reported that the transition of CICS from PB to CIRTA is near complete, with employment decisions pending. CICS staff will continue as employees of Parsons Brinckerhoff until the hiring process is completed. Some offers of employment will be made next week with others still in the interview process. C. Altman stated that the Board should approve all compensation packages. J. Bridges recommended that the Board decided on a compensation limit for all of the new hires, as a pool, not to exceed. B. Kirchoff and E. Bingaman recommended a limit of \$360,000 in total salary and benefits for all of the CICS positions and

the Financial Manager position. *M. Terry moved to adopt the \$360,000 limit. S. Ritz seconded. The motion passed was approved unanimously.*

Under New Business, C. Altman asked Lori Miser to report on the Center for Transportation Excellence Transit Initiatives and Communities Conference in St. Louis, which was attended by C. Altman, L. Miser, E. Bingaman, Jen Thomas, Mike Biberstine, Ron Gifford and Sean White. L. Miser reported that the conference provided information about what worked and what didn't work in communities that recently held transit funding referenda, including the St. Louis referendum that failed in 2008 then passed in 2010. The conference sessions emphasized the importance of demonstrating the value and benefits of transit, particularly related to job creation. B. Kirchoff asked if specific revenue sources were discussed at the conference. C. Altman responded that sales tax was the most common revenue source mentioned.

Also under New Business, L. Hesson suggested that CIRT A initiate a peer review. J. Bridges and C. Altman also discussed the importance of getting feedback from local elected officials in the development of an agenda for a peer event.

E. Bingaman presented the Executive Director's report. E. Bingaman reported that 2,164 people have signed the online petition. The City of Southport has posted a link to the petition on its website, and other organizations should do the same. Indiana Citizens Alliance for Transit is recruiting volunteers for the advocacy effort. Indy Connect is sponsoring a day at the state fair where they will have a large display to educate people about transit. M. Terry suggested placing volunteers at bus stops to ask for petition signatures. E. Bingaman reported that legislators have been responding to the petition. R. Cockrum reported that the General Assembly study committees now have members assigned but have not yet scheduled meetings. E. Bingaman informed the Board of grant-related activities. Two of the firms that responded to the Express Bus marketing RFQ will be interviewed on July 1. JARC funds were awarded for reverse commute and county-to-county transfer points. A meeting will be held in Plainfield to discuss a potential CMAQ-funded service connecting IndyGo routes and Plainfield employment sites. E. Bingaman reported several speaking engagements and participation in other events.

C. Altman reported that a draft 2012 budget proposal will be emailed to the Board. E. Bingaman reported that there will be no July Board meeting, and that the August meeting will be held in Southport. C. Campoll will distribute information about the location of the August board meeting.

M. Terry reported that IndyGo provided 40,000 free trips on APTA Dump the Pump Day (June 16). IndyGo normally provides around 27,000 trips per day. M. Terry reported that IndyGo held a successful Open House.

S. Ritz provided the Board with information about Boone Area Transit Service (BATS), which she manages as Executive Director of Boone County Senior Services. BCSS began providing transportation to seniors in 1978 using volunteer drivers. The agency started offering public transportation in 2006. During the first 6 months of 2011, BATS provided 11,281 trips to 544 locations. BATS has 19 vehicles, 16 of which are wheelchair accessible, and employs 22 part-time drivers. Official operating hours are 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM on weekdays, though exceptions are made, such as when someone needs to be at the hospital early in the morning. BATS provides a regular route taking ARC clients to a sheltered workshop and connects with Hamilton County Express to transport someone to and from work. BCSS spends \$437,000 annually on transportation. The fare for public transportation is \$3 to \$5 per trip. Fare for Medicaid-funded trips is \$1. Seniors are not charged to ride but may make a donation. BATS will travel out-of-county to take seniors to medical appointments. BCSS has a new website with links to CIRT A and the petition.

C. Altman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 AM. L. Hesson seconded. The motion carried by consent.