

Minutes
Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority (CIRTA)
August 22, 2012
320 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis

Members Present:

Jerry Bridges
Christine Altman
Tim Cox
Mike Terry
Chuck Fewell
Linda Sanders
Marta Moody
Ron Deer
Gil Holmes

Sue Ritz
Bill Kirchoff
Cassie Stockcamp
Don Adams

Members Absent:

Rob Thoman
Bob Sterrett
David George
Larry Hesson

Staff Present:

Ehren T. Bingaman
Christy Campoll
Andrew McGee
Dora Fields
Lori Kaplan
Lisa Yeager
Patricia Castañeda

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.

C. Altman welcomed Larry Tungent of the Southport City Council who was in attendance.

The minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting of the CIRTA board were presented for consideration by J. Bridges. *R. Thoman moved to accept the minutes, S. Ritz seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Claims Docket #120822 was presented for payment in two sections to indicate approval of CIRTA-related claims and Commuter Connect-related reimbursement claims. *J. Bridges moved to pay Claims Docket #120822 pertaining to Commuter Connect related claims, S. Ritz seconded. The motion was approved unanimously with M. Terry abstaining. B. Kirchoff moved to pay Claims Docket #120822 pertaining to CIRTA claims, R. Thoman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.* M. Terry stated that CIRTA needed to execute the CMAQ grant for Commuter Connect during 2013 to 2015 in the FTA TEAM system before September 21 in order to receiving the funding with no local match requirement.

D. Fields presented the grant reimbursement report for the year to date. *B. Kirchoff moved to accept, S. Ritz seconded. The report was accepted unanimously.*

E. Bingaman presented a proposed CIRTA budget for 2013. C. Altman questioned the adequacy the amount listed for legal services. J. Bridges asked about the nature of the "miscellaneous" line item. C. Altman asked whether a smaller audit firm would provide a better value. R. Thoman moved to amend the proposed budget to make contractual services \$50,000 and reduce the audit line to \$25,000. J. Bridges stated that any audit firm should have experience with FTA and FHWA regulations. M. Terry stated that IndyGo uses Crowe Horwath and added that budgets should be submitted to the Indianapolis Marion County Council for review by the September 1, 2012 deadline. L. Sanders seconded the motion to amend the proposed budget, the motion was unanimously. G. Holmes *moved to adopt 2013 budget as amended and submit to the City of Indianapolis, Marion County Council, J. Bridges seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Under old business, E. Bingaman reported that staff concluded the procurement process for the Plainfield service, which will be funded 80% with federal CMAQ funding and 20% Town of Plainfield funding. E. Bingaman recommended the selection of Go Express Travel, which bid the lowest cost per hour of service. *S. Ritz moved to approve a Plainfield fare structure of one to five dollars per one-way trip, R. Thoman seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. R. Thoman moved to approve a contract with Go Express Travel to provide the Plainfield service, B. Kirchoff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

B. Kirchoff presented the CIRTAs Associate Handbook. J. Bridges recommended that the anti-nepotism language in the handbook be strengthened. *M. Terry moved to accept the Associate Handbook as presented, C. Fewell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

R. Deer circulated copies of a newspaper article titled "A Movable City?" from April 27, 1970, which advocated that the Mayor Richard Lugar administration act to strengthen the local public transportation system.

Under New Business, Jay Dumontel from the Federal Highway Administration provided an overview of the MAP-21 federal transportation authorization and circulated copies of a PowerPoint presentation.

E. Bingaman requested board approval of a contract with Kokomo Cab to provide Commuter Connect emergency ride home service to program participants working in the Kokomo area. E. Bingaman noted that four vanpools now provide service to the Delphi facility in Kokomo. *R. Thoman moved to approve the Kokomo Cab contract, S. Ritz seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

E. Bingaman directed board members to review the materials related to CIRTAs and Commuter Connect programs that they received at their seats. E. Bingaman informed the board that they were welcome to attend the Chamber of Commerce HobNob event.

M. Terry provided an overview of the proposed Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation budget. M. Terry called it a "challenge budget" which was designed to give the IPTC board and the Indianapolis Marion County Council max flexibility in funding basic growth. M. Terry overviewed the budget process and the goals of the proposed budget.

C. Fewell commented on the length of the new MAP-21 transportation law and advanced the notion that the Congress would start writing a new bill shortly after the election because Map-21 will expire in 2 years. G. Holmes and J. Bridges both acknowledged the gaps in bridge funding. E. Bingaman stated related to this point that staff and public affairs team would be closely monitoring the Indiana Joint Study Committee on Transportation Assessment and Solutions and bring feedback on those meetings as Indiana is evaluating the new transportation law and how the state address funding over the long term.

J. Bridges moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by consent.