

**OFFICIAL PUBLICATION  
DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)  
COMMISSION MEETING – April 4, 2023 – 620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309**

**[The above Commission Meeting was held in a hybrid format].**

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:**

Vern Willey, Kelly Stearns, Tara Cox, Srikant Mikkilineni, Josh Mandelbaum, Andrew Borcharding, Paula Dierenfeld, Ross Grooters, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble, and Joseph Jones

**Commissioners Absent:**

Steve Van Oort

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Russ Trimble called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present. Notice of the meeting was duly published.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chair Russ Trimble requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Ross Grooters and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to approve the April 4, 2023, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – March 7, 2023

7B – January 2023 Financials

It was moved by Joseph Jones and seconded by Srikant Mikkilineni to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING ON FY2023 BUDGET AND TAX LEVY RATES**

Amber Dakan, Finance Director, provided a brief background on the FY2024 Budget and shared that due to issues with the public hearing publication legal deadlines, we will need to set a third public hearing. However, as the April 4 public hearing was set, the public hearing was held.

Chair, Russ Trimble opened a Public Hearing at 12.40 p.m. to discuss the DART FY2024 budget and tax levy rates and asked for comments from the floor.

One member of public spoke about service-related issues but no members of the public came forward to comment regarding the FY2024 Budget and Tax Levy Rates.

Chair, Russ Trimble closed the Public Hearing of the FY2024 Budget and Tax Levy Rates at 12.43 p.m.

No action was taken.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

9A – Public Hearing on FY 2024 DART Budget and Tax Levy Rates for April 17, 2023

It was moved by Paula Dierenfeld and seconded by Josh Mandelbaum to set the Public Hearing date for the FY2024 budget to April 17, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

9B – Public Hearing on Des Moines Community Playhouse Quit Claim Deed for April 17, 2023

It was moved by Tara Cox and seconded by Ross Grooters to set the Public Hearing date on Des Moines Community Playhouse Quit Claim Deed for April 17, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

9C – FY 2022 Audited Financials

It was moved by Srikant Mikkilineni and seconded by Joseph Jones to accept the FY 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9D – New TRAC Members

It was approved by Josh Mandelbaum and seconded by Ross Grooters to approve the three recommended new TRAC members and alternate as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN**

Chair, Russ Trimble, adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

**\*\*\*OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE NEXT DART COMMISSION MEETING DATE IS HEREBY PUBLISHED:**

The next regular DART monthly Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8, the DART Commission has determined that it is still impractical or impossible to require all Commission members, staff, and the public to be physically present for this Commission meeting. Accordingly, both in-person and virtual options for attendance of the May 2, 2023 Commission meeting will be offered as follows: (1) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting in person in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa; and (2) Commission members, staff, and the public will be allowed to attend this Commission meeting via a virtual platform such as Zoom. Participation directions for such virtual meeting option are as follows:

<https://ridedart.zoom.us/j/81203748159?pwd=TWIHcGNaeDFqWFJncEIBUXdycGprQT09&from=addon>

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