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DES MOINES AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (DART)

COMMISSION MEETING – September 3, 2024 – 620 CHERRY STREET, DES MOINES, IA 50309

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

Commissioners/Alternates Present and Voting:

Dean O'Connor, Todd Shafer, Tara Cox, Srikant Mikkilineni, Connie Boesen (arrived 12.02pm), Andrew Borcharding Paula Dierenfeld, Ross Grooters, Angela Connolly, Bridget Montgomery, Russ Trimble (arrived 12.32pm) and Joseph Jones

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Ross Grooters called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

Notice of the meeting was duly published.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Ross Grooters requested a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Dean O'Connor and seconded by Paula Dierenfeld to approve the September 3, 2024, agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS

7A – Commission Meeting Minutes – August 6, 2024

7B – July Consolidated Financials

It was moved by Paula Dierenfeld and seconded by Dean O'Connor to approve the consent items. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON O&M FACILITY AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Mike Gulick, DART's Procurement Manager, provided a brief background and update.

Vice Chair Ross Grooters opened a Public Hearing at 12.14 p.m. to discuss the O&M facility construction contract awards and asked for comments from the floor.

Heather Armstrong of Des Moines shared the importance of a new facility as the current facility is getting old and she is concerned as it relates to safety impacts.

Garland Armstrong of Des Moines is in favor of a new facility especially if the buses can be inside and be easier, particularly in the winter months.

Thomas Washington of Des Moines asked details about the set up of the new facility as it relates to ADA and public access. Due to time, DART staff were asked to share these details with Thomas after the meeting.

Vice Chair, Ross Grooters closed the Public Hearing to discuss the O&M facility construction contract awards at 12.23 p.m.

No action was taken.

ACTION ITEMS

9A – O&M Facility Construction Awards

It was moved by Bridget Montgomery and seconded by Connie Boesen to approve the recommended construction contracts and package awards to the vendors as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9B – O&M Facility Change Order Policy

It was moved by Angela Connolly and seconded by Srikant Mikkilineni to approve the Phase 1 construction change order policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

EXEMPT SESSION:

At 12.52 p.m. Vice Chair, Ross Grooters asked for a motion to recess the meeting and reconvene in exempt session to discuss strategy regarding employment conditions for non-union employees.

No action was taken during the exempt session.

At 1.25 p.m. Vice Chair, Ross Grooters asked for a motion for the exempt session to be adjourned and the regular session be reconvened.

It was moved by Angela Connolly and seconded by Connie Boesen to open the exempt session. The motion carried unanimously.

ACTION:

It was moved by Connie Boesen and seconded by Tara Cox to approve the compensation adjustment of 5% for the DART Chief Executive Officer. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Vice Chair Ross Grooters adjourned the meeting at 1.26 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, October 8, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. in the DART Multimodal Room at 620 Cherry Street, Des Moines, Iowa. Both in-person and virtual options for attendance of the October 8, 2024 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/84919806338?pwd=c3NFNk1sOG9CaWdLWVRhQ3VoMHFIZz09>

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