

Meeting Minutes
CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Joint Regular Meeting
September 9, 2019

Place: Metro Administration Building, 530 N. Rose Street
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Staff Present: Sean McBride, Cheryl Pesti, Greg Vlietstra, Kathy Schultz, Annette Arkush, Barbara Blissett
Others Present: Earl Cox, Sr., John Gisler, Jeff Hamilton, Antonio McMillon, Jon Start

1.) KCTA ROLL CALL

KCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, Pamela Brown Goodacre, Dusty Farmer, Martin Janssen, Aditya Rama, Tim Sloan, Sam Urban, Greg Rosine
KCTA Members Absent: Jeff Breneman

A motion was made to excuse Jeff Breneman.
Motion: Aardema Second: Brown Goodacre
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1.) CCTA ROLL CALL

CCTA Members Present: Curtis Aardema, Rob Bricker, Rob Britigan, Dusty Farmer, Martin Janssen, Nicolette Leigh, Garrylee McCormick, Greg Rosine
CCTA Members Absent: Chris Burns, Jim Pearson, Randy Thompson

A motion was made to excuse Chris Burns and Randy Thompson.
Motion: McCormick Second: Bricker
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting agenda for September 9, 2019.
Motion: Aardema Second: Sloan
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

3.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to approve the joint CCTA/KCTA August 12, 2019 meeting minutes.
Motion: McCormick Second: Leigh
Motion carried by unanimous voice vote with one abstention.

8.) MILLAGE PLANNING DISCUSSION

Chair Rosine indicated that millage planning would be discussed at the September 23rd meeting.

Exec. Dir. McBride stated there would be scenarios presented to the Board with the basis for discussing the millage amount to be on the ballot.

Exec. Dir. McBride said the ballot language would need to be submitted to the Kalamazoo County Clerk by December 2nd.

9.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Exec. Dir. McBride shared that staff would be meeting with two of the firms who had submitted proposals for the Metro Connect Request for Purchase (RFP). He said that staff would make a recommendation to the Board about entering into a contract at the meeting on September 23rd.

Exec. Dir. McBride announced that about 10 new bus stop signs are on the street at active bus stops. He said staff was working to get more signs installed to obtain public feedback and said positive comments have been received by bus drivers and users.

Exec. Dir. McBride announced upcoming community events that staff would be attending.

Exec. Dir. McBride informed the Boards that the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners had approved the boundary changes to the CCTA Articles of Incorporation at their August 20, 2019 meeting.

Exec. Dir. McBride noted that he had included the CCTA and KCTA Operating Agreement. He said he had provided it to the Boards for review and discussion before its renewal next year.

Exec. Dir. McBride stated that Kalamazoo Transportation Center (KTC) Customer Service Manager Keshia Woodson-Sow would be at the October 14th meeting to present an overview of the KTC services. Aardema suggested that some sort of public feedback from surrounding businesses would be helpful in forming a master plan of operation at the KTC.

Exec. Dir. McBride commented on the Youth Mobility Program.

10.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee – Chair Rosine stated the committee had discussions about the upcoming agenda and millages as well as future State and Federal funding. He said they reviewed the issues presented by audience participants at the last board meeting. In addition, the Executive Committee will be updated on any grievances and/or employee issues on a routine basis.

Finance Subcommittee (joint with KCTA) – Did not meet.

Outreach Subcommittee (joint with KCTA) – Did not meet.

Pension Board – Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12th.

KATS Policy Committee – Aardema reported discussion took place regarding the City of Kalamazoo taking possession of some downtown area streets. He also said plans were

unveiled about the Portage/I-94 interchange with construction scheduled to begin next year by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) – Did not meet.

11.) COMMUNICATIONS – None

12.) OLD BUSINESS - None

13.) NEW BUSINESS - None

14.) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Chair Rosine shared that he had attended the State of the County address at the new Kalamazoo County Public Services facility on Alcott Street.

15.) PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Cox thanked everyone for all the comments made at the last meeting. He discussed some of the challenges with grievance process.

16.) MEMBERS TIME

Aardema shared that he had recently had the opportunity to ride the buses in Milwaukee, WI. He observed they had safety doors for the drivers, and he was able to see how the drivers interacted with their riders.

Brown Goodacre shared her concerns for the safety of passengers being left on the bus while drivers take a 10-100 break..

17.) ADJOURNMENT

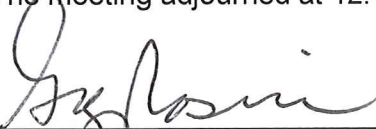
A motion was made to adjourn the CCTA/KCTA meeting.

Motion: McCormick

Second: Brown Goodacre

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

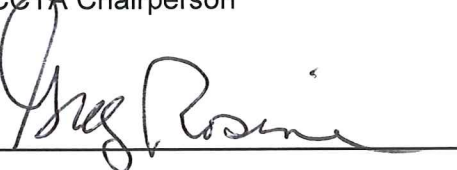
The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.




CCTA Chairperson



CCTA Clerk



KCTA Chairperson



KCTA Clerk