CENTRAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY KALAMAZOO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Joint Regular Meeting March 14, 2022

Place:

Metro Administration Building, 530 N. Rose Street

Time:

11:30 A.M.

Staff Present:

Sean McBride, Greg Vlietstra, Kathy Schultz, Rob Branch, Keshia

Woodson-Sow, Barbara Blissett

Others Present:

Earl Cox. Sr.

1.) KCTA ROLL CALL

KCTA Members Present:

Curtis Aardema, Tafari Brown, Martin Janssen, Aditya

Rama, Tim Sloan, Greg Rosine

KCTA Members Absent:

Jeff Breneman, Dusty Farmer, Sam Urban

A motion was made by CCTA to excuse the absence of Jeff Breneman, Dusty Farmer,

Sam Urban.

Motion: Aardema

Support: Janssen

Motion carried by voice vote.

1). CCTA ROLL CALL

CCTA Members Present:

Curtis Aardema, Rob Britigan, Chris Burns, Martin Janssen,

Garrylee McCormick, Lisa Moaiery, Jim Pearson, Randy

Thompson, Greg Rosine

CCTA Members Absent:

Dusty Farmer

A motion was made by CCTA to excuse the absence of Dusty Farmer.

Motion: Aardema

Support: Janssen

Motion carried by voice vote.

2.) REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA meeting agenda for March 14, 2022 and for approval of the joint CCTA/KCTA regular meeting and special meeting minutes for February 14, 2021.

Motion:

Motion carried by voice vote.

3.) PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4.) KCTA AND CCTA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Aaron Stevens, on behalf of Maner Costerisan, presented the Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Reports for KCTA and CCTA. (Materials on the presentation are available on the website: www.kmetro.com).

A motion was made to receive the KCTA Financial Report for the year ending September 30, 2021.

Motion:

Janssen

Second: Aardema

Motion carried by voice vote.

A motion was made to receive the CCTA Financial Report for the year ending September 30, 2021.

Motion: McCormick

Second: Thompson

Motion carried by voice vote.

5.) CCTA/KCTA 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Exec. Dir. McBride presented a PowerPoint of Metro's CCTA/KCTA Annual Report. (A copy is available on the website and with the meeting minutes.) He said hopefully 2023 would not be a repeat of the last two years with the pandemic.

Exec. Dir. McBride highlighted some of the past year's happenings that included:

- Metro continued to operate as close to normal as possible with reduced service levels
- Mask mandates remained in effect
- CCTA/KCTA Board Meetings took place via Zoom
- KCTA millage passed with a 70% approval vote
- A shooting incident took place at the Kalamazoo Transportation Center (KTC)
- Comprehensive Operational Analysis Study is taking place and will assist with how to better serve Kalamazoo County citizens

6.) CONSIDERATION OF LEVYING KCTA AND CCTA TRANSIT MILLAGES FOR 2022

Exec. Dir. McBride stated on November 2, 2021 the voters approved the KCTA millage through 2026 for up to 0.3124 mills for countywide services that include Metro Connect and Metro Share. He said in 2021, the KCTA levied 0.3124 due to the State of Michigan Headlee Amendment. Exec. Dir. McBride stated that this year the KCTA cannot levy more than the Headlee allowed amount.

A motion was made to table the adoption of Resolution 22-001 Levying the 2022 Transit Millage for further review by the Finance Subcommittee and bring it back to the April 11th meeting.

Motion: Aardema

Second: Janssen

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes:

Aardema, Brown, Janssen, Rama, Rosine

Navs:

None

Absent:

Breneman, Farmer, Sloan, Urban

Exec. Dir. McBride stated on March 10, 2020 the voters approved the CCTA millage through 2025 for up to 0.90 mils for public transportation within the CCTA boundaries. Exec. Dir. McBride said in 2021, the CCTA levied 0.75 mills, however, after discussion of rising fuel prices, wage costs and commodity costs, it was determined to levy the full .0.90 mills. He said with the 0.90 mills approximately \$4.9 million would be collected.

A motion was made to table the adoption of Resolution 22-002 Levying the 2022 Transit Millage for further review by the Finance Subcommittee and bring it back to the April 11th meeting.

Motion: Britigan

Second: Janssen

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Aardema, Britigan, Burns, Janssen, McCormick, Moaiery, Pearson,

Thompson, Rosine

Nays: None Absent: Farmer

7). RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TRANSIT WORKER APPRECIATION DAY MARCH 18TH

Exec. Dir. McBride introduced and read a Resolution Recognizing Transit Worker Appreciation Day as March 18, 2022. He commented on Metro employees being frontline worker and acts of kindness, the strength and loyalty displayed during the pandemic. Management Assistant Jodie Lynch played a video recognizing Metro employees and shared upcoming events being planned for the day.

A motion was made by KCTA and CCTA to adopt a Resolution Recognizing Transit Worker Appreciation Day as March 18, 2022.

Motion: Aardema/Brown Support: Burns/Moaiery

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Aardema, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Janssen, McCormick, Moaiery, Pearson,

Rama, Thompson, Rosine

Nays: None

Absent: Breneman, Farmer, Sloan, Urban

Exec. Dir. McBride noted there were several events planned for Metro staff to commemorate the special day.

8.) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Exec. Dir. McBride provided information on the following topics:

- Pandemic
- Fixed-Route Service
- KTC Security Reports
- Human Resources
- Safety and Security
- Diesel Fuel Costs
- December Income & Expense Statement
- December Ridership Summary Report
- Metro Connect
- Western Michigan University
- Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)

Exec. Dir. McBride shared that in the Board packet was a letter from Mike Oyster, President of Apple Bus regarding the pending sale of Apple Bus to First Student/First Transit. He said Metro staff is reviewing services provided by Apple Bus and extending the contract by two year beyond its expiration date of December 31, 2022.

Included with the minutes is the summary memo and updates provided to the Boards.

9.) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee

Aardema reported that the CCTA/KCTA Nominating Committee had met and determined to continue with the current slate of officers for the coming year. He said that moving forward consideration should be given to invite other boardmembers to serve in future officer positions.

A motion was made by KCTA to approve the appointment of Greg Rosine as its Chairperson and Martin Janssen as its Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Aardema Support Brown

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Aardema, Brown, Janssen, Rama, Rosine

Nays: None

Absent: Breneman, Farmer, Sloan, Urban

A motion was made by CCTA to approve the appointment of Greg Rosine as its Chairperson and Garrylee McCormick as its Vice-Chairperson.

Motion: Aardema Support Burns

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes: Aardema, Britigan, Burns, Janssen, McCormick, Moaiery, Pearson,

Thompson. Rosine

Nays: None Absent: Farmer

<u>Executive Committee</u> – Chair Rosine stated the committee met to discuss the current agenda and the 2022 millage levies including whether to charge the CCTA's full 0.90 mills.

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

<u>Pension Board</u> – Burns reported that the market value of portfolio assets increased from \$925 million to \$967 million during the fourth quarter of 2021, an increase of \$42.0 million or 4.5%.

<u>KATS Policy Committee</u> – Aardema reported on current road projects including those that were affecting Metro routes.

Local Advisory Committee (LAC) - Did not meet.

10.) CHAIRPERSON REPORT - Thanked Aaron Stevens for the 2021 Financial Report.

11.) PUBLIC COMMENT - None

12.) MEMBERS TIME – Aardema shared that as a Boardmember for the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport, questions have been raised about the advertising on the buses and possible conflicts with other entities from other local jurisdictions. Boardmembers briefly discussed the ramifications and staff will review and report back.

Burns and Pearson were pleased to see in the 2021 Financial Report the OPEB liability to go down but would like to discuss it further as part of the budget process.

Moajery commented on recognizing the transit workers for all that they do to keep the system running.

Boardmembers thanked everyone at Metro for all their hard work especially during the pandemic crisis.

13). CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by the CCTA and KCTA to move into closed session to discuss labor negotiations.

Motion: Pearson

Support: McCormick

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by the KCTA to move into closed session to discuss labor and legal negotiations.

Motion: Urban

Support: Janssen

Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

At 1:37 p.m. the CCTA and KCTA Boards went into closed session. At 1:55 p.m. the CCTA and KCTA Boards returned to open session.

> A motion was made by CCTA and KCTA to approve the Agreement to Modify and Extend Collective Bargaining Agreement with ATU Local 1093.

> > Motion: Janssen/McCormick Support: Aardema/Moaiery

Motion carried by roll call vote.

Ayes:

Aardema, Britigan, Brown, Burns, Janssen, McCormick, Moaiery, Pearson,

Rama, Thompson, Rosine

Nays:

None

Breneman, Farmer, Sloan, Urban Absent:

14.) ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion: Janssen

Support: Moaiery

Motion carried by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

Greg Rosine

CCTA Chairperson

Barbara Blissett

CCTA Clerk

Greg Rosine

KCTA Chairperson

Barbara Blissett

KCTA Clerk