

**Coos County Area Transportation District
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting
Minutes November 29th, 2021**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am by Chairman Veysey
2. **ROLL CALL/CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM**
Present: Chair Doug Veysey, Vice Chair Tara Johnson, Director Kelly Irvin, Director Mason-Long, Director Dovenspike and Director Taylor
Absent: Director Dewater
Staff: Melissa Metz, Jane Stebbins and Corey Leckband
Guest: Dick Leshley and Jennifer Boardman/ODOT

3. **CHANGES TO AGENDA** - None

4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** - None

5. **RECESS OPEN MEETING – 9:07 am**
EXECUTIVE SESSION

We will now go into executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), to consult with legal counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of the District with regards to litigation.

The Board, Legal Counsel and Representatives of the news media were moved to a breakout room.

6. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING – 9:32 am**

Motion: Director Johnson moved to authorize Jane Stebbins to negotiate with the vendor as needed, specifically in accordance with any information provided by CCATD'S insurance company. Director Kelly Irvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Wage/Benefit Update

After interviewing staff and getting feedback on various benefit options and further consult with our insurance broker, Metz recommended that CCATD not institute a group health insurance policy but a taxable Health Insurance Stipend. This reduces the cash flow barrier to participating in the Health Insurance Marketplace and provides the most flexibility on choice of plan.

Motion: Director Taylor moved to adopt the Health Insurance Stipend Policy as presented. Director Kelly Irvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

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Motion: Director Taylor moved to institute a \$430 Health Insurance Stipend for 2022. Director Kelly Irvin seconded. Passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Trading the Trolley for Another Bus.

As the Trolley is not supported mechanically in this area while under warranty and the District does not have sufficient CDL drivers to drive the vehicle, the General Manager is seeking a consensus from the Board to seek out another Transit provider to initiate a trade or sale in rolling stock. The Board agreed that if CCATD could find a way to trade it in for another transit vehicle to go ahead and move forward with a sale.

Jennifer Boardman informed the Board that because the Trolley was purchased with federal funds that anything over \$5,000.00 must be approved by ODOT & the FTA. Usually, they allow you to reinvest that money into another vehicle. However, trading the Trolley CCATD wouldn't need prior approval.

Motion: Director Johnson moved to approve selling the Trolley or trading in the Trolley for another transit vehicle. Director Dovenspike seconded. Passed unanimously.

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

10. NEXT MEETING – Joint meeting with the Advisory Committee December 13th @ 9am,

11. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am by Chairman Veysey