

**MINUTES OF THE
ACCOMACK-NORTHAMPTON
TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT COMMISSION**

A regular meeting of the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission was held at the STAR Transit Office, 21250 Cooperative Way, Tasley, Virginia, on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Present:

Richard B. Tankard, Chairman
E. Philip McCaleb, Vice Chairman
Steve Mallette, Secretary-Treasurer
Laurence J. Trala
Ron Wolff

Absent:

Jeffrey K. Walker

Ex-Officio member present:

Kevin Page

Nonmembers present:

Mary Ardolino, STAR Transit
Ken Pollock, Virginia Dept. of Rail & Public Transportation
Representatives from Virginia Regional Transit and First Transit

In Re: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

In Re: Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Tankard.

With the concurrence of the Commission, the order of the agenda was rearranged to accommodate interviews with prospective management firms during Closed Session.

In Re: Closed Session:

Motion was made by Mr. Wolff, seconded by Mr. Mallette, that the Commission enter Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

Paragraph 1: Discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of any public body.

All members were present with the exceptions of Mr. Walker and Mr. Trala and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

Mr. Trala arrived at 5:45 p.m.

After Closed Session, the Chairman reconvened the meeting and said that the Commission had entered the closed session for that purpose as set out in paragraph 1 of Section 2.1-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended. Upon being polled individually, each member confirmed that this was the only matter of discussion during the closed session.

Motion was made by Mr. Mallette, seconded by Mr. Trala, that the Chairman be authorized to advance negotiations with Virginia Regional Transit for management services for a term of eleven months (November 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010). All members were present with the exception of Mr. Walker and voted “yes.” The motion was unanimously passed.

In Re: Statements from the Public

There were no statements.

In Re: Account Balances

The monthly Assistant Secretary-Treasurer's report showed an ending balance at September 30th of \$4,976.00. The Public Transit Manager's report indicated that there was a balance of \$16,754.78 in the savings account and \$24,041.15 in the checking account for STAR Transit.

In Re: Minutes of September 1, 2009

Motion was made by Mr. Mallette, seconded by Mr. McCaleb, that minutes of the meeting of September 1, 2009 be approved. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Walker and voted “yes”. Motion was unanimously passed.

In Re: Public Transportation Report

Ms. Ardolino reported that the ridership total for September was 2,844. She also noted

that one invoice remains outstanding (dBf Architects) and she is awaiting receipt of funds from grant transfers prior to paying the bill.

The Manager provided a comparison of revenue, expenditure and ridership totals for fiscal year 2008 and 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Mallette, seconded by Mr. Page, that the following resolution for stimulus funding be adopted. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Walker and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. Said resolution as adopted is set forth below:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Accomack-Northampton Transportation District Commission that the Public Transit Manager is authorized for and on behalf of the ANTDC, hereafter referred to as the PUBLIC BODY, to execute and file an application to the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, Commonwealth of Virginia, hereafter referred to as the DEPARTMENT for a grant of financial assistance (stimulus funding) in the amount of \$170,500.00 to defray the costs borne by the PUBLIC BODY for the purchase and acquisition of two (2) buses and to accept from the DEPARTMENT grants in such amounts as may be awarded, and to authorize the Public Transit Manager to furnish to the DEPARTMENT such documents and other information as may be required for processing the grant request.

The ANTDC certifies that the funds shall be used in accordance with the requirements of Section 58.1-638.A.4 of the Code of Virginia, that the PUBLIC BODY will provide funds in the amount of \$0 (zero dollars), which will be used to match the state funds in the ratio as required in such Act, that the records of receipts of expenditures of funds granted the PUBLIC BODY may be subject to audit by the DEPARTMENT, and the State Auditor of Public Accounts, and that funds granted to the PUBLIC BODY for defraying the expenses of the PUBLIC BODY shall be used only for such purposes as authorized in the Code of Virginia.

In Re: State's Comments

Mr. Page noted that Bay Coast Railroad has not, at this time, identified the required 30% match for a rail preservation grant to repair the barge. It is hoped that Railroad officials can provide an update on this matter at the quarterly Board meeting to be held in November.

In Re: Airport Update

The minutes from the August and September 2009 meetings of the Accomack Airport Commission were distributed for the Commission's review.

In Re: Railroad Comments

No report was provided.

In Re: Adjourn

Noting that the Commission was not comfortable yet with reverting back to the bi-monthly meeting schedule, motion was made by Mr. Page, seconded by Mr. Wolff, that the meeting be adjourned until November 2009. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Walker and voted "yes." The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned.