

**MONONGALIA COUNTY URBAN MASS  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

**August 16, 2023**

**Authority Members Present:**

Jenny Dinsmore  
Ron Bane  
Terri Cutright  
Wes Nugent  
Marly Ynigues  
Jonathan Cook  
Jeremy Evans

**Authority Members Not Present:**

**Other Personnel Present:**

Maria Smith  
Paul Burns  
Loring Danielson  
Jessica Bragg  
Alyssa Moate

**Others Present:**

**I. Call to Order**

**The Transit Authority Board Meeting for August 16, 2023 was called to order at 12:00 P.M. by President Jenny Dinsmore.**

**II. Reading and Approval of Minutes**

**a. July 19, 2023**

**Terry Cutright made a motion to approve the minutes with a minor error for July 19, 2023 on page 4. President Jenny Dinsmore seconded the Motion.**

**For: All**

**Opposed: None**

**III. Presentations:**

**a. Driver of the Month July 2023**

The Transit Authority Board announced the Authority's July 2023 driver of the month John Blosser. The Authority also recognized Bill Kimbrel, Andy Feezle, John Porter and Shawn DeVall for their outstanding performance during the month of July.

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**b. Rider of the Month July 2023**

The Transit Authority Board announced there was no rider of the month for July 2023.

**c. New Hire Introductions**

Acting GM Maria Smith introduced five new full time drivers for the month of June, Josh Combs, David Simoyi, Edward Smith, Alexander Siracusa, Shannon Hoelz and one part time driver Scott McCabe.

Acting GM Maria Smith introduced three new full time drivers for the month of July, Terry Wiant, Anthony Wilson and Timothy Long.

Acting GM Maria Smith discussed our driver numbers we currently have 49 full time drivers, 39 are CDL, 10 are non CDL and 8 part time drivers. We have 53 bids which are being covered by the 49 full time drivers. In order to do the increase in service we need to get up to 59 drivers and on top of that we would still need sick and vacation but at minimum we would need 59 drivers to make the service increase, originally this was slated for this fall but it has been pushed back to January.

**IV. Monthly Data Summaries and Correspondence**

**July Monthly Data Summaries**

The Mountain Line Transit Authority reports the total passenger trips to date this calendar year as of July 2023 were 353,985 compared 279,449 total passenger trips to date for calendar year 2022. The total passenger trips were up 27% the total number of service days for the month of July 2023 was 31. Total passengers for July 2023 were 38,005, up 23% compared to July 2022. Disabled passenger trips are up 41% senior passenger trips are up 38% and WVU passenger trips are up 4% compared to July 2022. There were 6,246 passenger trips in July 2023. To date there have been 704 Property Tax Passes issued. For the month of July 137,175 miles have been driven.

High School provided 460 trips in July 2023.

WVU provided 8,642 trips in July 2023.

Grey Line provided 445 trips for July 2023.

NewFIT provided 157 passenger trips during July 2023.

State Opioid Response (SOR) had 358 Passenger trips in July 2023. There have been 17,207 total passenger trips since our first rider in March 2020.

Ride Mon Service had 339 passenger trips in July 2023. There were a total of 3,887 passenger trips since May 2022.

The Sweep Account Interest was \$10,109.46 for the month of July 2023.

## V. Committee Reports

### a. **Finance Committee Report – July 2023 Finance Report**

**President Jenny Dinsmore** advised finance committee met today because of discrepancies this has been moved to next month.

## VI. Old Business:

### a. **Construction Updates**

**Acting GM Maria Smith** explained that we are waiting on materials, still looking at Mid-September for compilation.

### b. **Senior Ridership**

**Acting GM Maria Smith** advised that we are finishing up with the University and High School then we will start working on the Senior Ride

### c. **Marketing RFP Update**

**Acting GM Maria Smith** updated schedule originally looking at late August launch it will now be late September launch.

## VII. New Business

### a. **Remix Renewal Agreement**

**Acting GM Maria Smith** Remix Technologies wanted to increase the rate to \$50,000 they brought it down to \$47,000 asking for approval for the remix renewal contract. This covers the front end which puts the schedules in, times table for pretentions. The back end will cover route bids and turn by turn.

**President Jenny Dinsmore** requested a motion for approval to renew the contact, **Ron Bane** made a move for approval, **Terry Cutright** seconded.

**For: All**

**Opposed: None**

### b. **Parts Position**

**Acting GM Maria Smith** we have had three mechanics and a maintenance shop supervisor, one mechanic has left us leaving a spot open. What we decided instead of hiring a mechanic at a lesser rate we can hire a parts clerk

**President Jenny Dinsmore** entertain a motion to create a parks clerk position. **Terri Cutright** moved, **Jeremy Evans** seconded.

**For: All**

**Opposed: None**

**c. CEO Postion (Anticipated Executive Session)**

**President Jenny Dinsmore** requested a motion to move into Executive Session. **Marly Ynigues requested** to move into Executive Session, **Ron Bane** seconded at 12:22pm.

Executive Session end at 1:27pm

**Marly Ynigues** requested to take action from executive session.

**VIII. Public Comment (Rules & Procedures)**

**Marly Ynigues** stated a member of the Morgantown community named Alex suggested that we need to run the west run bus early on Saturday and Sunday at least to meet up with the purple line his concern is the road is not walkable. **Paul Burns** advised that this is a contracted service; they will have to call and discuss this with the manager of West Run Apartments.

**IX. Board Member Reports and MPO Update**

**Acting GM Maria Smith** will be hosting an open house for public comments and feedback on Wednesday September 6, 2023 between 4:30PM and 6:30PM.

**X. Next Board Meeting**

**Terri Cutright** requested at the next board meeting we have Tax Passes/Airbnb be on the agenda.

September, 2023 at Noon

**XI. Adjournment**

**Ron Bane** made a motion to adjourn at 1:38PM, **Wes Nugent** seconded the motion.